

Minutes of Heatherside Ward Residents Association AGM (16th October 2017 7.30p.m. Pine Ridge)

Present

Committee members - Kirsty North, Caroline Hibberd, Katherine Sargent, Rev. Larry Bain
Heatherside, Parkside and Wellington Park County Councillor and Parkside Ward Borough
Councillor – Edward Hawkins

Frimley Green and Mytchett County Councillor and Mytchett and Deepcut Ward Borough
Councillor - Paul Deach

Heatherside Tree Warden - Phil Green

Approximately 30 local residents

Apologies received from Peter Ludlow (Tree Subcommittee) and Heatherside Ward Borough
Councillors

Agenda Items

1) Welcome and Introductions

Kirsty welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending. She introduced the committee members, Edward Hawkins our County Councillor and Paul Deach who represents Deepcut ward adjoining Heatherside. Kirsty also thanked the committee for their help and support this year.

2) Chair's Annual Report

Kirsty gave an update on all the events and activities the Association has been involved with in the past year. Highlights included the regular meetings where residents can raise concerns about issues affecting them and particularly the Christmas festivities, quiz night and table top sale which were very popular. For the full list please see the report at Appendix A.

3) Treasurer's Report

Caroline gave an update on the accounts for 2016/17 and circulated a copy of the Treasurer's report (see Appendix B). HWRA have held a number of fundraising events this year which raised the following amounts.

- Pop Up Coffee Shop - £75
- Table Top Sale - £125

- Quiz Night - £143

We also received a £500 grant as part of the previous County Councillor, David Ivison's County Council Allocation. This was to be spent on lights, decorations and other items needed for the Christmas festivities. Some of this money was not spent last Christmas but has been allocated for new decorations to be purchased shortly.

This gives us a balance going forward of £1,131 which we can spend on the costs of hosting community events (hire of halls etc.). There may also be community funding which we could apply for where we need to match funds. The association also needs to consider the purchase of public liability insurance to cover us for the events we wish to hold.

The accounts were accepted as valid by the assembled group and were signed off by the committee.

4) Election of a Committee

Kirsty explained that at the AGM we needed to elect/re-elect the residents who make up the HWRA committee. No nominations had been received for any of the 4 posts. All the present committee were happy to stand again and were duly elected as follows:

Chair - Kirsty North - Proposed by Caroline Hibberd, Seconded by Andy Ward

Vice Chair - Larry Bain - Proposed by Kirsty North, Seconded by Andy Ward

Treasurer - Caroline Hibberd - Proposed by Kirsty North, Seconded by Andy Ward

Secretary - Katherine Sargent - Proposed by Kirsty North, Seconded by Andy Ward

5) Planned HWRA and Heatherside events

Kirsty told the residents that HWRA were once again planning to hold Christmas events including a tree in the Heather Ridge Arcade and a light switch on/carol event. The date is yet to be confirmed but is likely to be the 25th Nov or the 2nd December. As in previous years this will be in conjunction with Heatherside Church. If anyone knows of any musical groups or organisations who would like to be involved with our Christmas events please let us know. We will also be looking for suggestions for a community figure to switch on the lights - please get in touch with us if you would like to nominate someone.

The possibility of holding another quiz night was suggested. The previous one was well attended and seemed to be enjoyed by those who came. We may think about this after Christmas. We would also consider holding another table top sale if there is enough interest.

Kirsty asked whether anyone had any other suggestions for events HWRA could host. She

explained that although there had been several requests previously for us to host a car boot sale we had thus far been unable to identify a suitable venue. Andy Ward asked whether we might approach Heather Ridge School to hold it there. Larry agreed to contact the head teacher and see if this might be possible and also whether this could be a joint fundraising event with the school.

HWRA are always interested to hear ideas from residents for community events we can host, possible fundraising opportunities or any endeavours we could support. Please contact us at heathersidewra@gmail.com if you have any proposals you would like us to consider.

