

## SLEEPERS HILL ASSOCIATION REPORT - OCTOBER 2009

### 1. ANNUAL MEETING – SUNDAY 22 NOVEMBER AT 1200 NOON AT JOHN STRIPE THEATRE WINCHESTER UNIVERSITY.

We were very grateful to John and Caroline Monkcom for hosting last year's meeting. However numbers on the Hill have now grown to a point where a resident's largest room is no longer big enough. We hope that residents will support our Committee and go that little bit further to the John Stripe theatre on Sparkford road. There is some parking on a Sunday morning but shared transport or a short walk is recommended.

2. COMMITTEE : After 6 years as your Chairman it is time for a new incumbent and we are delighted to report that Paul Barlow has agreed to take over effective from the annual meeting. We were also pleased to welcome Mark Bean onto the Committee to represent residents at the bottom of the Hill and to maintain a watch on the University's plans to populate more of Sparkford Road and adjacent areas.

3. MAINTAINING THE CHARACTER OF THE HILL As we reported earlier this year it would appear that, beyond planning applications already approved, no further developments will be accepted by the Council thus making it possible to preserve most of the character of the Hill. It has been encouraging to see some residents repair and improve their grassy frontages – they tend to wear best if the verge is higher than the adjoining roadway. It will be an encouragement if a few others are moved to do likewise. Frontagers are also reminded that it is their responsibility to ensure that their trees, even when wet, are sufficiently trimmed so as to ensure that walkers can walk off the roadway and that the limited street lighting is not blanketed from illuminating parts of the road.

4. FINANCE We are grateful to Don Midgley for another year's hard work in keeping the books and, not least in collecting slow arriving contributions. Our thanks too to John Monkcom for examining the accounts. We are setting contributions at £45 per household for this year. Please bring your cheque books on 22 November.

5. ROAD MAINTENANCE The repairs carried out during the year appear successful. However a tar and chipping surface over the whole Hill may prove to be prudent ere long. .

6. HIGHCROFT. We are grateful to Iain Fleming, as a contiguous neighbour, to act as the day to day liaison with Barratts who seem anxious to minimise any disruption caused by their building works.

7. CAR PARKING The City controlled car parking is now installed in Dawn Gardens while the services of Car Park Security, now in place with us for 5 years seem to suffice for the rest of the Hill.

8. ANNUAL PARTY Our thanks to Peter and Louise Federico aided by the Doyles and Priestleys for hosting last summer's party much enjoyed by all. Steve and Bish Osborne have offered to host next year's party and the residents of King's Crescent that in 2011. All this was agreed in 5 minutes at this year's party!

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