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WELCOMES ROAD AND UPLANDS ROAD COMMITTEE 3

NEWSLETTER TO ALL RESIDENTS OF WELCOMES
ROAD, UPLANDS ROAD, PINE CLOSE, and MARYHILL
CLOSE, SIMONE DRIVE, KEARTON CLOSE, CUMNOR RISE.

The purpose and function of the Welcomes Road and Uplands Road Committee is to maintain these roads and protect their private status. A Road Committee has existed since the mid 1920's and over the years has taken on sundry ancillary functions not within the original terms of reference but pertaining to the general amenities of the roads.

All members of the Committee, with the exception of the Treasurer are unpaid volunteers, elected each year at the Annual General Meeting and giving much of their spare time to road affairs. In addition to road maintenance the Committee make themselves aware of new developments and attempt to harmonize these by consultation with developers and the London Borough of Croydon for the preservation of amenities in the two roads. The amenities include road lighting, trees, verges, speed limits etc. Funds from which the cost of road maintenance is found is by way of a levy set annually at the General Meeting of residents and based on the rateable value of each property having a frontage, or access on Welcomes Road or Uplands Road.

The 1980 Annual General Meeting held at Kenley Memorial Hall at 8.30 p.m. on Tuesday 27th May accepted the Committee's recommendation that a levy of 4 pence in the pound on net rateable values should be charged for the year 1980/81, (April 80 - March 81). This is an increase of one penny on the levy for the previous year and considered necessary in order to pay for both current road repairs when arising, and also to build up a reserve fund for the next full scale resurfacing, expected to be needed in the next four or five years. It was noted that approximately £1000 per annum is likely to be required for remedial patching work of potholes etc., and up to £5000 for resurfacing, both figures being at today's values.

To maintain Welcomes Road and Uplands Road in their present excellent condition means that everyone - and we really do mean everyone, including residents in the Council adopted roads, i.e. Maryhill Close, Simone Drive, Kearton Close and Cumnor Rise, who rely on Welcomes Road and Uplands Road for access to their homes, must pay towards the cost of upkeep. Should Welcomes Road and Uplands Road deteriorate through lack of regular maintenance we might eventually be faced with repair bills we could not meet. With no proper roads property values would suffer - including those in the 'adopted' roads. It must be emphasized that prompt payment of the annual levy is essential if the Committee is to maintain the present standard of the roads. There are some residents who are in arrears with their levies, and worse - a few persistent non-payers, who seem content to enjoy the amenities provided by their neighbours. If you have received a reminder from the Treasurer recently please pay immediately.

Those who attended the A.G.M in May will recall that the Chairman, Mr. Denis Taylor, announced for the second year running his intention not to seek re-election, having served first as Secretary and then Chairman for eighteen years. Mr. Taylor agreed to stay on until a new Chairman could be found. At a later meeting, Mr. R. Jarrott agreed to perform the task of Chairman, having previously declined. Mr. A. Fishlock AACA., (a non-resident) was appointed Treasurer and Mrs. P. A. English, Secretary. Of the previous Committee, Messrs. R. Jarrott, Coombe Cottage, 104 W/R, S. Frusher, Glenville, 92 W/R, M. Hayward, 6 Maryhill Close, K. Hyatt, Treescape, 116 W/R, R. Riddett, Glen Lodge, 37 U/R and D. Woodstock, Grey Tiles, 94 W/R, all volunteered again for the ensuing year, the new volunteers being Mrs. P. A. English and Mr. R. English, The Braes, 44 U/R, Mr. T. Lord, 39 U/R, Mr. K. Nankivell, Lansur, 44 W/R, Mr. J. Hinds, Friars Wood, 46 U/R and Mr. J. Phillips, Cheriton, Pine Close.

The resurfacing of Welcomes Road, Uplands Road and Pine Close, undertaken in October 1978 proved unsatisfactory. The pink granite chips applied to the road surface wet in places, resulted in the surface dressing stripping shortly after completion of the contract. The Committee withheld payment for this work until recently when the contractors were paid in full after they had resurfaced the roads at no extra charge with a pre-coated granite chip which has proved satisfactory.

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