6) Report from the Surrey Heath Local Area Committee Meeting

Katherine gave an update on the recent Surrey Heath Local Area Committee meeting she and Larry had attended. This was a meeting between local borough and county councillors and officers from Surrey County Council (SCC). There was also a representative from the Surrey Fire and Rescue Service.

The meeting started with questions from the audience but not all were relevant to Heatherside.

Graham Tapper asked why there had been a delay in line marking areas where new parking restrictions had been agreed - He was told the parking team would be asked and would get back to him however so far he hasn't heard anything from them.

Governors from Ravenscote School raised the issue of safe crossings around the school. (Katherine didn't cover this in detail as it was on the agenda later in the HWRA meeting.)

There was an update on the road situation in Surrey. There is £90 million to spend on Surrey roads but only £0.5 million allocated to Surrey Heath! Spending is apparently prioritised by need rather than by giving an equal amount to each area. Surrey County Council (SCC) are campaigning with MP's to change the way money is centrally allocated by the government as at present the money SCC receives does not reflect the intensity of use and degree of wear to the roads. Residents are asked to write to their MP (Michael Gove) to ask him to support this campaign.

The issue of unenforced parking on pavements and antisocial parking was raised. People appear to be parking wherever they like as no one bothers to enforce bad parking. This means they don't fear a fine or ticket as they know no one bothers to police it. The committee members are looking into issue of antisocial parking at their next meeting in November.

The Surrey Fire and Rescue Service gave an update. They are currently exceeding their target on

home fire safety advice visits which are mainly to vulnerable people. However, there are still lots of accidental dwelling fires in homes with no smoke alarm fitted. Injury rates are much lower in houses where they are fitted.

The Fire Service are tackling issue of undergrowth fires with new patrols on bike and use of new mapping software. These types of fires seem to make up a large percentage of the deliberate fires in Surrey Heath.

The target average response time for call outs is presently within 10 mins for 80% of call outs but in Surrey Heath the average is presently 8min 10 secs. This is a great response rate.

Paul Deach had attended the meeting in his position as a borough and county councillor. He updated the audience with information relating to the proposed Frimley Green traffic lights which had been discussed at the meeting. He explained that there was a campaign by Frimley Green residents against the planned lights. The lights are intended as a measure to cope with increased traffic from the planned 1235 houses in Deepcut. SCC have carried out three traffic impact assessments and while they have agreed to once again look at the proposed scheme he suspects the lights will be implemented This is because they formed part of the planning permission for the development. He also explained that he had voted against the development as he felt the road and other infrastructure could not cope. The single carriageway bridge over the canal and railway line were mentioned as an additional weak spot in the current road network.

Edward Hawkins also spoke up at this point as he chairs the Surrey Heath Borough Council (SHBC) Planning Committee. He said he had voted for the development due to the pressure the council are under to ensure enough new housing is being built in the borough. We need to be building 350 new properties a year in the borough and we are not achieving this target. He said that the council do not currently have a sufficient planned 5 year housing supply and as a consequence developments which they have been turning down are being allowed on appeal by the Planning Inspectorate. This has resulted in applications on what SHBC to be consider bad or inappropriate sites to be allowed. He felt that even if they rejected the Deepcut development it would be allowed on appeal. By agreeing to it it gives SHBC more control over the plans.

The issue of school places was brought up. The councillors clarified that there will be a new primary school on the Deepcut site. There are also plenty of secondary school places however the school locations mean more students may have to travel further to get to school.

7) Road and Pavement Issues

Ravenscote School

Claire Funnell addressed the meeting. She is a community governor at Ravenscote School and along with the other governors they have been campaigning for the installation of safe crossing points on the roads around Ravenscote. At present there is no crossing patrol person on the Upper Chobham Road and every day there have been near misses while parents are trying to get their children safely across. Investigations with SCC have shown that the last safety audit was carried out here in Dec 2014 but the number of school pupils has increased since then. In addition a change in school finish times at Tomlinscote has made the roads even more busy around the Ravenscote finishing time than they were before the summer break.

