

CHALFONT HEIGHTS ROADS COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE THIRTYFIFTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held on Friday 23rd. February 1990

at Chalfont Park Sports Club at 8.15 p.m.

Apologies for absence from Dr. & Mrs. J. F. Warder, Mr. & Mrs. K. Jones, Mr. & Mrs. R. Young, Mr. & Mrs. P. Jeffrey, Mr. & Mrs. K. G. Smith, Mr. M. J. Adams, Mr. P. Aldworth.

Mrs. Margaret Clifton in the Chair

Before opening the meeting the Chairman thanked all the residents present for attending and welcomed new residents to the meeting. About 50 residents attended.

The Chairman then introduced each member of the Committee and offered their thanks to Denis Bates for the excellent drawings of each road showing the trees on the verges, which have proved invaluable in keeping track of the trees when they are felled and replaced.

1. MINUTES

The Minutes of the thirtyfourth A.G.M. were taken as read and on being proposed by Mr. Bates and seconded by Mr. Luya, were approved unanimously and signed by the Chairman.

2. COMMITTEE'S REPORT FOR 1989

A copy of the report was circulated to all residents prior to the meeting and the Chairman asked for comments.

a) Roads, Gates and Signs

Roads

In the absence of Mr. Aldworth, Mr. Chandler kindly offered to report. Mr. Chandler stated that he considered the roads were in better condition than at this time last year. A meeting had been held with Mr. B. Skinner of G. Skinner & Sons Ltd., when differences over payments were resolved and a variation to the current agreement drawn up which gave the Committee more control. Mr. Skinner did not require any extra money.

Brief details of the agreement were included in the Committee's report for 1989, since when two amendments had been agreed with G. Skinner & Sons Ltd., and approved by the Committee.

- Para a) The current contract dated 6th. July 1983, be continued subject to either party being entitled to terminate on giving one years' notice.
- b) A meeting between you or your representative and a member or members of the Committee be held by prior arrangement on the Estate in sufficient time to enable the roads re-surfacing programme, including other essential work, to be mutually agreed and confirmed in writing not later than 30th. June in 1990 and in subsequent years.
- c) Payment of £3910 (inc.V.A.T.) due under the current contract for calendar year 1990 and in subsequent years, will be payable as follows:-

Roads Cont'd

- c) i) Subject to the roads re-surfacing programme having been agreed and confirmed in writing in accordance with para (b) above, 50% (ie £1955 inc. V.A.T) on 1st. July in 1990 and in subsequent years.
- ii) The balance of 50% (£1955) on the satisfactory completion of the work specified in the roads re-surfacing programme agreed in accordance with para (b) above.

An alternative quotation had been obtained, but this was very high and hence not persued.

At the request of residents in Lewis Lane, ramps have been installed to try to slow the traffic. Four of the bollards are too high and will be replaced.

Mr. Robey asked if curb stones or some form of protection could be used at the corner of Chiltern Hill and Sandy Rise, where the grass verge has been completely worn away. It was agreed that some protection was necessary.

Mrs. Cassell said that the road surface in Halfacre Hill was not holding and potholes were appearing. The Chairman explained that the side roads were not re-surfaced as often as the through roads, but it would be inspected with the other roads when the work to be carried out was decided.

It was agreed that the logs round the islands were a dead loss, and would be more effective set firmly vertically and this should be considered in the 1990 programme.

Heavy rain is still causing a problem in Woodside Hill which is damaging the sides of the roads - this could be prevented by the installation of gullies, but until the development of 'Southfields' is completed, it would not be practical to carry out any expensive work.

b) Trees

Mr. Chandler reported that the gales in January had brought down eight trees on the verges and many more in gardens. South Bucks Tree Surgeons provided first class emergency work both for the Committee and residents. There is still a considerable amount of work to be done, but there will be some delay as Mr. Mscbeth's principal commitment is to Bucks County Council, where there is a mountain of work to be dealt with. So far £500 has been spent on felling etc., and a similar amount will probably be required.

