



Silvery Sands

Residents Association

IMPORTANT:THIS CONCERNS YOUR ROAD

FEBRUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER AND ADVICE OF A.G.M.

BACKGROUND

For the benefit of our 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

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.

You should also be aware that most of the local solicitors know of the existence of the Association and will contact us in the event of a house sale, as has happened very recently when a request for information from a solicitor was initially declined as the vendor had not paid their subscription. Subsequently the information was supplied by the Association on receipt of payment.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM will be held at our usual venue, the small hall at St Peter’s Church on Friday 6th March at 8 p.m. Please do try to attend.

Among the items to be discussed are :

The next program of road maintenance

The possibility of the field opposite the Wheatsheaf and Pigeon being sold

The latest information on dealing with flooding

New Members of the Committee.

Heathrow, the third runway..... A little more information on all of these items follows:



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The next program of road maintenance

We intend to resurface Thameside as our next priority. It has been evident when potholes have been filled in at various areas of Thameside that this roadway has a very thin tarmacadam topping over a “mixed bag” of foundations, mainly brick rubble. Unfortunately this means that we cannot utilise the type of heavy machinery which was used on last year’s Wheatsheaf Lane resurfacing as that machinery will only plane off tarmacadam; it will not touch harder material. It is proposed that we first spend some money on a survey to determine what underlies the surface of Thameside before getting contractors to quote for resurfacing work

The possibility of the field opposite the Wheatsheaf and Pigeon being sold

The owners of the field (The Trustees of Strodes School, Egham) are understood to be considering selling it. The remit of this Association is confined to the maintenance of the road surfaces so, as an Association we will not be involved in any potential purchase but the AGM is a convenient forum to discuss what our residents feel about this matter

The latest information on dealing with flooding

Spelthorne Council and the Environment Agency have put together a plan to be implemented in the event of potential or actual flooding. This plan appears to at least define responsibility for the provision of sandbags

New Members of the Committee

As stated in the last newsletter your Treasurer is stepping down after many years. Also your Secretary will be retiring, again after many years of service. As well as doing the Secretary’s job Gill Kneale has also acted as the Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator. These posts need to be filled if the Association is to continue to be effective. Please consider offering your services, neither post is either difficult or onerous. Speak with David Rowley or Gill to find out more before the A.G.M.

Heathrow, the third runway

Your Chairperson has had meetings with various parties involved in the Heathrow expansion plans and will report on the possible effects to this area

VANDALISM IN OUR AREA

On 15 January 2020 there were reported incidents of teenagers on bicycles, armed with catapults, firing steel ball bearings, causing thousands of pounds worth of damage to windows on Thameside properties. If you have CCTV please contact [Michele Gibson](#) as actual footage of the events may help in tracing the culprits.



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SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2019

It is good to report that only 5 households out of the 84 in our area have not paid, one of these is due to illness. The other 4 are 11 Riverside Close, 24 Riverside Close, 84 Thameside and 89 Thameside

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