

Winter
Newsletter
January 2014



With all building now complete, WGRA would like to say a warm welcome to any issues new residents. This is just a brief newsletter to keep you updated with recent developments on the estate.

AGM

This years AGM will be held at 8pm on Tuesday 11th February at Bretton Village Hall – the bar will be open!

WGRA NEED YOU

In order for WGRA to continue to be able to start to organise more social events manage facebook etc, we are in need of more committee members. Our treasurer, secretary and chair positions will be vacant at this year's AGM. These positions have become vacant due to personal and family commitments which must currently be their focus. We have a working party to deal with Bovis, RMG and Hastoe and another working on the community facility, so in reality this is much more a social committee! PLEASE LET US KNOW by email or personal message facebook if you are interested in one of these positions. If more than one person is interested an election will be held. Please let us know by WEDNESDAY 29th JANUARY if are putting yourself forward for any of these position.

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

Thank you to all those of you who have been in contact or attended meetings this year. Next year we will be increasing the precept as over the last 7 years the number of parishioners has doubled yet the precept has continued to drop. We will not be able to sustain the winter gritting programme and the support of local events if this is not done. *Carol, Jim, Mark and Charlotte*

COMMUNITY FACILITY A small group of residents are working on a proposal to purchase the land on the right hand side as you leave the estate heading towards Darton – unfortunately the cost of land purchase a build is too high. This land currently has permission for a shop and two business units. The land agent has now started to draw up plans to incorporate the community facility into the business units, which would be built at cost for us. We have secured £50,000 of funding so far. On Thursday 16th January this committee met the Trustees of Woolley Colliery Steering group and despite their best efforts the remaining £45,000 of monies was allocated to other causes including a

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large chunk to refurbish the cricket club. We will continue with our efforts to secure the money to build this facility and get the land agent to arrange a meeting to share his preliminary ideas once the plans are drawn up. Watch this space for social/fund raising events in support of this project.

PLANNING PROPOSALS currently with WMDC that have an impact to the wider community include a possible Solar Farm and a 77m wind turbine at HawTop (fields opposite junction on Woolley Edge Road). See WMDC Planning portal for more information if you are interested in reading the proposals.

SPOIL TIP the farmer is allowed to import soil, however there should not be import of green waste going on. The road should be cleaned if made muddy and the hours of delivery of soil should be made at a reasonable hour. The entrance road to the spoil tip is currently being narrowed in accordance with the planning regulations.

DOG FOULING there has been a number of complaints to WGRA about the amount of dog fouling on the public footpaths / gardens and open spaces on the estate. If you are aware of who the culprits are please contact us and we will pass the info to our contact at WMDC who is prepared to fine/prosecute as necessary.

SPEEDING please watch your speed as you come down the hill and through the estate. The police will be using some of their SAFEScheme time to check people are keeping to the speed limit.

PARKING please be considerate of your neighbours. Can they get out of

their drive? Can they walk past your car safely (not have to circumnavigate it via the road). Please remember all homes should follow the lease agreement which states that caravans and work vehicles may not be parked on the estate overnight.

HAIGH CROSSROADS WMDC have looked into the viability of the junction. They do not currently intend to improve it as traffic lighting would not be a viable option and the alternative option of making it one way on certain roads would be controversial. We have asked they re-visit this as we do not feel this is an acceptable response.

PUBLIC OPEN SPACES we worked with Enviro-care to secure a living Christmas Tree as part of the compensation (this would have cost WGRA £400 to buy and plant) towards poor service this summer. We are still negotiating a refund on the ground rent as further compensation.

FREEHOLD The estate freehold is now owned by *Hastoe Housing Association*. We are in continuous discussion with Hastoe, Bovis and the Leaseholders Legal Service and are currently going around and around the houses! We will let you know if and when we make progress on this.

A BIG THANKS TO FENN LANDSCAPES for continuing to maintain the semi circle of land as you come down the hill into the estate. Robin does this for us free of charge - if you have any landscaping needs please check out their link.
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