

John Stripe Theatre University of Winchester

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- Advice has been sought from a Planning Expert and he will be asked to come along to the next sub-committee meeting.
- Pedestrian safety: we need to understand what we can do to improve this. At the determination of the Chingri Khal approval, it was stated that contractor parking and turning should be on site. We do not want a repeat of the problems with Charis Holt with parking on the hill and pedestrians walking in the road.

6.5 **Website:** The Chairman is grateful for a couple of residents who are still working on this.

6.6 **LADS :** this has been covered under 6.4 above.

6.7 **Cyclist Safety:** Ewa Stahel had previously raised concerns about cyclists on the hill, especially after dark with no lights. Jeremy Ouvry agreed that this is a worry, and he always drives on the hill with full beam headlights.

6.8 **Roadside Posts:** The Committee has looked at this and the view is that we should continue with the use of wooden posts, rather than the large blocks of stone outside Charis Holt and other new developments. The use of wooden posts can only be recommended, and not enforced. David Matthews said the large stones detract from the ambience of the hill and should be removed. Bob Jones said his verge was completely destroyed before they put posts in. Clive Tulloch, who lives opposite Westacre, reported that delivery lorries knock the posts over. Jane Penty, expressed concern about the rocks and prefers posts in terms of safety. Nerina Hendrikse objected to the small spiky metal posts as pedestrians could trip on them. This item will be put on the Agenda for the January Committee Meeting.

7. **Chairman's Report**

7.1 The Chairman expressed thanks to the University for allowing the use of the John Stripe Theatre for the AGM at no charge.

7.2 The Chairman expressed the Association's thanks to the committee members for their work over the past year.

7.3 The Chairman noted that Don Midgeley is stepping down as Treasurer, and the Chairman thanked him for his sterling work over many years.

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7.4 Steve Osborne will be taking over as Treasurer, and the Chairman thanked him for agreeing to take on this role.

7.5 The Chairman welcomed Jan Royston-Smith who will be taking over as Secretary.

7.6 The Chairman welcomed new committee members, Jem Dunn and also Elizabeth Coulson from Kings Crescent who is taking over from Nick Schulkins, who had made a significant contribution during his time on the Committee.

7.7 The Chairman also expressed thanks to Sally Pfiffner, especially for her hard work in organising the summer parties, as Sally is also stepping down.

7.8 The Chairman is still looking for a volunteer to take over the role of Chairman. He will continue in the role until a replacement is found.

8. **Flashing Road Sign**

We have received a grant from the council of £1,500 towards a flashing speed sign (total cost £1,800). Given the concerns about the speeding traffic, this will be installed shortly. Bob Jones asked if it would work for traffic going both down and up the hill. The Chairman reported that initially it will measure the

speed of downhill traffic, but another sign could be installed if it proves to be effective in reducing speed. Richard Jones asked if it could track the effectiveness of slowing the traffic, and the Chairman replied that we will be able to analyse the data it collects. Jane Penty asked where it would be installed, and the Chairman replied outside Little Snakemoor.

9. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer, Don Midgley, presented the accounts to the meeting. Subscriptions from 105 houses totalled £5,631, a voluntary contribution had been made from Charis Holt for £5,000, and Westacre had made a voluntary contribution of £300. Total receipts were £10,931.

Expenditure: The Treasurer listed items of expenditure, including road surfacing of £6,374, totalling £8,408, with a balance of £19,709.

The committee proposed an increase in subscriptions from £55 to £60, mainly to repair the road, and this would be done after all the developments.

Steve Osborne has set up online payments for subscriptions.

9.1 Resolutions:

- Adoption of accounts
- Auditor: re-appointment of Patrick Geraets. The Chairman thanked him for his work
- Increase subscriptions from £55 to £60

Proposed: Julian Grose-Hodge

Seconded: Jeremy Ouvry

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10. Election of Committee members

Julian Grose-Hodge stood for re-election. Proposer: Jeremy Ouvry, Seconder: Clive Tulloch.

10.1 Election of new Committee Members:
Jem Dunn, Elizabeth Coulson, Jan Royston-Smith, Steve Osborne
Proposed: Tim Jones, Seconded: Hamish Adair

10.2 Election of Officers:
Jan Royston-Smith: Hon Sec, Steve Osborne: Treasurer
Proposed: Elizabeth Coulson, Seconded: Bob Jones

11. Repairs to the Road and Future Maintenance

The Chairman had circulated a report on the findings of the Committee. A specialist consultant, Peter Fox, had been engaged, and he had provided sound advice in the past. He was asked to provide options for future maintenance on the road. The Chairman ran through the five options as set out in the paper which had been circulated to residents. Costs were summarised on page 3 of the report.

The Committee concluded that we should continue with the ongoing road maintenance and increase the subscription to £60 with a view to adding a surface dressing. Patrick Geraets asked whether it would be possible for the house building companies to be asked to pay more in view of the damage caused by large vehicles using the hill. The Chairman had spoken to the City Council and the contractors are required to pay towards government schemes, but unfortunately, we cannot require the Council to allocate any of these funds to the SHA. If a contractor damages part of the road, it is very difficult to ascertain who has done the damage unless observed at the time.

Nick Kelly asked what rights we have over the road and if it were possible to say no vehicles over 20 tonnes are permitted. The Chairman replied that, with the nature of the building materials being delivered, this requires very large vehicles. He stated that we have no power as a private residents association to force contractors to make payments and rely on their goodwill. The Chairman said that he would discuss the issue with Private Roads Association of which the SHA is a member.

David Matthews asked whether we should surface dress the road when we have sufficient funds available and the Chairman said that this would be the intention.

Jane Penty asked that, as contractors give a levy to the council towards the infrastructure, could we get some of this back. The Chairman said that we have had this conversation with the Council in the past, and the system did not permit it.

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Richard Jones asked whether we are required to maintain the road to a certain standard. The Chairman responded that it is explicit or implicit in most of the house Deeds of frontagers that they own to half way across the road. The current method of annual subscription had evolved as the fairest way of maintaining the road on behalf of all residents.

Nerina Hendrikse asked if we have to maintain the road and whether the council has any responsibility. The Chairman said that the Council has made it clear that it would not make a contribution. In summary, we should continue with the road maintenance as at present, and, when funds permit, add a surface dressing.

12. Neighbourhood Watch

Julian Grose-Hodge reported that some people have had their cars broken into, and the police are looking into this. He had circulated emails advising residents not to leave anything in their cars. He had also managed to get hold of some notices which people can place into vehicles, and these were available at the AGM.

In future, communications and contact information etc regarding neighbourhood watch will be on the SHA website. The Chairman thanked JG-H for his work.

13. Summer Party 2017

This will take place in late June/early July and the Chairman asked if anyone would offer their garden as a venue.

14. Any Other Business

There was no other business and the Chairman closed the meeting. Jeremy Ouvry thanked the Chairman for all his hard work.

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