Various solutions have been suggested however the cost of funding a crossing is so far not being met by SCC (potentially between £40K and £75K). However, they have been asked to carry out an updated road safety audit. Edward Hawkins mentioned that he has been meeting with Mr Harris (school headteacher) to discuss the problems and solutions. He highlighted that The Grove School is also desperately in need of a crossing on the Portsmouth Road and they have also been campaigning unsuccessfully for funding for some years. He said that he has seen some possible cheaper solutions but that so far SCC do not appear to be keen on the cheaper scheme. He encourages residents to write to Michael Gove to ask for his support in securing funding for crossings.

Concern was raised about the existing crossings outside Tomlinscote. The double zebra crossings cause a real bottleneck and worry was expressed by a number of residents that a similar type of crossing outside Ravenscote would actually make the traffic congestion in this area worse. The councillors were also asked whether there was any possibility of Frimley Fuel Allotments land being made available to provide a drop off parking area secured with a barrier which could be closed outside of school hours. This is something that would need to be investigated with the Fuel Allotment Trustees of whom Paul Ilnicki is one.

Overgrown Vegetation

HWRA have received emails from residents asking if they could investigate why SCC are not more proactive in contacting residents who allow vegetation to grow over footpaths and alleyways. Edward Hawkins explained that there simply isn't the budget for someone to go around noting overgrown areas and contacting residents. Kirsty and others agreed that normally when an issue is reported to SCC they are pretty quick to come out and investigate it and in most cases the problems are resolved. Katherine asked what SCC would do in a situation where they had asked a resident to deal with overgrown vegetation but the resident did not

comply? The solution to this wasn't clear but it is possible that eventually the Highways team would cut it back and then attempt to bill the residents for the cost. Kirsty encouraged residents to keep reporting issues wherever they find them and Edward asked that he be copied in on emails so he could keep track of progress. His email address is edward.hawkins@surreycc.gov.uk

8) Cheylesmore Park Play Area Refurbishment Update

HWRA have been working with SHBC to ensure residents were properly consulted on the play equipment to be installed in the Cheylesmore Park play area. Based on the results of a public questionnaire earlier this year SHBC approached a number of suppliers to submit planned layouts. HWRA liaised with SHBC to assist with arranging and publicising two consultation events where residents were able to look at plans from the various suppliers and give feedback.

Consequently a decision has been made and the new park looks like it will be very exciting! The new play equipment will be sited on the existing playground site with an extra area for the zipwire. There is more information on what equipment the play area will include on the SHBC website here <http://www.surreyheath.gov.uk/news/heatherside-playground-be-transformed>.

Cheylesmore Park Bollards

At previous HWRA meetings we had been informed by representatives of SHBC that the plan for Cheylesmore Park also included the installation of bollards and that these had already been budgeted for (minutes of that meeting [here](#)). However we have since been informed that this is not the case and that apparently we had misunderstood this. We also received a copy of an email sent by the our borough councillors to SHBC saying they felt there was no need to install bollards here and that they didn't believe there was a desire on the part of local residents for them. HWRA are somewhat confused by this as on more than one occasion Cheylesmore residents have raised the lack of protection from vehicle incursions here at our meetings. In the past when travellers have been on Heatherside recreation ground Cheylesmore residents have used their own vehicles to block the access to the park.

Katherine read out the various emails HWRA have received from the councillors and representatives of SHBC around this issue. A number of residents expressed annoyance that the councillors seemed to be out of touch with the wishes of local people and that their email to SHBC was the exact opposite of what residents had asked for and what we had been told would be happening. Kelly Jarman said that only this week she had seen a car on the park racing around leaving deep ruts in the grass and Katherine has also seen vehicles here driving inappropriately.

The HWRA committee asked the assembled residents whether this was an issue on which they

would like us to campaign further. The possibility of approaching those who live near the park to get their involvement was discussed. If you live in Cheylesmore Park and have any comments regarding this issue or if you would like us to make further representations to SHBC on your behalf please do contact us at heathersidewra@gmail.com.

