# CHALFONT HEIGHTS ROADS COMMITTEE

#### THIRTYEIGHTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

to be held on

# Friday 5 February 1993

#### at Chalfont Park Sports Club

at 8.15 p.m.

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#### 1. MINUTES

To confirm the Minutes of the thirtyseventh Annual General Meeting held on 21 February 1992.

# 2. COMMITTEE'S REPORT FOR 1992

To consider any matters arising from the report.

- a) Roads, Gates and Signs
- b) Trees
- c) Trustees/Development
- d) Finance
- e) To adopt Report
- 3. SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 1993
- 4. TO ELECT COMMITTEE
- 5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS
- 6. TO CLOSE THE MEETING

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Apologies for absence from Mr. & Mrs. B. Bradbrook, Mr. & Mrs. L. A. Lafone, Mr. & Mrs. J. H. Luya, Mr. & Mrs. G. Peart, Mr. & Mrs. G. D. Smith, Mr. & Mrs. K. G. Smith and Mrs. B. Wickham.

The Chairman opened the meeting and thanked the 52 residents for attending and said that because of loss of voice, the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. J. W. Williams kindly offered to take the Chair.

#### VANDALISM

Regrettably there has been an increase in the number of incidents and the Chairman urged residents to telephone the Police if they see or hear anything suspicious. The Police have been informed of the increase and have appointed two Police Constables to patrol as often as possible. Mr. March said he thought the main source of vandalism was Winkers Club when the patrons left which was normally in the early hours of the morning.

## 1. MINUTES

The Minutes of the thirtyseventh Annual General Meeting were taken as read and on being proposed by Mrs. P. Dornin and seconded by Mr. M. March, were confirmed, approved unanimously and signed by the Chairman.

# 2. COMMITTEE'S REPORT FOR 1992

A copy of the Notice and the Report had been delivered to each household prior to the meeting and comments were invited.

#### a) Roads Gates and Signs

The ten year contract with G. Skinner & Sons Ltd., expires at the end of the year. The Chairman said that the Committee had hoped to have some definite news from Mr. B. Skinner regarding future maintenance of the roads, but owing to the present economic conditions, he did not think he could make any commitment, long term. Some residents said it was rumoured that there would be a substantial increase in the price in the near future, but until the Committee had Mr. Skinner's views, it was not possible to comment.

Many corners of the grass verges are being eroded by vehicles, particularly Upway/ Winkers Lane, Halfacre Hill/ Ellis Avenue and Ellis Avenue/Woodside Hill. It was suggested that bollards on the corners would help or preferably large stones which would look more rural. The worst offenders were thought to be Post Office vans and Biffa dust carts and these would be written to.

Mr. March reported that heavy vehicles in use due to construction work have caused the surface of Upway spur to be totally destroyed. The Chairman said that when all the building work was completed, the road would be inspected and the necessary repairs carried out.

### Roads Cont'd

The lower half of Woodside Hill would be re-surfaced and the problem of water drainage attended to when construction work was completed.

A number of residents pointed out that the ramps in Chiltern Hill have been flattened and were no longer effective. It was agreed that the road contractor should be asked to inspect all the ramps and ensure they conformed to British Standards.

It was reported that there is a large pothole outside the entrance at Upway. The Chairman said that, that part of Joiners Lane did not belong to the Estate. The Engineer at Aylesbury would be informed.

#### Gates

Several residents commented that the gates at Upway were constantly being vandalised and suggested that some other material i.e. steel might be more practical. The Chairman said that as the gates were only closed once a year, there was no real need for them. They were removed before Christmas and are in storage and it was considered unnecessary to put them back. The annual gate closure took place on 19th. October, 1992.

Comments were made regarding the speed of traffic on all the Estate roads and asked for consideration to be given to a half gate arrangement at Upway and at the bottom of Chiltern Hill. The general opinion was that any restriction would be vandalised and therefore not practical. It was considered that ramps were the answer at the present time, but were a problem in icy conditions. Fortunately this did not occur too often.

