

# **ALNWICKHILL PROPRIETORS' ASSOCIATION**

## **NEWSLETTER – Autumn 2008**

### **EGM**

Following the resignation of Tom Buchanan as Chairman of Alnwickhill Proprietors' Association, an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) of the Association was held on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2008 in Liberton Kirk Halls to which 109 residents attended. At the EGM it became obvious that management of the Estate has lacked structure for some considerable time. At the meeting, a new Committee was formed consisting of (9) residents who volunteered to serve until the next AGM.

The first meeting of the appointed Committee took place on 4<sup>th</sup> August 2008 when various actions were agreed relating to: - Tom Buchanan, 2008/09 Assessment, Landscaping and Banking and Accounting arrangements.

### **TOM BUCHANAN**

Councillor Buchanan stated that he would be happy to meet with any new Association Committee. At time of writing we have written to and established contact with Cllr. Buchanan and hope to arrange a meeting in the very near future.

It should be noted that at present, no Association documentation has been provided by Cllr. Buchanan and the new Committee is virtually starting from scratch. We are grateful to previous members of Management Committees who have provided us with some useful documentation.

### **ANNUAL ASSESSMENT FOR 2008/2009**

It was agreed at the EGM that the annual assessment for 2008/09 should be set at £45.00 with a discount of £5.00 if paid on or before 30<sup>th</sup> September 2008.

It was also agreed at the EGM that APA should continue to use Spring Professional Services (SPS) for the collection of assessments. Due to circumstances outwith our control, this year's assessment has had to be issued late. However, please be assured that the issue of future assessments will revert to normal timescales. i.e. April/May each year.

The Committee would like to reassure all residents that as long as there is an APA Committee in place there will be no requirement to consider using a Factor service which would inevitably result in a significant increase in the annual costs.

At the EGM, residents were dismayed to find out that a large sum of money is due to APA through uncollected assessments going back over the last few years. We are now addressing this issue and hope to have it resolved without the need for further action. If

any resident has any concerns about their specific payment(s), please contact Spring Professional Services without delay.

### **ESTATE MAINTENANCE**

Regarding landscaping and grass-cutting services there are a couple of essential points to be made.

1. It was agreed at the EGM that we would continue with the current contractor, Greenfingers, until March 2009 when, as required, the contract will be put out to tender.
2. The Committee are aware of the current levels of dissatisfaction with the present Contractor.

We have met with Greenfingers with the aim of improving things in the months ahead. Various issues have been raised and are currently being addressed.

### **CONTACT POLICY**

Any feedback / comments Residents may have should be sent in writing, with name and address included, to:-

The Chairperson  
Alnwickhill Proprietors Association  
128 Howden Hall Drive

The Committee will discuss any such correspondence and respond to individuals as soon as possible.

### **AGM**

Next years AGM will be held April 2009 to coincide with APA financial year end. Assessment for 2009/2010 will be issued in May 2009.

### **New Committee**

Chairperson	Lindsay Lees
Secretary	Louise Wrightson
Treasurer	Ann Hunter
Asst. Treasurer	Moirra Rose
Landscaping Co-ordinator	Robert Allan
Landscaping Co-ordinator	John Ross
Newsletter Editor	Elizabeth Gordon
Committee member	Dagmar Martin
Committee member	Keith Pettigrew

A copy of the EGM Minutes can be obtained on request.