

## **SLEEPERS HILL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT – OCTOBER 2019**

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

This year's AGM will be held on Sunday 17 November 2019 at 12 noon in the John Stripe Theatre, University of Winchester, Sparkford Road. Parking is available on campus and we really hope that as many residents as possible will be able to attend. As in previous years, there will be the opportunity to meet and socialise over drinks after the meeting

### **CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE ASSOCIATION AND OF THE SLEEPERS HILL ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE.**

The situation on Chairmanship remains as last year. The appointment of Chairmanship of the Association remains vacant. The Committee meetings are chaired broadly in rotation by members of the Committee. Tim Jones will chair the AGM.

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP.**

Julian Grose-Hodge is retiring from the Committee as of the date of the AGM because of pressure of work. Derek O'Neill will be standing down from the Committee from March as his place of work is moving to the Midlands. Anthony Pfiffner, Chris Day and Kate Harrington have joined the Committee during the course of the year.

### **ROAD MAINTENANCE**

The last roadway repairs, by patching, were carried out in the summer of 2018 at a cost of £5,000 inclusive of VAT and Consultant's fees. Since the last AGM, the Committee, together with our Roads Consultant, have considered the way ahead on Road Maintenance. Two options were considered: the first to continue with patching as before and the second was to do the patching, together with a general re-surface. We would have had sufficient funds to do the re-surface in 2020 (at a cost of around £22,000). However there was concern over the durability of the re-surfacing in the Sleepers Hill environment. Accordingly it has been agreed that the next repairs should comprise the normal patching plus more extensive repair to some areas where there is more serious damage. The roadway would be surveyed in autumn 2020, when it is hoped that the Chingri Khal development will be finished and it is intended that the repairs be done in 2021.

### **DATA PROTECTION AND THE RESIDENTS LIST**

The long drawn out process of ensuring that we comply with the Data Protection Act is nearing completion. We have now produced an updated Residents List that complies and a copy of this is attached.

### **CONTACTS BETWEEN MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION AND THE COMMITTEE**

In parallel with the re-issue of the Residents List, we have revised the Points of Contact between Committee Members and yourselves, the residents. The initials of the Committee member point of contact is shown in the right hand column in the Residents List.

### **ANNUAL SUMMER PARTY**

As those of you who attended will be aware, this year's party was held at Dawn House, by kind permission of the Pfiffners and was a great success. The weather was good and the extensive lawn area and lovely gardens made it a delightful location. Many thanks to Anthony and Sally.

The 2020 party will be held at Chanterwood, George Eyston Drive, on Sunday 28 June 2020, courtesy of Iain Douglas.

## **PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

**Chingri Khal.** Development of the Chingri Khal site has been progressing since the beginning of this year. The overall development is expected to take 21 months, so is likely to finish in late 2020. So far the intrusion of cars parked on the Sleepers Hill roadway has been limited. What will happen in the fit out stage remains to be seen, the developers have expressed confidence that they can largely keep vehicles off the hill.

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

**Little Snakemoor.** A new planning application has been submitted to Winchester City Council, to replace the existing consents. The new application envisages 4 new houses to replace the existing single dwelling. The earlier consents had three properties..

**600 Bed Student Accommodation on Milnthorpe Lane.** Proposals have been made for a 600 bed Student Accommodation building on Milnthorpe Lane, which could have a considerable visual and noise effect on houses facing north east on the lower parts of Sleepers Hill. No planning application has yet been made.

**Contributions from Developers.** The Committee are now seeking voluntary contributions from Developers. These amount to £2,000 per house for commercial developments and £1,000 per house from current residents doing developments

## **FAST FIBRE INTERNET**

We formed a special purpose vehicle during the summer (Sleepers Hill (UFB) Ltd) and signed a contract with Openreach on 12<sup>th</sup> August for the provision of ultra fast broadband to the Hill. We expect the infrastructure (which will cover 73 properties on the Hill) to be in place around summer 2020. Further updates will be provided next year as the project progresses.

## **SPEED WARNING SIGNS**

There have been problems with the lower speed sign. The sign uses solar power but the overhanging trees mean that there is insufficient supply and as a result the operation is intermittent. In addition the radar only picks up cars at short range. The intention is to move the sign further up the hill, to outside Meadows, which will require a post to be erected.

## **WEB SITE**

As a reminder the web site address is <http://www.sleepershill.org.uk>. The 'Residents' Section can be accessed using the password 'SHA2016'. Please do not pass this on to non-residents.