

CHALFONT HEIGHTS ROADS COMMITTEE

APRIL 1980

Dear Resident,

I have pleasure in attaching a copy of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Friday, 8th February this year, and I have also been asked to take this opportunity to bring to your attention a number of points raised either at the AGM or in Committee during the year.

1. SPEEDING

Please drive slowly on all Estate roads and urge your friends and families to do so as well.

2. CAR PARKING

Please avoid parking on the verges - the result is unsightly and inconvenient to everyone.

3. DOGS

When walking your dogs on the Estate please keep them under control and do not allow them to foul the verges - this is most inconsiderate to residents who walk on them and to those residents who maintain them.

4. BONFIRES - Don't be a bonfire bore ;

Prevent your neighbours from getting hot under the collar by consideration of the following:-

- a) Stop and think before you light a bonfire - will it cause annoyance with smell and smoke ?
- b) Check the wind direction - bonfires are a potential hazard and should be carefully watched.
- c) Don't light up on a sunny day when neighbours are enjoying their garden. Meals and bonfire smoke are not an agreeable combination.
- d) Would it not be quicker and more socially considerate to take the waste material to the dump in Amersham Road ?

5. NOISE

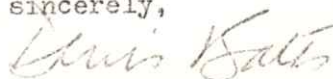
Loud playing radios seem to be the largest single source of irritation on a Summer's day - please keep the volume down to an acceptable level.

The results of the questionnaire on ramps will be made known soon, but we still await the return of a number of completed forms - if you have not done so will you please do so - as soon as possible.

Mr. George Temple of Sandy Rise would be pleased to hear from anyone willing to help man the gates - telephone number Gerrards Cross 84607.

Many thanks in anticipation of your kind co-operation,

Yours sincerely,



Denis Bates,  
Chairman, Chalfont Heights Roads Committee

Encl. Minutes AGM  
Financial Statement

MINUTES OF THE 25TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
OF THE CHALFONT HEIGHTS ROADS COMMITTEE

Held on Friday, February 8th, 1980 at the  
Chalfont St. Peter Sports Club at 8.15 p.m.

Present: Nine members of the Committee and 34 residents. Total 43

1. MINUTES

The Minutes of the 24th Annual General Meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as circulated.

2. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

The report on the work of the Committee covering the year ended 31st December 1979 was approved and adopted as circulated prior to the meeting.

3. QUESTIONS ARISING FROM THE REPORT

a) Trees on Woodside Hill (AGM minutes 1979 refers)

In this connection the Committee reported that they had instituted a survey of the trees in question and although it confirmed overcrowding, the removal of trees would create more problems than it would solve and in addition would be a very costly operation. The Committee, after a long debate had concluded that the trees should be left as they are but that trimming where necessary should be carried out within the limited budget available.

The survey had been extended to cover many more areas of the Heights and had shown up a number of diseased trees which had either been or were scheduled to receive attention.

b) Street Lighting

In response to residents in Woodside and a query in connection with inadequate street lighting the Committee undertook to carry out trimming to certain trees as soon possible to ease the lack of light from the lamp.

c) Roads

Attention was drawn to the meeting of the situation at the top of Woodside and Ellis Avenue, where vehicles negotiating the sharp bend had strayed onto the grass verges both sides resulting in a morass of mud and grass especially in the recent wet weather.

Mr. Jarvis, (Member for Roads and Trees) who had noticed this previously, suggested that it was pointless in widening the bend by removing a tree stump because it would encourage vehicles to take the bend in a tighter sweep and so trespass further onto the verges.

Mr. Jarvis suggested that the Committee reinstate the verges in question and at the same time, give attention to the island in Lincoln Road which had suffered in a similar way. This was approved.

d) Finance

The Chairman suggested that congratulations and thanks were due to the Treasurer on her stupendous effort in collecting all but one subscription this year. This was unanimously agreed by the Meeting.

Apologies for not circulating the Financial Statement with the Committees' Report were offered by the Chairman who explained that the delay was due to pressure of work on the Accountant. Copies of the Statement were available and distributed at the meeting but would be circulated together with the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting.

The Treasurer pointed out that the Road Contractor had kept to his part of the Contract very well, which had been difficult in view of rising costs.

Commenting on a question concerning signs and signposts, the Chairman requested all residents to replace road signs if found uprooted by vandals and to report any acts of vandalism they saw to the Police and to the Committee.

Explaining a point raised on the cost of upgrading sections of roads, the Chairman stated that edges of some roads and corners have disintegrated through heavy traffic and it would seem expedient to build-up the edges and tarmacadam some parts, mainly corners, before they deteriorated too far.

