

UPCOMING AGM

The Village Association (VA) will hold its AGM on WEDNESDAY 7th NOVEMBER at Elizabeth Court Care Home in Grenadier Place, starting at 7pm.

Along with a Q&A session, the topics covered will include the service charge accounts for year ending 31 December 2018 and the proposed service charge budget for 2019 along with a review of the VA activity for the past year and the plans for the year ahead, including updates on parking restrictions, CCTV expansion and the on-going maintenance of The Village. VA Members (property owners) will also have the chance to vote on Resolutions regarding the appointment and re-appointment of Directors.

The votes for the Resolutions during the meeting are only available to VA Members (property owners), however the AGM is a transparent and open meeting for all residents and users of The Village to attend and ask questions. VA Members will shortly be contacted by Hazelvine with the formal notification of the AGM which will include the full agenda, proxy voting details and short biographies of those seeking election and re-election to the VA Board.

The VA welcomes questions in advance as well as at the meeting. If you are going to attend and have a question then please feel free to email it in advance to office@thevillageassociation.org



DRAINAGE

During the summer the VA took the opportunity to identify and clear blocked gullies on land for which the VA is responsible. There were 38 gullies cleared of a wide range of rubbish from cigarette ends to concrete!

Please don't use the gullies for rubbish as it blocks them - which could cause flooding for you or your neighbours.

The VA has reported some gullies to Surrey Highways for clearance.

If you see a blocked gully on adopted roads then please report it to Surrey Highways.

RESIDENTS SURGERIES

On Saturday 15th September, VA Directors held another open 'Residents Surgery' session at the Fleeting Brook.

These sessions are designed as an opportunity for residents to learn more about the priorities and work the VA are involved in, ask questions and discuss any areas of concern they may have.

Topics raised and discussed by residents included:

- Landscaping and areas needing more planting.
- Parking issues, particularly around Stirling Drive & Weston Drive and the Anzio/Adair Gardens and Stirling Drive junctions.
- Level of weeds currently around the development.
- Concern on increase in level of crime around the development, especially around garages being broken into.

There was also interest shown and a useful discussion on introducing Neighbourhood Watch.

Once again, the VA thank the Fleeting Brook for hosting the surgery and we look forward to continuing them in 2019.

VILLAGE ROAD WORKS

The VA met with Surrey Council road maintenance department and they have agreed to repaint all existing yellow lines and road junctions around The Village where faded. It is hoped that this work will be carried out in the Autumn with minimum disruption. In addition 3 applications have been made to Tandridge Council for new sections of double yellow lines at the following locations:

- Opposite junction of Stirling and Weston Drive.
- Corner of Coldstream Road near the Arc entrance.
- Junction of Gowrie Place and Weston Drive.

These applications will be heard in the next few months and, if agreed, will be actioned later in 2019. The objective with this work is to improve safety by reducing dangerous and inappropriate parking.

Many road signs have been renewed around The Village especially at the junction of Guards Avenue and Brigade Place in order to improve safety. New parking restriction signs have been erected in Grenadier and Gowrie Place and subject to planning it is hoped to have a new sign near the entrance to The Village providing directions to the key facilities.



Finally, following last year's AGM it was agreed to progress the implementation of a 20 MPH speed limit around The Village. This is proving a more complex process than expected and in order to gain agreement from Surrey Highways there is a need to carry out average speed checks at various locations.

It is hoped to complete this work and have the application submitted as soon as possible. Watch this space!

GARDENS & TREES

This Autumn Acacia will be improving the gardens at Sergeants Place with some ornamental trees following the loss of the large oak trees.

The spell of hot weather has taken a toll on some of the planting around the village which will result in a busy autumn planting season for Acacia.

The VA is also aware of some issues regarding trees and are arranging a tree survey in order to identify and prioritise any work that needs to be carried out.

THE VILLAGE CODE

The Village Code was established when the development was first built and as our Village evolves it is important to keep the code valid and up to date.

As a result, the VA will undertake an online consultation with members and users of The Village facilities.

A survey will be made available during October which will be emailed to the VA mailing list. It will also be available to complete from the VA website at www.thevillageassociation.org.

Your feedback and input is sought.