Unfortunately none of the borough councillors were present to provide any further information or clarification around the bollard situation.

9) Heatherside Signage and Pillar

Following up on two actions raised at the last HWRA meeting Len Williams reported as follows:

Heatherside Signage

Following the previous rejection for Heatherside to display 'direction' and 'welcome' signage by SCC because Heatherside is a suburb of Camberley, which precludes the use of suburb identification, a representation was made requesting that the 'Berkshire' solution be considered. This utilises the parent town name in a large font, e.g. CAMBERLEY, with the suburb's name in a smaller font, e.g. HEATHERSIDE. An example of this may be seen at the entrance to College Town at the M&S roundabout.

This was rejected as it would establish a precedent that SCC would not countenance. A copy of the rejection letter from the Leader of the Council, David Hodge CBE, comprises Appendix C to these minutes.

Community Pillar

The erection of a Community Pillar similar to those erected at Frimley Green, Chobham, Mytchett, Normandy and Deepcut for installation at the junction of Martindale Avenue and Cumberland Road, (adjacent to the WI centenary tree), was investigated.

Permission to erect the Pillar

A request has been submitted to SHBC and the reply is awaited. Informal contact has been made which has received a positive response indicating the process will require the submission of a planning application and details of the Deepcut Pillar application were provided for review. There is no 'tick box' requiring SCC approval. The proposed location is on SHBC administered land and as it will be next to the WI tree, whose location has passed previous review, the prospects are therefore favourable.

Cost of the Pillar

The primary costs will be the purchase of the finial, the lighting column and the installation. The Operations Lead for the Mindenhurst Project, Sean Murphy, was contacted and following a review of a similar pillar's cost SKANSKA has agreed to fund the purchase and installation. An email from Mr Murphy confirming this may be found in Appendix D. This news was warmly received by those present at the meeting and Len received a round of applause for his efforts.

There will be additional costs, e.g. planning application submission, which will have to be covered. A budget of £450 - £500 should cover these costs. The HWRA has agreed to hold the funds on behalf of the project, which must be self funding.

Community Support

Clearly there must be support from the community for the project. Using the Heatherside forum Graham Tapper has agreed to allow it to be used to canvas the community for the support. HWRA are also happy to publicise this on their website and Facebook page.

Agreement to support the project must be accompanied by a pledge of £5. For the project to be deemed viable a minimum of 90 people must pledge their support to cover the minimum budget of £450. Should the support greatly exceed the minimum number then the value of the pledge may be reduced. Any monies left at the end of the project will be transferred to the HWRA general funds. A donation of £10 towards this scheme was immediately made by Larry.

Design of the Pillar

The pillar will comprise an ornamental finial on top of a 3, or 4, metre lighting column. Note it will not be illuminated. The design of the finial will not be initiated until community support proven and the funds established. As the finial has to represent its location a current suggestion is that it is based on the idea behind the design of the Heatherside panel on the SHBC mosaic, which comprises a redwood tree, flowers and the sun.

10) Councillor Updates

A) County Councillor

Edward Hawkins gave an extensive update on the latest issues affecting SCC and parts of SHBC.

Parking

Parking enforcement has been tightened around Frimley Park Hospital and this has improved the situation with bad parking.

SCC Budget

The budget for Surrey CC for this year is circa £1.6 bn. 70% of this budget is spent on Adult and Children's social care. These services are facing rising demand with the increase in children's services alone adding a further £6.8m to the budget. Surrey has the largest number of people with severe learning difficulties in the UK. The number has risen by 30% over the past 5 years. Government funding for the work carried out has a £32m shortfall which is projected to be £46m in 2 years' time. There is a £16m shortfall rising to £28m next year in Special Educational Needs as a result of increasing demand and changes in legislation. 1 in 5 people in the County will be aged 65 or over by 2020. That is an extra 20,000 people. The potential cost of care will be a further £20m per year.

The remaining 30% of the budget is to deliver every other service the County provides for the 1.1m residents and business in Surrey. This year £107m is to be cut from the budget. Of this some £15m is considered unachievable.