The Soakaway in Ellis Avenue was reported blocked with leaves and Mr. Jarvis (Roads and Trees) suggested that early notice would be appreciated when this occurred as the Contractor had undertaken to clear this when necessary but could not do it if he were unaware of the situation. Mr. Jarvis reiterated his request to be notified immediately it was noticed that the Soakaway had become blocked.

e) Trustee/Development

The new house being built next to Lincoln House was, suggested a resident, transgressing the building line, and the siting of a Garage in front of the House was thought to be ugly.

The Trustees explained that the building line had not been queried by the Authority and there seemed not to be a problem when the plans were submitted.

On the question of unsightliness the Chairman recalled that the Builders and the Trustees had agreed to remove only specific trees so that the House and Garage were adequately screened from the road.

Attention would be given to the situation at Lincoln Road as the site progressed further.

Note: Resident had now withdrawn the criticism.

4. ELECTION OF THE COMMITTEE

In the absence of any further nominations, the Committee were unanimously elected en-bloc to serve a further year of office. The meeting also generously expressed its thanks to the Committee for its work on behalf of the residents.

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) Ramps

Following a tremendous response to the questionnaire, the majority at the time of the meeting seemed to be in favour of the proposition with some reservations. However, as all replies had not been received, the Chairman emphasised that no decision would be taken until every view had been received and expressed. In this connection the Chairman thanked all those residents who had written letters with valuable suggestions and observations.

A very full discussion followed and some of the main points are listed here (all points made were noted).

- i. Insurance. This will be adequate but in addition notices and advices will be required in the event of the installation of ramps.
- ii. Sizes of ramps, wider than those already installed.
- iii. Road Research Station literature on ramp guidance. (Note: The Committee had already sought information from this source and from the Safety Council). Design of ramps (if any) would be considered very carefully.
- iv. Position and Frequency. Concern expressed in adverse weather conditions. Positioning would be vital in this situation.
- v. Lewis Lane. Plea for ramp at entrance to this lane.
- vi. Danger to Motorcycles and Children on Cycles. Concern was expressed and the responsibility for accidents as a result of ramps was questioned.
- vii. Car users of the Heights. Between 7.50 and 9.15 it had been observed that 50% of the cars were not residents.

b) Lorries & Vans.

Residents had power to stop vehicles which it was suspected were using the roads as a short-cut. The roads were private. Sankeys, British Aluminium and Martin Baker were all culprits. Chairman agreed to notify these firms.

c) Speed Restriction Signs.

No such signs off the Bye-Pass (no limit) until entering the heights. Chairman undertook to write to authorities.

d) Verges.

These should not be blocked and pedestrians had right to walk on them. Plea for dog owners to prevent their pets fouling the verges.

PLEASE HELP AND PREVENT YOUR PETS FROM SPOILING THE VERGES.

e) Result of the Questionnaire.

All Residents will be advised on a Road by Road basis.

(f) Complaints

i. Winkers Farm Noise. Discussion seemed to indicate that only in the height of the summer with a particular wind direction and with all the windows open did any noise nuisance arise and then only on 4 or 5 nights a year.

Residents could also hear the music from fairs on the Common and from various other events if the wind was in the right direction. It was considered that the Scout Camp was more of a nuisance and the Clubs to which the Scouts rented the Camp were responsible for a deal of vandalism and noise.

ii. Stile at Chiltern Hill

It was pointed out that the stile at the top of Chiltern Hill had been broken and had been so for a couple of months. Various attempts to repair it with brushwood had failed. For the last 3 weeks, three ponies had been having a whale of a time in the paddock behind El Beit because of the broken stile. It was suggested that photographs of the site should be taken in order to have evidence of change of use should the paddock come up for redevelopment consideration. It was agreed that photographs should be taken.

iii. Halloween

The vandalism on Halloween by youngsters from off the Estate was also raised and it was suggested that the gates be manned that night.

6. THE MEETING CLOSED with thanks to the Club for use of their Pavilion.

COMMITTEE'S NOTE

The Minutes for the <sup>24th</sup> Annual General Meeting omitted to report the Chairman's thanks to Mr. J.H. Luya for his services as Chairman from 1974 until 1979, and the Committee wish to reiterate their appreciation.

CHALFONT HEIGHTS ROADS COMMITTEE

26TH. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

to be held at

CHALFONT ST. PETER SPORTS CLUB

on Friday February 6th. 1981

at 8 - 15 pm.

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1. MINUTES

To confirm the Minutes of the 25th. Annual General Meeting.

2. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

To adopt the report as previously circulated. (To follow)

3. QUESTIONS ARISING FROM THE REPORT

a) Roads and Trees.

b) Finance.

c) Trustees/Development.

4. ELECTION OF THE COMMITTEE

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS which may be considered urgent.

6. TO CLOSE THE MEETING

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