

## **SLEEPERS HILL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT – OCTOBER 2020**

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

As you will be aware, in the light of likely Government restrictions on large gatherings, the Sleepers Hill Association Committee made the decision to defer this year's AGM from 15 November 2020 to April 2021. The provisional new date for the meeting is 1200 on Sunday 25 April and the location will be the John Stripe Lecture Theatre. Notwithstanding the deferment we have decided to send out most of the usual annual documentation at the end of October as in previous years.

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

The situation on Chairmanship remains as it has for the last two years. The appointment of Chairmanship of the Association remains vacant. The Committee meetings are chaired broadly in rotation by members of the Committee.

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP.**

There have been no changes to the Committee membership since those announced at the last AGM. So the Committee comprises: Jan Royston-Smith (Secretary), Steve Osborne (Treasurer), Tim Jones, Hamish Adair, Anthony Pfiffner, Chris Day and Katy Harrington.

### **ROAD MAINTENANCE**

As indicated at last year's AGM, the next repairs to Sleepers Hill Road are scheduled for Summer 2021. Our intention is to carry out rather more extensive repair work next time than has been done previously, depending on both the state of the roads and the funds available. We plan to arrange a survey of the roadway once the Chingri Khal development is complete. However (see below) this is not expected to be finished until Spring next year, so whether the work will take place next year or in 2022 will be dependent on both the finish date of the development and the scope of the work we wish to carry out.

### **THE RESIDENTS LIST**

The last Residents List was sent out at the time of the 2019 AGM. As there have been few changes in the last year, we do not intend to send an update yet. Members are reminded that each Committee member has responsibility for a number of houses in terms of communication with residents. The relevant Committee member for each house is shown on the Residents List.

### **ANNUAL SUMMER PARTY**

Sadly we had to cancel this year's Summer Party which was due to take place at Iain Douglas's house, Chanterwood, on Sunday, 13 September. Iain has kindly offered his house again for next year's party and we will let you have a date in due course.

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## **PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

**Chingri Khal.** The Chingri Khal development has been delayed by the lock down but has continued since then, with all the usual constraints on normal road use that such developments involve. The original completion date was Autumn 2020, but it is not now expected to be finished till Spring 2021.

**Struts.** The single development in the garden of Struts is virtually complete. The name of the new property is Blue Larch House.

**Little Snakemoor.** Planning approval has now been given to replace the current dwelling at Little Snakemoor, with the four new houses. We are not aware of when the development work will take place.

## **FAST FIBRE INTERNET**

The installation of Full Fibre to the Hill was delayed by Covid 19 constraints but was successfully completed by August. We realise that there was disruption during installation but 31 properties on the Hill now have Full Fibre right to their properties (ie no copper wires) which is amongst the fastest in Winchester.

Openreach agreed to supply 73 houses on the Hill and Dawn Gardens for the price of the contract so another 42 could in theory benefit.

For reasons which have not been fully explained GED, SHG, Kings Crescent and parts of Dawn Gardens were not included in the original 73. If any residents would like to take advantage of the scheme, Openreach should be able to tell them if their properties are eligible.

The Committee would like to thank Derek O'Neill for his herculean efforts in arranging the installation of the fast fibre internet.

## **LEAF SWEEPING**

Leaf sweeping was carried out in December and was generally thought to be a worthwhile use of SHA funds. The Committee has decided to instruct contractors for another sweeping this autumn.

## **MEMBERSHIP OF THE ASSOCIATION – KINGS CRESCENT**

The Residents of Kings Crescent withdrew from the Sleepers Hill Association in 2017. This summer they were asked by the Committee if they wished to re-join but they did not accept.

## **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.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

This has been a quite uneventful year with no major items of expenditure. Very little road repairs were needed and the leaf sweeping was a success. Three items were exceptional: the VAS, the woodland of George Eyston Drive and the UFB Fund

### **VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGN**

It appears that the original siting of the second VAS was unsatisfactory. The manufacturers did not survey the site and thus supplied a unit that could not be tilted down to accommodate the incline. Also the PV panel which was to power the unit was placed in the shade.

Stephen & Chrissie Harte kindly agreed to have the sign situated outside their house and this was eventually accomplished to much better effect. The manufacturers supplied and fitted a brand new unit at no cost to SHA, the £345 item in the accounts is for purchasing and fitting of a new pole.

### **WOODLAND GED**

The residents of GED decided to have the woodland surveyed and any works required to be carried out by tree surgeons. The residents kindly agreed to donate the balance of the £2,000 maintenance fund to SHA.

### **ULTRA FAST BROADBAND FUND**

The £31,500 Broadband fund was collected from participating members as an insurance against the Government Gigabit scheme not, for any reason, paying Openreach for the entire installation. Fast Fibre has been installed to the 31 households, Gigabit have paid Openreach and all the deposits have now been repaid. The UFB Fund is now closed.

The Committee would like to thank Patrick Geraets for auditing the Balance Sheet.

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