Surrey makes a net contribution to the exchequer of £11.2bn each year. The County senior team has regular meetings with Government – not to plead a special case but to seek proper funding for the statutory work that Surrey undertakes in Adult and Children's social care. If Surrey was not there the Government would have to take over.

Edward asked residents to write to Michael Gove to ask him to support the campaign for Fairer Funding for Surrey. At present the grant SCC receives from the government is not a fair share of the amount Surrey residents pay in. The funding grants are currently skewed so that local authorities in the north receive a far greater chunk of the money. However the situation is now becoming desperate as the cost of the services SCC provide outstrips the budget and they are being asked to make additional savings.

Contact details for Michael Gove are available at <https://www.michaelgove.com/contact> or he can be contacted by phone at 0207 219 3000, by writing to him at House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA or by email at michael.gove.mp@parliament.uk.

Investment Income

The County has investments in Commercial property in various locations throughout the country. For the current year these will produce a net income of £3.5m rising next year to a projected £4.5m. This is much needed, and on-going, income to support services.

Business Rates

The Government recently announced that it would seek from local authorities in England to

pilot 100% business rates retention in 2018 to 2019 and new pooling and tier-split models thereafter. The County and local authorities are working together to make a submission by the end of next month. If we are successful, this will bring benefits at all levels.

Road Repairs

The Revenue Budget for Surrey Heath for the current year is £41k reduced from £181k for last year. The Capital Budget is now £36k, a reduction of £232k. Developer contributions stand at £433k.

Edward met with the County Officers last week to review how they can deal with work on the roads/pavements/ Foliage in Heatherside, Parkside and Wellington Park in the light of the limited available budget, and at the same time go through a long list of possible schemes. Please continue to report problem areas and at the same time e-mail Edward that he can follow these complaints up.

The state of the Maultway has not gone unnoticed. SCC are investigating whether there is a Section 278 Agreement which would enable them to get a possible funding contribution from Skanska.

Road Changes

The Meadows roundabout works following the completion of the consultation phase are likely to start in the summer of 2018.

Hospital Roundabout. None of the Parkside councillors were aware of planned roadworks here during the week commencing 16th October. even though the hospital is at the edge of the ward. They were successful in changing the timing of the works to one night (16th) rather than daytime over three days.

Trees

This relates to previous concerns raised about the lack of maintenance of trees on Bovis land. Unfortunately Jon Wheeler, the land director who was overseeing this on Bovis' behalf has now left the company and SCC/SHBC have yet to be informed who is picking up this project. Paul Watts and Steve Harris met with Jago Keen (Bovis tree consultant) a few weeks ago. Paul has sent Jago further plans.

Hedges

Over the next few months Glendale will be cutting hedges which are beyond a reasonable height down to 6-8ft and then further reducing the heights next year.

Camberley

This year the ice rink is planned to be placed in one of the service yards to the rear of shops in Camberley town centre though this isn't yet signed off.

A Planning Application is scheduled to be considered next month for the development of Ashwood House – two floors of flats on top of the existing floors which will be converted to residential.

Refuse

The decision not to close Swift Lane recycling centre in Bagshot has been taken. Wilton Road in Camberley will be closed on Tuesday whilst Swift Lane will be closed on Wednesday / Thursday and Friday. As far as Edward is aware there will be a restriction on Surrey residents only.

When CRCs are open, visitor hours will be 8am - 4pm on weekdays and 9am - 4pm on weekends.

Deepcut

Edward has attended two design meetings with the developer team and SHBC planners. An application should be in this year, possibly considered by the end of the year with start on site about Easter next year.

Councillor Funds

Edward has a total of £6,000 this year and needs to get bids in before the end of the year. There is a strict criterion but if anybody is aware of a cause that needs some funding please email him.

B) Borough Councillors

None of the borough councillors were at the meeting. We received an email an hour before the meeting to say that they were not able to attend and attaching a newsletter produced by Heatherside Conservatives. Katherine read out some parts of the newsletter on issues that had not already been covered earlier in the meeting.

