



Silvery Sands

Residents Association

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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

The long awaited resurfacing of Wheatsheaf Lane took place during early May. It is good to report that this went very well. The contractors appear to have done a first class job and caused no problems whilst carrying out the work. For a pleasant change nobody left a parked vehicle to impede progress. As intended the road surface is now lower than that before so that when the surface does eventually need attention it will be possible to lay a thin coating to seal the road, without the risk of the increased height causing flooding of gardens during heavy or prolonged rain.

One unexpected and unwelcome result of the new surface has been a rash of motorists “cutting” the corner outside no 2 Riverside Close. An unidentified motorist actually collided with the new wall at no 2 and Linda Graves has had to have expensive repairs carried out. It is hoped that the prominent yellow post on the corner will deter further episodes of cutting the corner, it is an anti-social and potentially dangerous practice. The Committee are looking at other measures such as CCTV to stop this but I’m sure that we would all rather see that money spent on road repairs.

Since May we have spent just under £90 to purchase bags of cold tarmacadam to fill in a number of pot holes, mainly in Thameside. Although cosmetically rather scruffy this treatment has proved to be a cost effective way of treating holes that cause a rough ride and which might potentially damage vehicles

As Wheatsheaf Lane is now sound and Riverside Close continues to remain in good shape the Association can now concentrate on Thameside. This will be a difficult roadway to bring up to scratch. Our experience of filling potholes has revealed that the layer of tarmac is quite thin with a mixed base (concrete and hardcore) underneath. The contractors who did the Wheatsheaf Lane job brought in an impressive machine to “plane” the tarmac away but will not use this type of equipment on solid material. The obvious alternative is to simply lay more tarmac on the existing surface but this is impractical as the extra height will aggravate the flooding risk. As we will not be able to finance this job for some time we will have time to investigate the best way forward.



FINANCES

At the time of writing some 70 households have paid their subscription for 2019 which is good but not good enough !! Your Treasurer is anxious to at least equal last year's excellent figure of 80. Reminders have been sent out to those of you who have not yet paid, if you are not sure if you have paid or not please contact David Rowley on 07967 155903 or email treasurer@silverysands.org. Our funds currently stand at just under £8,000.00.

A NEW TREASURER

David Rowley has informed the committee that this will be his last year as Treasurer and that he will stand down at the next A.G.M., so we need a replacement. This position should not be difficult to fill, anyone with a passing knowledge of spread-sheets will be able to take over, there is no need for any accounting background as the Association's records are quite simple. David wants to see a smooth handover and will be on hand to explain exactly how he has maintained the accounts. We are announcing this change early as in the past announcements of this kind have been made at the A.G.M without any prior notice. It is hoped that by giving what will probably be 6 months notice, potential volunteers will have time to come forward. If you would like to know more about what is involved David will be pleased to talk to you in person.

THE SUMMER PARTY: A REPORT FROM ANDY DUNCAN



On a very warm sunny Saturday we had our Annual Party down on Silvery Sands. We were mob handed, made the 100 plus party goers. The Fish and Chips were voted excellent, especially those washed down by Andy's Thame Side beers followed by Ice Cream. This was accompanied by music requests played by our DJ Andy Hayward. We then had a quiz on numerous subjects. The evening was completed with a Raffle, again widely supported. Generally a very enjoyable evening with great thanks due to Sallyann, Ann, Michele and all their helpers, ROLL ON NEXT YEAR.

EMAIL ADDRESSES

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

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