

MAISEMORE GARDENS LIMITED

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February 2019 Newsletter

Dear Member,

Since we last updated you we have had Christmas and the New Year. We hope you had a good break. The Directors Open Drink and Chat day on 4th Jan. was well attended and enjoyed. It was good to see some new faces. The Directors thank all those who came along to chat about Maisemore Gardens and chat socially as well.

The Shore Path Extension EGM in December was a useful meeting and gave the Council of Management (CoM) much feedback and many questions regarding the proposed raised shore path. This is of concern to a lot of members, although outside the jurisdiction of MGL. We reported back about the EGM in the December Newsletter, but can now report that the DRAFT minutes are on the MGL website along with the statements from Natural England (NE) and two of the requisitionists (in the member's section). There is also an artist's impression of the bridge work. The minutes will be considered at the April AGM along with the 2018 AGM minutes. (Reminder– log-in and p/w for members section - 'member' - 'mgl').

We were asked to liaise with Natural England and have subsequently received answers to your questions. These are attached at the end of this newsletter and are also on our website. There is also more background information on the Shore Path Project including an artist's impression of the bridge. We will continue to keep in contact with NE and inform the members of any further information we have.

Sewers You have already have had notice that Southern Water are intending to inspect the sewers in Maisemore Gardens over the next few weeks, so, to re-iterate, Atkins is the sub-contractor and their staff will have proper ID. They may require access to the rear of houses, but not inside.

Gardens. As most of you will have been informed, the work on the garden bed alongside the drive by no. 70 is now finished. Maintenance will now be much easier in this area. Work will start soon on pruning some of our large and elderly shrubs throughout the estate. The result may appear drastic at first, but shrubs will soon grow back and look better than ever. We are working on detailed plans for Area A, between 45 and 46. These will be circulated to members with plenty of time for comments before any work starts. We also intend to have a general long-term garden plan ready for the AGM.

Which brings me to **the AGM.** We are sure that you have this in your new 2019 diary – **10th April at 7.00 pm** in the Community Centre (behind the fire station). We look forward to seeing you there. There will be drinks and nibbles after as usual.

Nature Note. 'Our' spotted redshank is back this winter near the stream outlet. This is the 15th year of its return, we are informed. It is quite placid and will come within feet of you if you stand still by the water's edge.

MGL Committee of Management Directors 2018

Mike Boys, Martin Gebbett, Barry Kings-Smith, Suzy Daniels, Gill Edwards, Sarah Harrington, David Salmon

SOLENT WAY UPGRADE PROJECT – MGL QUESTIONS to Natural England and their replies

One of the resolutions at the EGM in December 2018 asked Directors to keep in touch with Natural England about the project prior to them finalising their plans. The CoM sent a letter to Natural England following the EGM giving them an outline of some of the issues raised at the meeting and asking for answers. Here is their response, sent January 2019

1 What will be the effect of the proposed new bridge on water flows up and down the river?

The effect of the new bridge on water flow is not anticipated to be much different from the current bridge. It will have to comply with any Environment Agency requirements and we will ensure that all the necessary licenses are acquired before any work starts. This will ensure the project is fully compliant.

2 How will the public be kept informed about progress and the consultation process?

The consultation process is an ongoing one – all the dialogue, meetings and correspondence to date forms part of the iterative process of NE drafting the final proposals. Once we publish our report, all parties with a legal interest will be informed and they will have an 8 week period for submitting objections and or representations. Anyone can submit a representation – both for and against the proposals and we will ensure the management company is kept informed of the publication of the document. All the information will be online.

3 When will final designs for the bridge and approach be available?

The final design for the bridge and approach is likely to remain the same as per the documents prepared by HBC*. If our proposals are approved, Hampshire County Council will then undertake the works and at that time a full spec will be drawn up, licences applied for and liaison with all interested parties undertaken.

4 Where will the raised path finish at its West end?

Currently the proposal is as per the drawing – to end the western edge of the path about half way along the rear of the Outram's garden. If it is felt it needs to be extended to prevent wash out or under cutting or as a result of any licencing requirements – we would then make everyone aware before making any modifications.

5 What liabilities might MGL have for this project?

We would not expect any liabilities on MGL, over and above what they already have for the sea wall. Any new walkway and bridge would be maintained by the National Trail partnership or the Access Authority.

Thank you once again for your time in this matter and we will keep you informed of any developments and anticipated publication date for our proposals. In the meantime if you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact Natural England.

Tim Hall

*HBC – Havant Borough Council's drawings are also in the member's section of our website.