



JANUARY 2017 NEWSLETTER

WISHING ALL ROYDS RESIDENTS A HAPPY 2017

I'm pleased to say that since the AGM in August we now have 2 new committee members, They are: - Kim Webb of 14 Oakroyd Close and Wendy Clark of 65 Elmroyd Avenue.

Footpaths

We wrote to Highways to complain about the state of the footpaths and they have responded by saying that they inspect the footpaths every six months, and the Royds were last inspected in September 2016. They have agreed that the footpaths in Oakroyd Close need resurfacing and work is due to start in January.

The council do not believe that Oakroyd and Elmroyd Avenues are a priority at the moment and just regard them as in poor condition. They say that they do respond to reports of hazardous defects and the weight of complaints does affect their prioritizing of planned maintenance works.

In view of the above advice from highways we would be grateful if members would report the hazard of very uneven sections or holes to any area of footpath within the Royds , directly to highways on www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/faultreporting/.

There are a lot of very uneven sections and holes which are an even greater hazard at night or early morning, when there is no street lighting provided.

Lighting

We have reported that the street lamp posts are in disrepair and badly in need painting. The council have said it is not a priority with them but maybe funded out of the local councillor's budget. A bit of good news is the council are currently upgrading the street lights to LEDs.

If street lights are out they will only be replaced by highways if the matter is reported by residents, again please report on site www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/faultreporting/.

Traffic Calming on Baker Street

The newly implemented traffic calming scheme on Baker Street has in many peoples opinion made the junction at the top of Oakroyd Avenue more dangerous than it was before the changes and that there is no noticeable reduction in the speed of cars on Baker Street. We have also asked if the road markings comply with the requirements of a conservation area.

We understand that this scheme is going to be evaluated shortly so suggest that members who wish to comment on the new traffic calming scheme email to Tim.Burt@hertfordshire.gov.uk who will pass your comments to the project team,

PB1 Bus stops

The bus stops were apparently put up to replace the 'hail and ride' system as there were safety concerns over where the buses were being stopped. The bus stops have been placed where there is no hard standing. Their positions are again being reviewed by Highways. We have asked the council why a smaller bus wasn't used as this would cause less congestion. They apparently don't have any smaller buses.

Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ)

We have spoken with Mrs Yeboah who had responsibility for the introduction of the restriction of car parking around the Royds. We understand from Mrs Yeboah that this is to be reviewed in January. The combination of the yellow lines at the end of Oakroyd and the traffic calming measures in Baker Street has created an absolutely chaotic situation each school day morning.

If members would like their views to be considered by the review team, then they can send their comments and suggestions directly to jennifer.yeboah@hertsmere.gov.uk

If members would like us to try to arrange a meeting with the person conducting the review, then please contact us at The Royds Conservation Residents Association web site or by completing the attached form and dropping it into No 10 Elmrodd Avenue or to No 39 Oakroyd Avenue.

Martin Woodcock

Chairperson

Controlled Parking Zone meeting reply slip

Return to either

Trevor Harrington. 10 Elmroyd Ave.

Or

Brenda Gerard. 39 Oakroyd Ave

I would like you to arrange a meeting in St Johns Hall Bakers Street regarding the CPZ review at the end of January

Name

Address

Phone number