

The Village Newsletter

FOR THE RESIDENTS
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Transfer of the Management of the Estate

The EGM duly took place on the 19th April 2016 and the new Memorandum and Articles for The Village Association Limited were adopted by an overwhelming majority of members. A lively question & answer session followed covering a wide range subjects and thank you to the 40+ residents who attended. An AGM is planned for October on a date to be advised.

Warden Survey

An online survey will be available from the 2nd June via the website for all Village residents to complete to help form a picture of the majority opinion and to assist in deciding how the warden service might operate in the future. The closing date for survey submissions is 30th June and the more feedback we get then so much the better!

Please visit www.thevillageassociation.org to take part in this survey.

Some paper copies of the survey will be distributed to Boundary Point for those residents who don't have an online facility.

YOUR OPINION COUNTS!

Results of Caterham Barracks Charitable Trust Survey

Thanks to everyone who took part in the CBCT survey, 136 surveys were completed and the key points were as follows:

1. 65% or more of people are unhappy with the condition of the cricket green and pavilion, the playground, NAAFI and rifle range and 79% unhappy with the state of the children's playground.
2. 65% agree that the maintenance money should be withheld from CBCT.
3. Most people are happy with how the NAAFI and ARC are used but over 80% are unhappy with the state of the car park.
4. 90% of people want the Japanese Knotweed problem dealt with at the rifle range and 92% want to see cricket matches return to the green.

There were also many other comments about the CBCT and the assets under their control and following the mediation meeting on the 3rd May we now seek a much more positive working relationship in future.

For the full survey report please visit www.thevillageassociation.org

Outcome of Mediation with CBCT

An agreement has been reached between the Village Assoc. and the CBCT to settle the current dispute centred around the poor state of repair of certain CBCT assets around the Village and subsequent maintenance monies being withheld by the VA from CBCT. As a result ownership of the children's playground will pass to the Parish Council as soon as possible and a complete upgrade of the equipment will happen

using the withheld maintenance monies together with a donation from the Parish Council. It is likely a public consultation on the playground scheme will follow and we will keep residents updated via the website in that respect.

The NAAFI building and car park to remain in the control of CBCT and they will continue to be responsible for the maintenance and repair of these assets.

Under the original planning approval for Caterham Village the CBCT would become entitled to the freeholds of certain assets and that process will now commence. Freeholds of the cricket green & pavilion, the ARC, rifle range and playing fields will transfer to CBCT providing the following actions happen:

1. Cricket pavilion fully repaired within 3 months to an agreed specification. Also going forward Under 11 Fun Fairs max 3 times per year unless with VA approval and no organised sporting activities after 9.30pm.
2. Specialist Japanese Knotweed contractor to start a warranted course of spraying to the rifle range.
3. No more loud noise or music at the ARC after 11pm.

We will use best endeavours to play our part to ensure all this happens within the agreed timescale and we look forward to a closer working relationship with CBCT in future for the benefit of all residents.

Website

Don't forget the all new Village website is now available at www.thevillageassociation.org

A site plan, back copies of newsletters, details of VA board members, latest news updates and a link to residents' surveys etc are all available to view.

Future Communication

To sign up for future email communication (Newsletters, Bulletins etc) please register via the Contact page on the website or simply send an email to office@thevillageassociation.org

Some residents have established a Facebook page for more frequent news and contacts. Please search on Facebook for the Village, Caterham-on-the-Hill.

Sports & Social Committee

We are keen to seek volunteers to help form a Sports & Social Committee in order to arrange some social events for the Village. Anyone interested in joining up please email office@thevillageassociation.org
Thanks and look forward to hearing from you.