

Sleepers Hill Association

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Held at 12 noon on Sunday 27th November 2011 at John Stripe Theatre ,Winchester, University.

Present.

Paul Barlow Chairman

Christine Wallage Secretary

Judith McHardy , Christopher Croft, Norman Wallage, Steve Osborne, Bish Osborne, Ian Ferguson, Sue Fisher, John Fisher, L Cranham, Tessa Tulloch, Bruce Royston-Smith, Jan Royston-Smith, Rolf Stahel, Ewa Stahel, Eira Parry-Jones, Roger Nicklin, Nick Caiger, Jane Penty, Sally Pfiffner, Margaret Gilliat, Peter Gilliat, James Richardson, Tim Jones, Jeremy Ouvry, David Oddie, Hamish Adair, Maggie Stretch, Neil Jackson, Tony Ayres, Derek O'Neill, Martin Tucker.

Apologies.

David & Mary White, Jill Bath, Sandra & Nick Schulkins, Penny & David Blunt, Flavia & Peter Bateson, Trevor & Nerina Burke, John & Clodagh Wallace, John Stanning, Maurice & Linda Harker, Stephen & Chrissie Hart, Denise Weston, Chris & Eileen Wintrell, Paul & Tamsin De-Lara, Ian & Louise Fleming, Matt Johnson, Arnold & Judy Ames, Beth Houghton, John & Sue Simpson, Don & Margaret Midgley, Hugh Jeffrey, David & Jackie Mathews.

Welcome to New Members.

David & Tansey Gill at St Erme, Neil & Vicky Jackson at Summer House (Previously The Grange).

Minutes of previous meeting.

These were adopted.

Matters Arising.

It is unclear whether LADS will remain valid when Winchester City Council's new Blueprint Document is published. The Chairman stated that WCC is unable to give a definitive answer and that we should check again in six months time.

BT Infinity now completed at both ends of Hill and the maximum speed is around 20mgps although this varies according to distance from the exchange and volume of use.

It is hoped that there may be the option to pay subscriptions by electronic bank transfer in future years.

Chairmans Report.

Paul Barlow offered his thanks to Winchester University for allowing us to use the room free of charge for our AGM.

Thanks were given to Steve & Bish Osborne for the AGM refreshments.

The Chairman explained that the proposal to increase association fees to £50 per annum would enable the Association to build up sufficient funds to have Hill resurfaced in 4 to 5 years time.

The programme of maintenance and repairs had been completed on hill after receiving three separate competitive quotes. Topographical Survey had also been undertaken and very detailed plans of Sleepers Hill were now in our possession which included the position of all the main utilities (i.e. water, telecom, electricity and gas).

In preparation for the forthcoming winter, we currently have 40 x 25k bags of salt on hill. The Council has been asked to fill bin by Highcroft, but to date has not done so.

With regards to wheel clamping, this will be banned under the Protection of Freedom Bill, which is currently at the Committee stage within Parliament. The Act is likely to come into force October 2012 and in the meantime we will continue to engage the services of CPS as our enforcement agent.

The committee will liaise with other private road associations to determine best way to prevent unwanted parking, once the nature of the legislation has been clarified. The most likely outcome is that we will be able to issue parking tickets and fines.

Thanks were given to Kings Crescent for hosting this year's SHA Summer Party.

Treasurers Report.

The Chairman explained the Accounts, the adoption of which were proposed by Ian Ferguson and seconded by Tim Jones.

Thanks were given to Jonathan Monkcom for auditing accounts for a number of years. He was now standing down as his family was moving from the Hill.

Sue Organ from George Eyston Drive had kindly offered to be our honorary auditor. She was proposed by Bruce Royston-Smith, seconded by Jeremy Ouvry and was duly appointed by the meeting.

The proposal to increase the subscriptions to £50 was proposed by Tim Jones, seconded by Derek O'Neil and approved by the meeting

Thanks were given to residents for bringing cheques to meeting. Barretts had again paid £500 in respect of Highcroft and the Treasurer will seek similar contributions from them next year.

Election of Committee Members.

Thanks were given to David Oddie who is not standing for re-election.

The following Officers of the Committee were re-elected.

Paul Barlow, Chairman, Christine Wallage, Secretary.

The following Committee members were re-elected.

Matt Johnson, Derek O'Neill, Tim Jones, Hamish Adair.

Nick Schulkins was elected as the Committee member to represent Kings Crescent.

The Chairman invited any other resident who is interested in joining the committee to contact him.

Neighbourhood Watch.

Matt Johnson had prepared a briefing note on the Neighbourhood Watch and this is attached to these Minutes.

Summer Party 2012.

It was suggested that this year's party should be held on 3rd June to coincide with the Queens Diamond Jubilee, possibly as Street Party. It was agreed that the final decision would be made by the Committee.

AOB.

The Chairman requested residents keep their frontages free of leave and other debris to help preserve the road surface.

Ian Ferguson asked whether it was still necessary to register septic tanks. The Chairman advised that there is no requirement to register at present.

Margaret Gilliat asked if we should consider numbering houses in road to make it easier for deliveries and the postman. A number of alternatives were suggested including a map at either end of hill with house names on. Opinion on this issue was divided and the Committee will consider the options.

Rolf Stahel was concerned that Barretts may intend to have a permanent entrance onto Sleepers Hill entrance due to sign indicating a Sleepers Hill entrance. The Chairman will ask Highcroft for written confirmation that the vehicular entrance will be permanently closed but it is understood that there will be pedestrian access.

Bish Osborne questioned whether anything could be done to cut deer population in the area down. The Chairman stated it was not up to SHA to get involved, for example, in culling or fencing but that it was down to individual householders to take preventative measures. There is a product called "Grazers" which can be sprayed on plants. One suggestion was signs top & bottom of hill for motorists to beware of deer. Committee will raise our concerns with WCC.

Rolf Stahel expressed thanks to the people who cleaned and repaired the road signs. It was also suggested a weight limit sign should be placed at bottom of hill.

Roger Nicklin, stated that Horse Chestnuts are a real problem at St Mary's and adjacent houses creating a mess for 5-6 months of the year. All the trees were subject to Preservation Orders and the Council was reluctant to act. The Chairman said this was a regional issue but the committee would keep the situation under review.

John Fisher Kings Crescent asked if it would be possible to have a pedestrian crossing on Romsey Road between the bus stops. Tony Ayes stated council would most likely say it would interfere with the flow of traffic. Committee will raise the issue with the County Council.

The meeting closed at 13.05.