



RAMSHILL ROUNDABOUT

The Newsletter for Residents of Ramshill Estate

March 2019



Dear Residents,

Herewith an update concerning our Legacy Issues: Whilst none have been signed off there have been many positive developments over the last few weeks involving both us and our Partners: the Petersfield Town Council (PTC), East Hampshire District Council Planning (EHDC), Hampshire County Council (HCC), South Downs National Park (SDNP) and Taylor Wimpey (TW), as follows:

Adoption of our Green Spaces: TW have now **terminated** their contract with the Greenbelt Group which frees up the legal issues concerning our Adoption by the PTC. In addition there has been a financial settlement between the PTC and TW to ensure all the PTC's legal costs are paid by TW. In the meantime you may have noticed the PTC Grounds Team have begun work on our shrubberies in Barentin Way and they have repaired the wooden bench on the playground. In addition we have now agreed with the PTC the sighting of two multipurpose litter bins by the playground, and another one by the Kick-About Area plus a bench on the same site.

Skidders Farm Lane: Some have prophesied our essential footpath will never open. If we have anything to do with it yes it will following our determination to ensure HCC, EHDC, SDNP and TW get their heads together and talk together. As a consequence:

1. HCC, EHDC & TW agreed structural changes to minimise their perceived concerns about possible flooding in Ramshill.
2. TW submitted revised plans to EHDC and these were approved by EHDC Planning in December 2017.

3. Progress has then been delayed by the issue of the private walls and gardens adjacent to the lane.
4. This has now been addressed with TW submitting a revised scheme which has been discussed informally with EHDC and SDNP and we understand a new application is to be submitted for timber walls supported by steel stanchions.
5. Once planning approval has been confirmed, construction of our footpath should commence as TW have now ring-fenced the necessary funds to cover all costs.
6. Once construction starts building work should take about 3 months.

Adoption by HCC: As always two steps forward and one back! Our street lighting was at issue but we have been informed HCC and TW are resolving their certification issues and this will not hold up adoption. However we have now been informed there are a number of possible anomalies with **Land Registry** which suggests some parts of some properties may be on highway land.....yes we found this difficult to believe as well!! As a consequence TW and HCC are in discussions to identify what is at issue and how to resolve it.

In Addition:

- Please do help us with our **Ramshill Spring Clean** next Saturday 23rd March. Meet at 10am on the Playground.
- The Residents Association have been increasingly looking to our role post Adoption and what we can do to benefit all residents, our estate and our homes. We have therefore applied for a number of **grants** and have secured our first via our EHDC Councillor for **£1,000**. We will be spending this on **daffodil bulbs** to be planted in the grassed areas at the Barentin Way entrance plus other areas if our funds allow. Planting will be organised in the **autumn** and we hope many residents will turn out to help.
- Following constant concerns from us about the lighted bollards at the Barentin Way entrance being unsecured and lights out, these have now been replaced by the new style bollards.....yesterday!
- Finally the Residents Association is run by 7 committed residents, many of them with families to support and full time work commitments.

Despite this their work load is minimal as we work together to share commitments and to help each other out. We do need more residents to join our Residents Association to ensure this vital organisation can continue post Adoption. And the above reports show how effective an active Residents Association can be.

- **Please join us. And contact us via:**

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THANK YOU