

West Cliff House Owners' Association

Newsletter Spring 2022

Dear House Owner

We hope this newsletter finds you all well and looking forward to lighter nights and warmer days.

Since our December newsletter, the committee has been overseeing routine estate maintenance and following up on actions from the owners' meeting in October 2021.

The committee has decided to defer the AGM until Autumn. The AGM will be held on **Saturday 10th September 2022 from 2pm**. The main reason for deferring the meeting is that many of us are currently extremely busy with our own personal lives and don't feel we have enough time to put everything together that we need in order to have a productive AGM. The meeting will be held at Haddon House and there will be an option to join via Zoom. Papers will be sent out a month in advance but please put **10th September 2022** in your diary.

Celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

The Queen's Jubilee is a good opportunity for neighbours to get together after two years of Covid and lockdown. We will be holding an estate get together on Saturday 4th June from 3pm on West Cliff Road from the Esplanade Gate. It will be a great chance for us to get to know each other in an informal way rather than the more formal AGM. Please bring some food and drink and something to sit on.

It would help to have an idea of numbers so if you're planning to come along or know you definitely can't make it could you let Chris, the Secretary know on mail@westcliffestate.co.uk. Look forward to seeing you there.

Subscriptions for 2022

It was agreed at our last AGM to increase the annual subscription to £125 as of 1st April 2022 (discounted to £100 if paid before 30th June). This will allow the estate to start building up a 'sinking fund' in the event that a major repair is needed - we already know that tarmac needs to be replaced on some roads for example.

We are really hoping that every house owner pays as this money is used to cover the costs of maintaining roads, surface water sewers and gullies, side paths and grass verges. Without your subscriptions we cannot pay for work to be done on the estate and, over time, the estate will deteriorate. Details of how to pay have already been circulated. If you need a reminder please send an email to mail@westcliffestate.co.uk and we will send you the details.

New committee members needed

Sadly two of our committee members have moved out of the area and have therefore resigned from the committee.

Our Treasurer – Mike May – has stepped down after many years of being an active member of the committee. Colin Marley, another long-standing member of the committee will also be standing down at the AGM. This means that we urgently need to attract new members to the committee particularly from the upper and middle parts of the estate to help us cover Brit View Road and West Walk. We would also welcome members from Hill Rise or Hill Close.

The work isn't onerous and the more of us there are, the more we can spread the load. It also helps ensure we are able to take on board views and opinions of owners from different parts of the estate.

If you think you might be interested in joining the committee and would like an informal chat beforehand please get in touch with Chris (the Secretary) at mail@westcliffestate.co.uk. and she will arrange for one of the committee members to contact you.

Treasurers' Report – April 2021 – March 2022

For the year 2021-22 we received subscriptions from 125 subscribers.

The Association had £17920.05 cash in the bank as of 31st March 2022.

During the financial year 2021-2022 we spent a total of £5033.38 of which:

- £3358.04 was spent on estate maintenance (grass and verge cutting, signage, fencing, road resurfacing) and
- £1675.34 was spent on administration (website, Dropbox data storage, legal advice and land registry maps)

We look forward to seeing you on 4th June
Warmest wishes
WCHOA Committee