



Rams Residents' Group

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Skinners Lane Update

As you may remember from our last Newsletter we invited Daryl Phillips, Head of Planning at East Hants District Council (EHDC), to the RRG meeting held on 6th May to inform us of the latest situation with Skinners Lane and the question of why there was a delay in EHDC officially adopting the Ramshill Estate. Without the Council adopting the Estate the builder and the residents could have been liable for anything that went wrong with the infrastructure of the Estate, i.e. roads, play area, footpaths etc.

Daryl brought with him Nigel Phillips from Taylor Wimpey Homes to try and answer residents' questions and allow us to see the way forward.

Daryl addressed the meeting and explained quite clearly that it was Hampshire County Council who, for safety reasons, would not agree to progressing Skinners Lane unless there was some type of high-level lighting installed. Residents who backed onto Skinners Lane and those close to its junction with Ramshill were, in the main, totally opposed to any high-level lighting. So a stalemate.

Nigel Phillips added that a survey had

been carried out of Skinners Lane which had discovered that the wall to the left side going away from the Estate and the earth banks on both sides were in a dangerous state of repair. For Taylor Wimpey to risk the investment of building walls/fences and a proper footpath/cycleway only to find that any collapse of these banks and the wall might render these useless, was not a viable way forward.

He stated that it might be necessary to write to the house owners backing onto Skinners Lane to ask them to make the necessary repairs before progressing with the Lane.

As we could see that this might take years to resolve, Daryl was asked whether the adoption of the Estate was still dependent on Skinners Lane, together with an issue that he mentioned about Southern Water not yet approving the water outflow from the Kick-About Area. He stated that the Council were prepared to "de-link" these issues and move ahead with the adoption of the Estate towards the end of 2008.

On 23rd May Daryl Phillips sent Gaile

Letter from Gaile Gould – Chairperson Rams Residents' Group

Dear Residents

Hope you all had a good summer (although a wet one), at least we didn't have to water our gardens. Just a reminder that we need to think about re-electing a new Chair in November along with a few other members of the committee, so if anyone would like to put themselves forward please come along to the next meeting - all are welcome. I also think we need to ask ourselves do we still want a Residents Association as I must say it has been a struggle to get anyone's interest or input about the area we live in??

Years ago my husband complained to me about sending our children to a school outside the area where we lived. He said that was the trouble these days, the infrastructure of our communities was disappearing. In his day, and this might be said for most over 40's, we lived, played and went to the local school, so people knew us and knew our Mum's and Dad's. So as soon as we stepped out of line there was always the possibility of someone knowing us and might tell our parents.

I feel a lot can be said for having a Residents' Association, I know I have met many lovely people and because of the association I feel a part of this community I live in - food for thought!!

On a lighter note I would just like to say that as I walk around our little estate its good to see all the lovely gardens and how they are maturing.

Hope to see you at the next meeting.

Regards,
Gaile (Chairperson)

Useful Numbers

- ❖ Greenbelt Customer Care on 0800 0281749
- ❖ Taylor Wimpey Homes – Customer Services on 01494 558323
- ❖ East Hants District Council on 01730 266551

an e-mail as follows:

"I am writing to confirm my understanding that the County Council's adoption of the highways at Ramshill is not linked or dependant upon the resolution of the Skinners Farm Lane footpath/cycleway issue."

So mission accomplished for our RRG meeting and for our Estate. We await confirmation of exactly when this will be achieved.

Daryl did ask however what Residents on the Estate thought about continuing with Skinners Lane. In other words do Residents on the Ramshill Estate still want the builder to go ahead with making Skinners Lane a footpath/cycleway?

If you want to have your say please complete the Questionnaire below and put it through Gaile's door at 25 Luker Drive or simply post it to Gaile.

Landscaping on the Estate

As a side issue of Nigel Phillips attending the RRG Meeting we asked him what was happening to the Landscaping Plan on the Estate. He told us that an audit was being carried out to assess the changes that needed to be made prior to adoption.

Part of this was identifying dead trees as well as where the wrong type of tree had been planted according to the Council's plan. Action would be taken to correct this when the season was right for planting.

Another part of the audit concerned street lighting. Taylor Wimpey have confirmed that they are aware of the street lighting circuit that is not working properly and will undertake to put this right together with the other items identified.

Skinners Lane Questionnaire

Is it important for you to have Skinners Lane opened as a cut-through between the Ramshill Estate and the main Ramshill road?

