

SLEEPERS HILL ASSOCIATION – CHAIRMAN’S REPORT 06/07

Committee: Margaret Gilliat has asked to step down - our thanks to her for all the good work she has done over a number of years. Matt Johnson retires as Hon Sec but remains on the Committee – our thanks to him for his work as Hon Sec. Christine Wallage has kindly agreed to be Hon Sec and represent householders previously looked after by Margaret. David Oddie has agreed to represent Kings Crescent.

Local Area Design Statement (LADS): This has now been ratified by the District Council. Indications are that it may help us to maintain the present character of the Hill. The Statement draws attention to the relatively unattractive close boarded fencing vis a vis green hedges on property boundaries. It is disappointing that more such fencing has been installed by other householders over this last year. Plastic coated chain link fencing is cheaper, longer lasting, very soon becomes invisible within green hedging and yet provides equal security from all except very small mammals and birds. Fencing already in place can be softened by ivy/shrubs against/over it. It is hoped that householders will give this issue some thought.

Highcroft : Barratts propose to access their site from Romsey Road only.

Unauthorised Car Parking/Clamping. The present arrangements have continued broadly satisfactorily. Parking controls on adopted roads Sleepers Hill Gardens and Dawn Gardens are still under discussion with the City Council

Snow. Another snow free year so we should still have 50 x 40lb salt bags (Highcroft Cottage 4, Aspen House 2, Four Winds 2, Edgedene House 2, Lamorna 6, Amberly 4, Russets 7, Hollgate 7, St Marys 5, Dene Edge 3, Christchurch Vicarage 8) Bagholders are asked to check that their holdings are intact..

Annual Party: A very wet day so that Peter and Margaret Gilliat invited us all into their house, found lots of toys for the children and all ages had a jolly time Thank you to them both and also Pam Jones, co organiser with Margaret.

Finance: Our thanks Don Midgley our Hon Treasurer and John Monkcom Hon Auditor. We have held contributions at £40 pa per household for the coming year.

Road surface: Patch repairs have kept the road in safe condition. We are close to having built up sufficient funds to be able to decide when to resurface.

Flooding The devastation in parts of the UK last summer showed how hard landscaping upstream causes flash flooding for those on lower ground downstream. Residents are asked to examine how they can trap as much of their surface water (and loose material) as possible on site to minimise the Hill becoming a stream in wet weather and blocking/flooding drains below the Hill.

Street Lighting: Some trees particularly when wet cast shadows on parts of the Hill. Owners of these trees are asked to trim the offending branches.

House Signs: The emergency services ask that house names are clearly visible.