

THE VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2019 Village Association (VA) AGM was held on Tuesday 26 November at Elizabeth Court and was well attended by residents from across the development. Jon Forde, as the VA's Chair, chaired the meeting and gave a detailed overview of the activities and the work VA has undertaken during 2019. Areas highlighted included :

- The work of the Wardens with emphasis on the rise in anti-social behaviour seen on the development and what the wardens are doing to counter this. This now includes double manning some shifts and working as part of the Joint Action Group set up by Tandridge District Council.
- The ongoing parking issues, updates on the yellow lines due to be applied by Surrey County Council and the newly installed 20mph signs.
- The challenges faced in getting CBCT to engage and to uphold their responsibilities to residents and businesses within The Village.
- The maintenance work managed by the VA to ensure the long-term upkeep of the site. A full review of the areas the VA is responsible for has been undertaken to identify the repair and preventative maintenance required over the next 10 years. This project enables better forward planning and more accurate budgeting.

Key focus areas for the VA in 2020 include:

- Wardens - supporting their ongoing work and addressing issues faced
- Maintenance - ensuring the long term upkeep, repair plans and budgets
- Parking - reviewing of the enforcement options
- Bins - addressing the increasing number of 'abandoned' wheelie bins and replacing public bins
- Engagement - improving the engagement with local organisations for the benefit of members
- CBCT - holding them to account for the responsibilities on their assets and to members.

The service charge accounts for 2018 and the budget for 2020 were presented by Simon Nunn, Business Director of the VA, and questions were taken from the floor on the planned expenditure next year.

Andrew Buchan of Adair Gardens was voted back as a VA Director for a further 3 years by all members present and with the proxy votes received by Hazelvine in advance.

Finally, the Board was thanked for their commitment and time given to the work of VA before the meeting was opened up to questions from all present. These questions were once again wide ranging and included parking issues, Tesco's, CCTV expansion, street lighting concerns and road access.

ESTATE BOUNDARY WALL

Residents may have seen Ade Tullet of Goldstar Brickwork working on sections of the estate boundary wall from Tesco towards Green Lane at the back of the estate.

The sections are the responsibility of the VA and the work took place over several weeks from late September through to the end of October.

Significant amounts of vegetation growing in the wall have been removed and the damage has been repaired including re-pointing, re-rendering and repainting where necessary. This work has been signed off now and these sections of the boundary wall have a new lease of life. There are significant sections of the boundary wall that are in private ownership and remain the responsibility of those private owners.

This was a substantial maintenance project, but the good news was that the work was completed within the planned budget resulting in a significant saving for residents.

BUS SHELTERS

As discussed at the recent AGM, some residents, regular users of the bus service to and from The Village, had drawn attention to the poor state of both bus shelters, one located in Guards Avenue opposite Tesco and the other outside the Village Health Club.

As well as dirt and minor graffiti, both shelters had missing end panels that allowed wind and rain to sweep through. Being unable to identify specific responsibility for their upkeep, the VA decided it wanted to fix the missing panels and clean up the shelters. Happily, the recently completed boundary wall work came in significantly under budget and the VA decided to apply some of these savings to fix the shelters.

By the time you read this the end panels should be installed thus making the shelters effective for residents and other users waiting for a bus.

CHRISTMAS TREES

Once the festivities are over it will be time to dispose of your real Christmas Tree, if you have one. There are a number of ways to responsibly dispose of your tree.

Take it to the Caterham Community Recycling Centre in Chaldon Road, open daily except Thursdays. It will be closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Day.

You can put it in your Garden Waste Bin, if you have one although it may need to be cut to fit in the bin.

If you have a very small tree you can cut it up and put it in your food waste bin.

Alternatively, old trees can be collected by Lanacre Tree Care early on 4th January in return for a donation of at least £10 per tree to Naomi House and Jacksplace, hospices for children and young adults. You need to donate via www.naomihouse.org.uk and then email a copy of your donation receipt to simon@lanacre.co.uk by 3rd January so that they can give you details of their collection arrangements.

Acacia will not be taking away any old Christmas Trees so please use one of these options to dispose of your tree responsibly and considerately.

COMMUNICATIONS

Please do subscribe to our electronic mailing list at www.thevillageassociation.org. This means you will receive future newsletters and other updates from The Village Association electronically.

You can also download a PDF of The Village 'Welcome Pack' which gives an overview of the different organisations and service providers involved in the running of The Village, along with useful contact numbers and email addresses.

This 'Welcome pack' has also been supplied to local estate agents and conveyancing solicitors to help with their understanding and presentation of The Village.

We believe this is a useful brochure, even for those of us who have lived in The Village since the beginning.

A decorative gold-colored cursive script that reads "Merry Christmas". The letters are elegant and flowing, with long, sweeping tails and loops. The text is centered on the page.

The VA would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe, healthy and happy holiday season. We have greatly appreciated the support that you have given us during this year.

For 2020 we have many more items on our agenda and we will continue to work with you to support and enhance our special neighbourhood.