



Silvery Sands

Residents Association

IMPORTANT: THIS CONCERNS YOUR ROAD

DECEMBER 2018

ADVICE OF THE ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

(TO BE HELD ON 24TH JANUARY, RATHER EARLIER THAN USUAL)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Every year we get together and under the terms of our Constitution, discuss matters affecting the Associations area, elect the Committee members who will act on your behalf and approve any substantial expenditure. This year there is a very substantial expenditure to be sanctioned (see " ROAD MAINTENANCE" below) The AGM will be held at the usual venue, St Peter's Church small hall at 8 p.m. on the 24th January 2019. Please do make the effort to attend.

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.

ROAD MAINTENANCE (GOOD NEWS)

Previously the committee had advised that we had a quote from Recon Ltd to resurface Wheatsheaf Lane which we were going to proceed with. Fortunately we have found another contractor via a friend of the Treasurer who also lives in an unadopted road. His Residents Association had employed a contractor, Miles McAdam to resurface their roads and were very pleased with the work done. Your Treasurer can confirm that it appears to be a very sound job



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They have surveyed Wheatsheaf Lane and have quoted for the same job as Recon. Their quotation is £4707.00 less

They have agreed to honour this price until February 2019. They have further agreed to remove (scalp) three inches of the existing road rather than the two previously quoted. They will then resurface to a depth of two inches, thus dropping the surface by one inch. This has two benefits, it will reduce the risk of heavy rain flooding gardens in Wheatsheaf Lane and will also allow room for further coats of bitumen when the need arises. This should not happen for some years but inevitably will happen eventually.

Your committee consider this is the best way forward and will propose at the AGM that we proceed along these lines. Your input is important to making this decision, please do make the effort to attend the AGM

DEVELOPMENT AT "THE OLD PUMPING STATION" WHEATSHEAF LANE

The initial planning permission has been turned down, it is believed on the grounds that the site is considered "green belt", good news but the owners will almost certainly have another go.

FINANCES

No change from the last newsletter. Our funds currently stand at ££29,045.45.

No payment has been received from the following households:

11 Riverside Close
84 Thameside

24 Riverside Close
89 Thameside

It's not too late to pay !!

SSRA WEBSITE

Our unpaid advisor continues to make progress in setting this up, we hope to be fully operational next year

DOG FOULING

We are pleased to report a drop off in this anti-social behavior, but there is still room for improvement.



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SPEEDING

We are not so pleased to report that a handful of residents are still using the narrow estate roads like Brands Hatch. Please do remember that there are several families with small children, not to mention pussy cats, who also use these roads but whose road sense is not yet up to speed.

EMAIL ADDRESSES

We are increasingly trying to 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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