

HOLLY LODGE ESTATE PLOT-OWNERS' ½YEARLY GENERAL MEETING 2020

Chair's Report

When the AGM was deferred in April we had expected we would be holding a General Meeting in November, unfortunately this is still not possible due to the continued impact of Covid-19.

The business of the November meeting is

- a) Receive the report of the Committee's activities
- b) Approve minutes of previous meetings (November 2019)¹
- c) Approve the budget for the following financial year¹
- d) Discuss & determine any issues put to the assembly by the committee

Notes

- 1) These are available at www.hle.org.uk

Committee Activities

Election & Officers

All 8 committee members, including the 3 Trustees resigned prior to the AGM, with no new applicants they were re-elected and at the May Committee meeting positions were allocated as follows

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| Ronnie Day, Secretary | Rosie Durrant |
| Peter Jacobs | Martin Narraway, Chair & Trustee |
| Pippa Rothenberg | Rob Schoenbeck, Vice Chair & Trustee |
| Justyn Trenner, Treasurer & Trustee | Li Weinreich |

In September Ian Whittaker accepted an invitation to join the Committee bringing the number to 9.

Parking & Security

During Lockdown 1 the Parking Attendant, Joynal, who was then working 3 nights/week was furloughed by MET, he resumed 6 night working on 15-Jun.

The biggest source of complaints from residents is anti-social behaviour, especially in the evenings at the top of the estate. The Committee is currently looking whether alternative methods of controlling parking are available to help reduce the ASB

Following a recent mugging on the estate in the early evening it was requested that the Committee hold a referendum on employing a security guard. In normal years this would be discussed at a General Meeting, which cannot be held because of Covid-19. Under the current circumstances, the Committee has identified a way to gather input from all members of the estate by using SurveyMonkey and will consider further measures if appropriate based on the feedback we receive. The questionnaire will be issued 20-Nov.

Electric Vehicle Chargers

Three charge points in Makepeace Avenue (West, near Hillway) were commissioned 23-Oct and are now available for residents to use. The 'back office' is managed by GeniePoint, contact Barbara or ev@hle.org.uk for details. Using your GeniePoint account your visitors can also charge their cars. As of 7-Nov, 8 residents had joined the scheme and over 9 sessions 202 kWh drawn.

Governance

The current Rules & Regulations which are published on the HLE website were approved at the ½ Yearly meeting on 20-Nov-19 with further amendments requested at the meeting to be proposed at the next GM. These amendments were mainly clarifications, additionally there are two options for the rotation of Committee members, all of whom now get elected for 3 year terms, the two options are should one Trustee retire each year or the three Trustees every third year, the main benefit of the latter being cost as legal fees are incurred when Trustees change. Although the final tidying of the new Rules & Regulations is being deferred until a General Meeting can be called the modified rules are posted on the website under committee/rules & Regulations tab and any comments should be sent to chair@hle.org.uk

Estate improvements

During the summer flowerbeds in the gardens by Tesco, the ornamental garden and the park were replanted and we look forward to seeing the results of all the planning and hard work next spring.

Self-closing cycle gates were fitted at both ends of Langbourne Avenue to make it easier for cyclists to stay on the roads rather than use the footpaths. The need to keep the pedestrian gates open because of Covid-19 hindered directing cyclists to these gates so the gates are currently being left open to help direct cyclists.

Finances

The budget for year commencing 01-Dec-20 can be found on the HLE website, or by requesting a hard copy from Barbara. The proposed contribution to the Estate Maintenance Fund remains at £630/plot. Please forward any questions on the budget by 20-Nov to manager@hle.org.uk

Also, please vote on the proposed budget, details available in the November newsletter, also available at www.hle.org.uk, votes need to be cast by 20-Nov.

Thanks

Gerry, Dean, Sean & Dean continued working throughout Lockdown maintaining the estate, the verges, flower beds, housekeeping, footpaths, etc. Barbara also continued working, mainly from home but visiting as and when required. Debbie, our bookkeeper, has also continued with the implementation of Xero accounting. Our thanks go to all of them for their dedication during these unusual times.