## Signs

New ramp and 15 m.p.h. signs have been erected at the three entrances to replace those stolen or damaged.

#### b) Trees

Mr. John Chandler reported that expenditure on trees had been less than in the previous year. Fourteen trees had been replaced by the Tree Surgeon. The cost of all the work - £1,600. A number of residents remarked that the work done on the trees in Woodside Hill by the Tree Surgeon was very efficient and effective.

Residents pointed out that a tree had fallen in Morris Close, but this was not within the Estate and not the responsibility of the Trustees.

# c) Trustees/Development

There were very few applications for extensions during the year. One new house in Upway is nearing completion and work on the second house has commenced and should be completed in about six months.

The new house on Plot 3, Woodside Hill is amost finished and this should ease the traffic congestion.

# d) Finance - Audited accounts for year to 31.12.92

The Hon. Treasurer reported that the financial position had improved, principally for two reasons, one being that the interest on the deposit account was now at a higher level and the two houses in Upway had contributed a further £10,000 to the kitty. No gritting was necessary in 1992 and less expenditure on trees. He said that the account presently stood at approximately £40,000.

#### COMMITTEE'S REPORT FOR 1992

## Finance Cont'd

A question was asked from the floor regarding subscriptions not being paid, The Hon. Treasurer replied that the level was approximately the same as in previous years although some hardened non-payers had moved off the Estate. He also noted that some non-payers did not pay because of individual petty reasons which did not strictly relate to subscriptions.

The Hon. Treasurer thanked the Chairman for helping to collect unpaid subscriptions and this was reciprocated from the floor.

It was proposed by Mrs. Robey and seconded by Mrs. Chandler and resolved that the audited accounts for the year ended 31st. December 1992 be approved and adopted.

## e) Adoption of Report

It was proposed by Mr. Newton seconded by Mr. Belton and agreed that the Report of the Committee for the year ended 31st. December 1992 be approved and adopted.

# 3 SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 1993

The Hon. Treasurer said that as the financial position was healthy he did not think it was necessary to raise subscriptions and therefore the Committee recommend that subscriptions for 1993 remain the same as for 1992 as follows:-

FULL SUBSCRIPTION - £45

Payable by 1st. March

REDUCED SUBSCRIPTION - 241

It proposed by Mr. Chandler and seconded by Mr. Bates and agreed that subscriptions for 1993 be as shown above.

#### 4 ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

In accordance with the usual practise the Committee resign and offer themselves for re-election, apart from the four Trustees who are permanent members.

It was proposed by Mr. Humby, seconded by Mrs. Reynolds and agreed unanimously that the present Committee be re-elected.

The Committee and Trustees are as follows:-

Mr. D. A. Bates, Bochym, Lewis Lanw.

(Trustee)

Mr. J. S. C. Chandler, Swan Ridge, Lincoln Road.

(Trustee)

Mrs. M. E. Clifton, Little Dormers, Chiltern Hill.

(Chairman and Trustee)

Mr. T. M. Cooper, Timbers, Woodside Hill.

Mr. J. H. Luya, Wellingham, Lincoln Road.

(Trustee)

Mr. H. M. McKeeman, Chiltern Cottage, Lincoln Road.

Mr. L. S. Newton, Tor House, Sandy Rise.

Mr. J. W. Williams, Hartwell, Winkers Close.

(Hon. Treasurer)

#### 5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Hon. Treasurer recommended that the Hon. Auditors, Mr. R. Solomon and Mr. K. Quilter should be re-elected for another year. It was proposed by Mr. March and seconded by Mrs. Sydee and carried unanimously.

A letter was read which noted the formation of the Denham Airfield Environment Federation being formed with the objective of gaining representation on the Denham Aerodrome Consultative Committee. Residents were asked to sign a petition which would hopefully, eventually lead to the Federation having a representative on the Consultative Committee.

A resident suggested that as there was a considerable amount of money available, thought should be given to numbering the houses on the Estate. After some discussion, it was generally accepted by the majority of residents present, that they were not in favour of numbering.

A vote of thanks to the Sports Club was carried unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting then closed.