The replanting programme will have to be delayed until the Autumn to allow a complete assessment of the position and as the Tree Surgeon is overwhelmed with urgent work.

c) Finance

The Hon. Treasurer reported a surplus for 1989 of £1735.16. Reserves were just under £12000. The fighting fund of £1198.45 was not for normal use.

The adoption of the accounts was proposed by Mr. Chandler, seconded by Mr. Bates and carried unanimously.

The question of non-payers was raised and whether names should be published. Mr. Luya said that little could be done as publishing names could cause legal problems. Any resident at the A.G.M. who wished to know the names of non-payers was able to ask the Hon. Treasurer at the end of the meeting. The amount of unpaid subscriptions was about £400 out of a total due of approximately £8500.

d) Trustees/Development

The Chairman reported that the majority of applications for extensions were mostly for conservatories and garages.

There were no immediate plans for work on the Lincoln Road development to commence.

There is a possibility of the erection of a detached house and garages on plot 3, Southfields, Woodside Hill, but this has yet to be finalized.

e) To adopt report

Mrs. Gregson proposed the adoption of the report and it was seconded by Mr. D. Brown and approved.

3. SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 1990

The subscriptions for 1990 would remain as for 1989 as follows:-

FULL SUBSCRIPTION	-	£45	
REDUCED SUBSCRIPTION	-	£41	Payable by 1st. March

The adoption of the subscription rates was proposed by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Rogers and carried unanimously.

4. TO ELECT A COMMITTEE

The Chairman announced that it was the custom for the Committee to resign, other than the four Trustees who were permanent members. Mr. Rogers proposed that the present Committee be re-elected, seconded by Mrs. Cassell and approved from the floor.

The Committee and Trustees are as follows, together with their duties:-

P. Aldworth, Claremont, Winkers Close. (Roads, Gates and Signs)	
D. A. Bates, Bochym, Lewis Lane.	(Trustee)
J. S. C. Chandler, Swan Ridge, Lincoln Road. (Trees)	(Trustee)
Mrs. M. E. Clifton, Little Dorners, Chiltern Hill. (Planning)	(Chairman and Trustee)
T. M. Cooper, Timbers, Woodside Hill.	
J. H. Luya, Wellingham, Lincoln Road.	(Trustee)
H. M. McKeeman, Chiltern Cottage, Lincoln Road.	
L. Newton, Tor House, Sandy Rise.	
J. W. Williams, Hartwell, Winkers Close.	(Hon. Treasurer)

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Luya commented that in the past, surfacing of the roads at corners and around islands had been reinforced with $\frac{1}{2}$ " bitumen. This has now broken down and with increased traffic the time has come to reinforce these areas again.

A resident of Chiltern Hill asked if the ramps could be checked for height as some were no longer effective. The Chairman said that they had been built to M.O.T. standard, but would be measured when the roads were inspected.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS Cont'd

Mr. Newton thought that closing the gates once a year helped to discourage non-residents from using the roads.

Mrs. Lafone reported that vehicles of all types were using the Estate roads to reach the industrial estate at the bottom of Chiltern Hill and when asking for directions, produced a map showing the route through the Estate. The Chairman will write to the factory owners asking them to give correct directions to all the firms delivering goods to them.

Mr. Chandler asked residents for their opinions regarding changing the surface of the roads to black bitumen rather than the present surface. Mr. Williams proposed a vote which was unanimous in keeping the present surface.

Mr. Martin asked for the Committee's opinion regarding cable television and what their attitude would be to installation. Cable companies would probably install the cables free, although past experience had shown the reinstatement of roads to be poor. Mr. Luya said the Committee was not a residents association, but the Trustees would oppose the use of the grass verges. Mr. Chandler was of the opinion that a referendum of residents might be necessary. Mr. Williams thought satellite dishes would be a greater problem and a more immediate one, but Mr. Luya did not think the Committee had the power to prevent them.

Mr. Luya asked for a vote of thanks to the Chairman which was enthusiastically carried.

The Chairman asked for a vote of thanks to the Sports Club who always made us very welcome.

The meeting then terminated.