

## **SLEEPERS HILL ASSOCIATION**

### **CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT – OCTOBER 2024**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

This year's AGM will be held on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October 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 an opportunity to meet and socialise over drinks after the meeting.

#### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Members of the Committee are Kate Harrington (Chair), Derek O'Neill (Treasurer), Tim Jones, Steve Osborne, Jackie Organ and Matt Johnson.

Hamish Adair has stepped down.

The secretarial role is split between Tim and Jackie.

#### **ROAD AND VERGE MAINTENANCE AND TRAFFIC MEASURES**

The road surface has held up reasonably well and we have deferred the next survey to Spring 2025. Depending on the result we may or may not have repairs done in 2025. Potholes are being repaired.

VAS x two are fully operational but there are no data downloads from the downhill VAS.

#### **ACCOUNTS AND ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION**

The 23/24 accounts are on the website. As at the 31.05.24, total funds amounted to £46,963. The Committee have assessed future expected demands on funds and have decided that the subscription should remain at £85 for the forthcoming year.

#### **RESIDENTS LIST**

Residents' List has been updated as of July 2024 and, for security reasons, will be sent by email. 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; please liaise with that person in the first instance on any relevant issue.

#### **SUMMER PARTY 2024**

The 2024 Garden Party was held at Anna Brockman's house and was a huge success, If anyone would like to host a summer garden party in 2025 then please let us know.

#### **PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

There are no current planning developments. However, we have now prepared a Guide for Developers for any future work undertaken which is on our website.

## **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES**

Please see the attached report from Tim Jones. We will take a vote on the following

1. Is there a real need for enhanced traffic calming observing that improvements are likely to be limited and it is expected to cost in the order of £100,000?
2. Should we undertake a feasibility study at a cost of £3,300 to find out what can and cannot be done when we would not have the funds to implement such a scheme

## **DRAINAGE**

A drainage study was carried out in 2014. This identified it was not possible to have traditional storm drainage due to the gradient of the hill and soakaways were the only option worth pursuing. It was also noted that tree roots and services would be an issue in certain locations. No further action was taken. However, due to the high levels of rain we have been having the committee has decided this is an area requiring further exploration. We have thus appointed Paul Basham Associates to attend a site meeting and prepare a report to identify possible solutions and constraints. It is hoped we will be in a position to report further at the AGM.

## **LEAF SWEEPING**

We plan to carry out leaf sweeping again this year which will take place in early December.

## **KINGS CRESCENT**

Members of the SHA Committee engaged with Kings Crescent following last year's AGM and they have paid £500 contribution this year. We feel this is an appropriate way forward as a number of the properties are either rented or empty.

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

Jackie Organ will give an update at the AGM

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

The web site address is <http://www.sleepershill.org.uk>. The 'Residents' Section is password protected. The password is currently TheHill23. Please do not pass this on to non-residents. Separately, we encourage all our neighbours to join the SHA WhatsApp group as this will be used as a source of communication directing people to important documents uploaded onto the website. We have 90 members currently. We will be relying less on email. If you would like to be added to the group please contact Kate Harrington on 07976 553318 with your telephone number and we will send you an invite. For any residents not on the WhatsApp group, we would invite you to periodically look at the 'News and Events' section of the website to see the latest updates.

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