

28 Oct 13

MINUTES OF RAMS RESIDENTS GROUP MEETING HELD 24 OCT 13

Attendance

Dean Leverett	Chairman
Penelope Utting	
Mary Owen	
Audrey Andrews	
Rachel Andrews	
Barbara Wirdnam	
Amy Eucle	
Maurice Snell	
Tony Mills	
John Lees	
Pauline Ure	
M Lane	
David Wolfe	
Louise Jones	Treasurer
Danny Owens	Secretary

Apologies

Rob Wirdnam

Agenda

Skidders Lane

The Chairman updated the meeting on the closure of Skidders Lane and circulated a letter received from EHDC dated 10 July 13 (attached with Chairman's original letter) and a South Downs National Park Authority report dated 8 Aug 13 (available on EHDC [website](#) with other Ramshill planning documents).

To summarise: Taylor Wimpey has been served with a Breach of Condition Notice and has until February 2015 to complete the agreed works on Skidders Lane. This includes taking whatever action is required to ensure that the retaining walls belonging to properties adjoining the lane are safe and fit for purpose. The lane is not yet a public right of way and to ensure the safety of the general public will remain closed until the required work is properly completed and accepted by the adopting authority (possibly Hampshire County Council).

Adoption of the Estate

The Chairman reported that he had spoken to Mr Nigel Phillips of Taylor Wimpey who stated that the sewers and drainage had been accepted by Southern Water on 23 October 2013 and that there were now no known obstacles to adoption of the roadways by Hampshire County Council.

Residents were encouraged to provide the Chairman (e-mail: deanleverett@gmail.com) with a list of any defects of which they were aware, for him to pass to Jo Murphy at Hampshire County Council.

It was suggested that adoption might provide leverage to try to persuade the developer to convert some of the green areas into additional parking spaces. It was considered however, that this might create an undesirable impediment to adoption and that this issue might be better pursued with Hampshire County Council post adoption.

Any Other Business

Signage

Money obtained from Petersfield Town Council had been used to purchase the Way Out and No Parking signs that had been put up around the estate. These signs were considered to be effective and a good use of the money, although it was noted that a small number of non-residents persisted in parking in Barentin Way despite regular reminders from Churchers' College that they should not do so. The remainder of the money had been used to purchase a number of rose bushes which had been planted in Barentin Way to fill the gap in the ornamental planting.

It was proposed that a further application be made to Petersfield Town Council for a grant for further signage.

Ramshill Petrol Station

A number of residents raised safety concerns over having to cross the entrance/exit of the Ramshill petrol station now that they were no longer able to use Skinners Lane when walking into Petersfield. Mary Owen reported that despite carrying a white stick, she had been clipped by a vehicle exiting the garage and that she had complained to the manager. The Secretary reported that he had raised these concerns with Hampshire County Council via their [website](#) (Ref: 21024467) and had been informed that remedial work was planned for October 2013. Residents were encouraged to submit further complaints via the HCC website.

Post meeting note: The above referenced report has now been closed. The Secretary has written to HCC's Highways Department (cc Councillor Vaughan Clarke) to enquire as to what action has been taken or is intended (if any). Residents are strongly encouraged to raise their own report on this issue.

Planting

David Wolfe noted that a number of trees in Hobbs Square had died, despite being re-planted earlier in the year and regularly watered by residents. He agreed to speak to Taylor Wimpey to try to resolve.

Residents with specific concerns regarding untended areas of the estate were encouraged to liaise directly with Greenbelt (0800 0281749).

Playground Equipment

Following lengthy discussion it was considered that Taylor Wimpey were most probably responsible for safety inspections of the playground equipment. David Wolfe agreed to

confirm this with them and to raise the issue of replacing the helicopter which had been removed, apparently due to its unsafe condition.

Rams Residents Website

The Chairman reported that the website had been taken down as the software on which it runs had become unsupportable. The previous Chairman (Chris Burgess) had agreed to update the software when he gets the opportunity.

Position of Chairman

The Chairman reported that he had recently sold his property and would most likely be moving away from the estate in the next 6 months. Anyone wishing to volunteer for the position of Chairman were invited to contact him directly (e-mail: deanleverett@gmail.com).

Danny Owens

Secretary