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IMPORTANT:THIS CONCERNS YOUR ROAD

SOME GOOD NEWS !!! REGARDING FINANCE AND THE WHEATSHEAF LANE RESURFACING PROJECT

For the benefit of any new residents The Silvery Sands Residents Association is the body that has maintained your roadways for a number of years. The houses covered are:

Wheatsheaf Lane, numbers 80 to 110, Riverside Close. Thameside, 67 to 97

BACKGROUND

The Association came into being many years ago when there was no organised road maintenance being carried out on these private roads. At the time the very bad condition of Wheatsheaf Lane in particular caused Spelthorne Council to threaten to stop making refuse collections as they were concerned that their vehicles would suffer damage. More importantly the same restriction might have been applied to ambulances and other emergency services. Since then the Association has looked after road maintenance on your behalf with subscriptions raised from residents. You will appreciate that if the roadways do deteriorate to a state unacceptable to Spelthorne Council they will “adopt” the road and bring it up to standard. This will be at least a 5 figure cost to each household which makes the current subscription look like extremely good value.

DEVELOPMENT AT “THE OLD PUMPING STATION” WHEATSHEAF LANE

Many residents will have noticed the application notices for a new construction on this site. Your committee has discussed this matter and have decided that this is not a matter on which the Association will be listened to as it does not affect any of the properties within our area. However we would encourage any residents to object personally to this development. Obviously, if this proposal goes ahead it might well be the “thin end of the wedge” to the building of houses in the field which will affect half of the houses in Riverside Close and most of Wheatsheaf Lane. Your committee will bring to your attention one particular aspect of the proposal. This is that rainwater collected from the roof of the new house will not be disposed of via a soakaway but will be channelled into the Thames Water sewer which runs all the way up Wheatsheaf Lane. Those of you who have lived here since as recently as 2014 will know that this sewer is unfit for purpose when under any pressure and in 2014 flooded a number of properties in the top end of

Wheatsheaf Lane, not with river water, which is bad enough, but with sewage. The place to object is www.spelthorne.gov.uk/planning applications.. Ref 18/00435/FUL. Deadline is 15th August 2018

FINANCES

It is very satisfying to report that the Association has had it's best year ever in respect of the number of residents who have paid their subscription. A total of 79 households out of a possible 83 have paid up. As a result of this our funds currently stand at ££29,045.45. The Treasurer has banked over £6,000.00 since the start of the year.

No payment has been received from the following households:

	11 Riverside Close
24 Riverside Close	
	84 Thameside
89 Thameside	

It's not too

late !!

ROAD MAINTENANCE

As was stated in the March Newsletter, as we did not then have sufficient funds to resurface Wheatsheaf Lane, the plan was to continue to save for this major project and spend only on essential running repairs. To that end about £ 40.00 has been spent so far this year on cold asphalt to patch in 4 areas which had developed a significant pothole. The contractor who supplied the most attractive quotation to resurface Wheatsheaf Lane has been re-contacted and it is good to report that not only has the cost stayed stable but the company is prepared to honour this price until the end of February 2019.

Currently we are £1,800.00 light of the quoted price. Looking at the cash receipts for 2018, this amount was received in just two weeks after the AGM set the subscription for 2018. If receipts continue at this year's level we should then have something in excess of £ 4,000.00 in reserve, This important as we are advised by residents in the contracting world that it is a rare contract that will not incur extras.

We therefore have an opportunity to set in motion the long awaited resurfacing of Wheatsheaf Lane. We normally hold the AGM in Feb / March time but this year it is proposed to hold it at the end of January. This is necessary as the subscription level can only be set at the AGM. Holding it in January should ensure that funds will be in place to

place a firm order with the contractor. It also means that the work can be carried out in spring/ summer, which is preferable to winter. A further newsletter will be sent out at the end of the year to advise the AGM date.

SSRA WEBSITE

We are in the process of setting up a website which we hope will extend the range of information available to residents. More details in the next newsletter

THE SUMMER PARTY

At the end of June we had another successful Summer Party held down at Silvery Sands. We had 96 guests attend on what turned out to be a lot warmer and drier evening than the last couple of years. This year we had a great singer, Charlotte, who even managed to get people up and dancing.

A big thank you goes out to all those that helped with the organizing and selling of the tickets, your help and time are greatly appreciated.

DOG FOULING

The committee has been asked by several residents to pass on their concerns about dog fouling. If you have a dog, please can you make doubly sure that doggy doesn't leave a sly calling card when you may not be watching.

EMAIL ADDRESSES

We are trying to increasingly use email to communicate with residents, if you have received a printed newsletter and you have an email address that you are happy for us to use, please advise a committee member.

YOUR SSRA COMMITTEE FOR 2018

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