These included the news that SHBC are continuing the work on the Wellingtonia Avenue, cutting back invasive weeds and planting replacements for the missing trees. The councillors are also involved in discussions on local rail and bus services.

The new Public Spaces Protection Orders covering areas of Heatherside have now come into force and the new ward boundaries have been agreed which will see Heatherside gain some areas of Parkside at the next election.

There was strong discontent amongst the audience that once again there were no representatives from the borough councillors. Members of the audience thanked Edward Hawkins and Paul Deach for coming as they felt the information they were providing was “far superior to anything normally forthcoming from our own borough councillors”.

It was proposed by a number of people that HWRA should write to SHBC and the local Conservatives Association expressing our dissatisfaction with the way we feel we are currently being represented by the elected ward councillors. Some members of the audience felt they should no longer be invited to the HWRA meetings.

11) Community Safety Update

Unfortunately the neighbourhood policing team were unable to attend the meeting this time. However, contact details for Vince and Sian can be found on our website at <http://heathersidewra.weebly.com/contacts.html>

Larry reported that an incident involving a flasher had occurred outside the Dawsmere Flats. Unfortunately posts on local Facebook Groups had tagged residents living in the flats which some people felt was unwise on a public group.

Larry also explained that he had seen a suspicious looking slow moving vehicle hanging around the recreation ground recently but when he had reported it it had turned out to be an undercover police vehicle!

11) Date of the next meeting

The next meeting is planned for the end of January, either the 22nd or the 29th. We will publicise this once it is decided.

12) AOB

Halloween Howler

Nicky Sherlow from SHBC contacted us to let us know that Maynes Leisure will be hiring Heatherside Recreation Ground for their annual Halloween funfair and fireworks. They are

planning on opening Saturday 28th, Sunday 29th and Tuesday 31^s October. They will be staying closed on Monday 30th October. The fireworks will take place on Tuesday 31st October at 7.45. They will be arriving on site to set up on Tuesday 24th and leaving site on Wednesday 1st November.

Audience members asked if we could find out what times the fair vehicles would be likely to arrive and leave to site. It would be best if possible if they could avoid the busy times around the green. HWRA have emailed Nicky to ask for clarification on this but unfortunately SHBC do not know any specific times.

Dog Poo

Residents asked whether anything could be done about this increasing amounts of dog poo being left on pavements. The alleyway next to Heather Ridge is particularly bad at the moment. Residents are advised to report this to Environmental Services at SHBC either online at <http://www.surreyheath.gov.uk/address-finder?nid=4254> or by phone on 01276 707100.

Appendix A - Chair's Annual Report

These are the activities which HWRA has been engaged in during 2016/17.

- 4 meetings to which all Heatherside residents are invited
- Communications with local elected representatives from Heatherside and other wards
- Pop-Up Community Coffee morning to raise funds for the association
- Provision of a Christmas tree, lights and related festivities including carol concerts
- The Cheylesmore Park play area refurbishment consultation, sharing information with residents and encouraging input through questionnaires and other events
- Gathering feedback on the Halloween Howler
- Paul Watts and Steve Harris from SHBC joined us at our meeting to discuss tree and TPO issues
- Reporting overgrown vegetation and blocked pathways to SCC and questioning SCC representatives about the state of local roads and planned repairs
- Table top sale to raise funds for community activities
- We held a hustings event for all the candidates standing in the County Council elections in May
- Members of the committee have attended meetings as HWRA representatives and met with SHBC officers to discuss planned projects
- Encouraging feedback from residents on recycling centre and PSPO consultations
- Quiz night to raise fund to enable us to hold and support community events.

