

**Sleepers Hill Association Annual General Meeting
12 Noon Sunday, 17th November 2019
John Stripe Theatre University of Winchester**

1. **Present:** Tim Jones (Chairman), Steve Osborne (Treasurer), Jan Royston-Smith (Secretary), Chris Day, Kate Harrington, Hamish Adair, Julian Grose-Hodge, Iain Douglas, Nerina Hendrikse, Trevor Burke, Bish Osborne, Bruce Royston-Smith, Rolf & Eva Stahel, Bob Jones, Alison Kelly, Don Midgley, Paul & Tina Barlow, Jackie Organ, Sally Pffinner, Jane Penty, Patrick Geraets, Jeremy Ouvry, Lesley Cranham, Beth Houghton, Hermione Newman, Ross Brisbane, Jackie Forster, Rosie & Trevor Turtle, Christopher Croft, Jackie & David Matthews, Adam Toth
2. **Apologies:** Tony Ayres, Christopher & Denise Weston/Truscott, Clive & Tessa Tulloch, Simon & Naomi Cansdale, David & Fiona Innes, Peter & Louise Federico, Steve & Chrissie Harte, Oriol Romeu, Anthony Pffinner, David & Penny Blunt, Norman & Christine Wallage, Jill Bath, John Mayr & Pat Goodall, Derek O'Neill.
3. **Welcome to New Members:**
Simon & Lottie Stevenson, Abbotswood, Simon & Naomi Cansdale, Christchurch Vicarage.
4. **Minutes of Last AGM**
Adopted unanimously as a true record
Adoption proposed –Sally Pffinner Seconded – Lesley Cranham
5. **Matters Arising:**
5.1 Leaf Sweeping. The Chairman reported that this had not been a great success as the machine was not strong enough to complete the whole road, and was very expensive. David Matthews mentioned that leaves are being blown onto the hill causing a nuisance. Stephen Osborne said that last year, we only had one sweeper at a cost of £270, and if we wanted to use two sweepers, this would cost around £550. Nerina Hendikse suggested community working parties be organized to clear the road and take the leaves to the tip. Jackie Organ reported that it is very slippery on the leaves and there could be an accident. Hermione Ross offered the paid services of her three teenagers to clear the hill, and reported that they had fallen on the leaves. Rolf Stahal is in favour of both community clearing and paying road sweepers. The Chairman and Committee will discuss this further.
Bish Osborne also mentioned the overgrown footpath with brambles growing over the road next to the postbox at the top of the hill.
6. **Annual Report**
6.1 Chairmanship of the Association: We do not have a permanent Chairman and this was being carried out by rotation at the committee meetings.
6.2 Committee Membership: Derek O'Neill is standing down due to relocation of work, and the Chairman said that we are very grateful to him for his hard work, especially in setting up the fast broadband. Julian Grose-Hodge is also standing down. The Chairman thanked him for his work on the website and speed sign. Anthony Pffinner, Chris Day and Kate Harrington have joined the Committee.
6.3 Road Maintenance: The roads consultant has advised that if a complete resurfacing is carried out, this would not be of great benefit due to the nature of the hill. More extensive repairs to some areas will be carried out in 2021 once the Chingri Khal development has been completed.

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- 6.4 **Data Protection:** The Chairman reported that all the necessary forms have been received and a revised residents list has been issued. He thanked Stephen Osborne and Jan Royston-Smith for all their work.
- 6.5 **Points of Contact:** This has been updated and is set out on the new residents list.
- 6.6 **Summer Party:** The chairman thanked Anthony and Sally Pffifner for their hard work and for a very successful party.
- 6.7 **Planning & Development:**
- 6.7.1 **Chingri Khal:** The development has been progressing since the beginning of this year, with minimum intrusion of cars on the hill. It is likely to finish in late 2020.

6.7.2 **Struts:** The building of a new house in the garden of Struts started earlier this year and is expected to complete in early 2020.

6.7.3 **Little Snakemoor:** A new planning application has been submitted to replace the existing consent for three properties with four properties.

6.7.4 **600 Bed Student Accommodation, Milnthorpe Lane:** The Chairman handed over to Jane Penty who updated the meeting. A pre-planning meeting had taken place with the developer who has purchased one property with an option to purchase adjacent properties. Winchester City Council are in support of this development. The land has a covenant held by Ian Morris of Milnthorpe and he intends to defend this covenant. No planning application has yet been submitted. Jane Penty asked residents to record noise from students and to complain to the university. Julian Grose-Hodge asked for a contact at the university. Jane Penty will let Jan Royston-Smith have details to circulate to residents. The Chairman thanked Jane Penty for her update.

