

**WELL HILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT THE "RED DEER"
ON TUESDAY 30TH APRIL 2002**

MINUTES OF MEETING

Present: [see list]
Councillors: Parish - P Hobson

Apologies: P & B Marley
C & D Hickman
Cllr. J Bovington

The Chairlady, Mrs Christine Gregory, opened the meeting.

1. Minutes

The minutes of the AGM held on 24th April 2001 were read and approved.

2. Matters Arising

Road Repairs - Some success has been achieved this year in getting the worst of the potholes filled. Residents should report any new or recurring potholes directly to SDC.

Subscriptions - Ongoing problems of collecting the annual subscription from Residents. It is very time consuming and demoralising for the committee to try and collect on a door-to-door basis. Sending an envelope out with the newsletter achieved some success but a substantial proportion of the money was collected at the AGM. Subscriptions will remain at £5.00 per household (OAPs are exempt).

The Chairlady had received some feedback from Cllr Ronnie Norman following the issues raised at last years AGM, but there was very little that he could do to help the Residents.

Speed Limits - A question was asked whether any more information had been found regarding painting speed limits in the road. KCC has no knowledge of this practice, so no progress has been made.

Speed Monitoring - The results of the speed monitoring carried out by KCC last year are promising. They will only put a 30mph speed limit in if it is enforceable. The equipment showed that 85% of vehicles travel at or below 30mph. The maximum speed recorded was 60mph. The committee will be pursuing this matter further. Both Shoreham and Crockenhill Parish Councils could pursue this on our behalf.

The suggestion was put to install speed bumps on the motorway bridge to cut the speed of traffic. This is not possible unless the road lit. The Committee will write to

the Golf Course asking them to put notices up asking drivers to slow down and drive more carefully. Cllr. Colin Dibsdall (District Council) will also be approached to see if he can assist in any way.

3. Chairman's Report

This past year has been a bit quiet within the Residents' Association, but quite a lot has been happening for Well Hill which Phil Hobson, who is now the Chairman of Shoreham Parish Council, will talk about later in A.O.B.

Once again, the Residents' Carol Service was a success. I would like to thank all who helped with the organising.

The Christmas Pantomime went very well and everyone who attended said that it was most enjoyable. We can thank Shoreham Parish Council who gave us a grant towards the coach. We hope to run this again this year but need to know early who would be interested.

We are once again, after a few years gap, getting involved with the Shoreham Fete which is on Monday 3rd June. Phil & Barbara Hobson will be running our stall but would appreciate it if a couple of people could lend a hand on the day for an hour or so just to give them a break. Please contact Phil if you can assist. This is our only source of getting funds for the Residents' Association apart from Subscriptions which I would like to thank all of the residents who paid theirs last year. I would hope that we could collect some subscriptions this evening to help with the coming year.

My thanks go to the committee for their help this year and also the new owners of The Lodge for letting us use the premises once again.

4. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer, Mike Peek presented the accounts. Phil Hobson added the comment that following discussions with Inland Revenue, the Association will not be required to pay Corporation Tax for the next 5 years.

It was suggested that the Association investigate whether it could register as a charity. This could increase revenues as it would get gift aid on some subscriptions. The Committee will write to the Charity Committee.

Santa's sledge cannot be used again without repairs and re-decoration. Help from any willing Residents was requested.

5. Election of Committee

Nominations have been received for the 5 existing committee members and 1 new volunteer. As there were less nominations than positions available, the nominees were duly elected without a vote.

6. Election of Officers

Confirmation of which committee members will be carrying out which roles within the committee will be announced following the next committee meeting and circulated in the next Newsletter.

7. AOB

Phil Hobson reported on the following items:

1. Electoral Reform. Well Hill & Park Gates will have the same District Councillor from 2003. This does not affect Parish Councillors. At KCC level, David Brasier represents the North part of Well Hill (Park Gates) whilst Ronnie Norman represents the rest.

The Well Hill Ward (called the Well Hill Hundreds) will now have its own polling station. Suggestions for preferred venue were invited. The current possibilities seem to be one of the 2 pubs or the Mission Church. A Mobile unit is too expensive. The Mission Church seemed to be preferred by most present and it would gain some funds for the Church.

2. Shoreham Fete. - WHRA will be running a stall at the fete to raise funds. Any assistance would be gratefully received.
3. Village Green - There are grants available to communities for a Village Green. It might be possible for Well Hill to organise for events for Residents if we had somewhere to hold them. If anyone knows of a suitable piece of land for sale or rent, the committee would be pleased to hear from them.
4. Pilot taxi service. Following last years discussions on the lack of public transport Phil reported that SDC has started a pilot scheme using taxis to connect with buses or trains. Anyone with ideas on how this could be used to benefit the community should contact him as soon as possible.
5. Jubilee celebrations in the locality.

Brian Mason (Chairman of Crockenhill Parish Council) spoke briefly on his own behalf about the major items of news from CPC. One of the main concerns is the number of individual planning applications for mobile phone masts. CPC advocate a properly planned scheme from all parties concerned rather than an adhoc approach.

It was requested that Mary Easy's contribution to the Hill be acknowledged in the minutes of the meeting.

One member asked why the entrance to Lullingstone Woods had remained closed and whether it was possible to get it re-opened. The reason for closure was due to undesirable events taking place there. This seems unfair on local people who use the Woods regularly. Could it be opened for shorter hours - i.e. closed and locked overnight. Phil Hobson will pursue via the Parish Council. Cllr. J Bovington will be approached to see if he can help. As many residents as possible should write to SDC about it.

There is an ongoing problem with people leaving the golf course throwing their rubbish out of the car in the lanes as they leave the course. The Course will be asked to put up a notice reminding people not to do this.

There being no other business to discuss, The Chairlady thanked all for attending.

The meeting was closed at 19.25 p.m.