Please Tick Your Answer in the Appropriate Box:

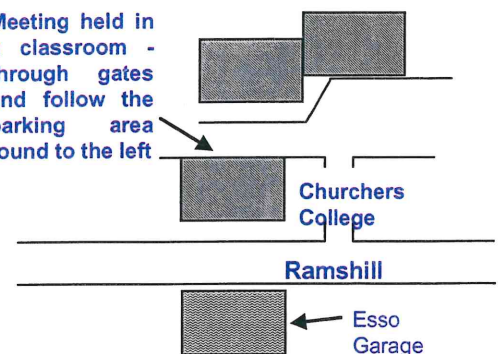
YES..... ☐

NO..... ☐

Next Meeting of the Rams Residents' Group:

Thursday 18th September 2008
at 7:30pm in Churchers College

Meeting held in a classroom - through gates and follow the parking area round to the left



Have Your Say - "Have Your Say" will be a regular Newsletter "soap-box" for anyone who has anything to say about life in Ramshill

Our Responsibility?

Is it the Council's responsibility (after adoption) to get rid of weeds in pathways (especially block-paved pathways) and around Estate trees in front of our houses?

Maybe it is but with cuts to Council budgets can we be certain that they will be able to do this or how often? In the meantime it makes our Estate look down at heel.

Instead why don't we spend a few minutes now and again pulling out the weeds? It's even good to talk to the neighbours in the process. Our homes will look so much better for it!

Brenda

Items for Sale

What a great service for Residents to be able to sell items in the Newsletter for just £2.00.

We put a garden table and chairs in the last Newsletter, got three telephone calls and sold it to the first local person. Brilliant!

Paul Vangrove

What's On In and Around Petersfield

Places that might interest you in the town:

- The Outdoor Swimming Pool
- The Petersfield School (TPS Studio) music and drama
- Friday night after work at the

Parking in Barentin Way

This has improved greatly over the past 6 months with the co-operation of the Churchers' Headmaster.

Play Area

Please report any damage to play equipment to:

Greenbelt Customer Care on 0800 0281749

George (5pm to 7pm)
acoustic music

- The Folly Comedy Club - stand-up comedy every 3rd Monday
- The Festival Hall - music and drama

Petersfield Golf Club - Website: <http://www.petersfieldgolfclub.co.uk/>

Want to play Golf in a friendly club? - then look no further than Petersfield Golf Club (PGC). The "new course" at Tankerdale Lane (just off the A3) was built in 1995 with full play commencing on 17th March 1997. The opening of the newly built clubhouse followed shortly afterwards at the end of August 1997. The golf course is now firmly established in its new surroundings and indeed plays as a very mature golf course.

PGC is owned by its members, including some 90 Ladies and over 85 Juniors.

Also PGC are still running an offer of a reduced joining fee for new members - it's well worth it.

PGC also run the 12-Hole Pay and Play course at Sussex Road, Petersfield where this beautiful course plays host to anyone who just wants to pay their money and play without joining a club.

PGC has its own PGA Professional and Staff plus an Academy where prospective members can learn how to play the game. Summer coaching is also held for the Juniors. We came to live in Petersfield from Yorkshire in 2005 and joined the golf club almost immediately. The reason.....it was so friendly and lacked the stuffiness that sometimes exists in golf clubs. We have never looked back.

Ramshill Front Garden Competition

The Residents Association wanted to recognise people's efforts in creating lovely small front gardens so we decided to take a walk round the Estate and vote on the gardens based on:

- ❖ ingenuity, given the small space to work with
- ❖ impact of layout
- ❖ variety of planting
- ❖ originality and effort

Well done to everyone - there were loads of great gardens to choose from but in the end we had to make a decision so we have published the photos of the winners here. The three winners will each receive a gardening voucher.

1st Prize



2nd Prize



3rd Prize



Addresses and Telephone Numbers for Childcare in the Area

National Childbirth Trust (NCT)

- Membership Hotline - 0870 9908040
- Enquiries - 0870 4448707
- Breastfeeding - 0870 4448708

www.nct.org.uk &
www.nctsales.co.uk

Yoga for Expectant Mums from 12 weeks (NCT)

- Virginia Campbell - 07005 800878
- Saturday 9-11am

- £10 per session
The Pavilion, The Avenue,
Petersfield

Nurseries

- Jigsaw - Little Pieces,
Montessori Nursery, Love Lane,
01730 264910
- Causeway House, Causeway,
01730 262053
- Little School by the Lake,

Petersfield Golf Club, Heath
Road, 01730 231537

- Little School at Pooh Corner,
Sheet, 01730 268764

Ramshill Residents - Advertise for £2.00 per Ad

If you want to get people
together to support a charity
e.g. organise a fun-run, then let
everyone know in this space



Petersfield Golf Club

Tankerdale Lane, Liss,
Hants, GU33 7QY

Telephone: 01730 895165

E-mail: manager@pgc1892.net

<http://www.petersfieldgolfclub.co.uk>

**Reduced Joining Fee - Great
Course**

Baby equipment for Sale

Tel: 07841 908654

Ramshill Residents Group - Officers

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