6.7.5 **Contributions for Development:** We have had some success and also one or two failures in seeking contributions from developers and residents.

6.8 **Speed Warning Sign:** The upper sign continues to work well, but there is insufficient light for the lower sign to work properly. A discussion took place as to the relocation of the lower sign, which can be moved as it is operated by a solar panel. However, we do need permission from the owner of the house outside which any sign is located, and a sign cannot be put on a lamppost with a sign already in place, eg 20mph. Tina Barlow mentioned the writing SLOW on the road downhill before the bend is now very faint and should be repainted. It was agreed that the committee will look into this, and the relocation of the lower speed sign.

It was suggested that speed bumps be put on the hill. Stephen Osborne reported that this has been discussed many times in the past and is not an option due to noise, location etc. Hermione Newman asked whether we have insurance, and the Chairman replied that we do.

6.9. **SHA Website:** The Chairman asked for a show of hands as to who uses the website, and very few were raised. Julian Grose-Hodge mentioned that any neighbourhood watch incidents were reported on the website.

7. **Ultra Fast Broadband:** The Chairman reported that, in the absence of Derek O'Neill who had been handling this, there would be nothing further to report. Bob Jones asked what the speed would be. Stephen Osborne replied that BT will not commit, but it will be fast. David Matthews asked why not everyone on the hill would be able to have the fast broadband, and Stephen Osborne replied that it can only be installed where there is existing ducting.

8. **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer, Steve Osborne, reported that subscriptions were roughly the same as last year. The residents of Kings Crescent are still not paying subscriptions. Only five properties in Dawn Gardens pay subscriptions, as most of the properties are let.

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Two houses on the Hill and one in Sleepers Hill Gardens do not pay subscriptions, despite Stephen Osborne's best efforts. 74% of the residents on the hill pay. Subscriptions have been held at £60 for the last three years, and this year have been increased to £70, as it is likely we will need more money for the road repairs. Jackie Organ asked if Westacre will pay an increased subscription and Stephen Osborne replied that he is "in negotiation" on this matter. Trevor Burke thanked the Treasurer for his efforts in collecting the subscriptions.

Expenditure: the main items of expenditure were road repairs, leaf sweeping and salt. The Treasurer explained that the funds for the fast broadband are held separately. This money will be refunded next year when the fast broadband is taken up.

8.1 **Resolutions:**

- Adoption of accounts

Proposed: Kate Harrington Seconded: Don Midgley

- Auditor: The Chairman thanked Patrick Geraets for his work.

Re-appointment of Patrick Geraets.

Proposed: Paul Barlow Seconded: Jackie Organ

9. **Election of Committee Members:** (Tim Jones handed the Chair over to Stephen Osborne for this item)

Tim Jones and Hamish Adair stood for re-election.

Proposed: Trevor Burke Seconded: Eva Stahel

10. **Ultra Fast Broadband:** This was covered under Matters Arising

11. **Neighbourhood Watch**

Julian Grose-Hodge reported that it has been a quiet year with only one or two minor incidents, mainly thefts from sheds, cars and garages. In addition, some Nottingham Knockers have been aggressive towards residents. It is recommended not to open the door to them and to dial 101 in the event of any abuse from them. Kate Harrington reported that everything had been taken from a garage in Airlie Road during daylight hours. Chris Day will be taking over as Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator.

12. **Summer Party 2020**

Iain Douglas had kindly offered to host the 2020 summer party and this will be held at Chanterwood, George Eyston Drive, on Sunday, 28th June.

13. **Any Other Business**

13.1 Tessa Tulloch suggested that 20mph signs be painted on the road to slow the traffic down, and this will be discussed at the next committee meeting.

13.2 Jackie Organ raised the matter of cars parked on the hill, in particular outside Eldon and Pentargon., and asked if this can be stopped. Julian Grose-Hodge and Don Midgeley said that they leave notes on the windscreen of cars parked outside their properties. Paul Barlow reported that, in the past, there has been a problem with students parking on the hill, and the university have been very quick to sort this out. It was agreed that the committee will look at this again.

There was no other business and the Chairman closed the meeting.

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