Appendix B - Treasurer's Annual Report

HEATHERSIDE WARD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017

	YEAR 2017 £	PERIOD 2016 £
Income		
Donations	0	201
Surrey County Council Member's Allocation	500	500
Pop-up Coffee Shop	75	0
Table Top Sale	125	0
Quiz Night	143	0
Total Income	<u>843</u>	<u>701</u>
Expenditure		
Christmas Tree and Lights	179	234
Total Expenditure	<u>179</u>	<u>234</u>
Excess Income over Expenditure	<u>664</u>	<u>467</u>
Funds Brought Forward	467	0
Funds Carried Forward	<u>1,131</u>	<u>467</u>
Represented by:		
Bank account	1,131	466
Cash on hand	0	1
	<u>1,131</u>	<u>467</u>

Declaration

The Committee declare that they have approved the Income and Expenditure Account above Signed on behalf of the Association's Committee:

Signature:	K North	C Hibberd
Full name:	Mrs Kirsty North	Mrs Caroline Hibberd
Position:	Chair	Treasurer
Date:	16-Oct-17	

Appendix C - Letter from David Hodge (SCC) regarding Heatherside Signage

Dear Mr Williams,

Thank you for your further e-mail about the possibility of having boundary signs installed for the Heatherside suburb of Camberley.

Whilst I note you make reference to examples of signing in areas covered by another authority, I can only comment in respect of Surrey County Council's policy. This, as I outlined in my previous message, states that boundary signs will only be allowed at the following:

- The County Boundary
- District or Borough council Boundaries
- The Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Boundary
- Village or town boundaries

As you highlight, the nature of the policy means that small villages may have boundary signs whilst an area such as Heatherside does not qualify for signing despite a greater population and range of facilities. However, as explained previously, the distinction is that Heatherside is a suburb of Camberley rather than a village or town in its own right.

I note the alternative boundary sign you have suggested to reflect Heatherside's status as a suburb of Camberley. However, the larger towns in Surrey often have numerous suburbs so allowing boundary signs to be erected at the points of entry (of which there are often many) to each suburb would potentially result in a significant number of new signs being erected. As such, there are currently no proposals to amend the existing policy to extend the eligibility for boundary signing to include suburbs of towns.

I understand that you will find my above comments disappointing. However, I hope they help explain why there are currently no proposals to amend the existing policy and you can appreciate the need for this existing policy to be applied in a consistent manner.

Yours sincerely,

David Hodge CBE

Leader of the Council

Surrey County Council

david.hodge@surreycc.gov.uk

Appendix D - Letter from Skanska

Mr Williams

Further to our meeting at our site offices we can confirm that Skanska would be happy to provide assistance in procurement and installation of the 'village column' for Heatherside (subject to reasonable cost).

Please keep in touch as your planning application progresses and when you have finalised the design of the village plaque.

Regards

Sean Murphy

Operations Lead

Mindenhurst | Deepcut - www.mindenhurst.co.uk

Skanska UK Plc

From: Len Williams

Subject: Heatherside Street Furniture Sponsorship

Dear Mr Murphy

Following our discussion in your office this morning regarding the sponsorship by SKANSKA for a village column in Heatherside I would like to thank you for your positive response. I explained that the original scheme we discussed several months ago relating to road signs for Heatherside has been vetoed by Surrey County Council on the grounds that Heatherside is a suburb of Camberley and is not allowed welcoming, or road safety, signs incorporating the word Heatherside. At the last Residents Association meeting I was tasked with investigating the erection of a village column similar to those erected in Deepcut, Frimley Green and Mytchett, at the junction of Cumberland Road and Martindale Avenue. This would come under the jurisdiction of Surrey Heath Borough Council who are more partial to this project and have provided me with the details of the planning application for the Deepcut column which I can use as a template for our project application.

My visit was to see if SKANSKA are still prepared to be involved with the project regarding

funding and erection. Your positive response following our discussion based on the order of cost quotes for the lighting column and decorative finial I provided was appreciated, and I will report this to the next meeting of the Residents Association in October.

I take your point about determining who has final ownership and responsibility for the care and maintenance of the column.

I would appreciate your confirmation that SKANSKA is prepared to be involved with the project.

Yours Faithfully

A. L. Williams