



KIRBY FIELDS ROAD FUND LTD

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Dear Householder

I am writing to you to give you an update on events during the last year with the Roads Fund and to share with you some thoughts on current and planned projects which are relevant to many of us.

1. Kirby Fields Roads Fund Ltd

At the AGM on Friday March 4th 2005 in the Village Hall, there was a presentation and subsequent discussion on the very important topic of Public Liability, with possible implications for both the Fund and the Committee Members who ran the Fund, on behalf of the contributing Householders.

Essentially, in the event of there being an accident to a 3rd Party as a result of some aspect relating to the surface of the road, there is a possibility that such an incident could end up in court. The 3rd Party could initially seek legal redress from the Householder, who may wish to refer such a claim to their insurance company, under the terms of any 'public liability' cover they have included in their policy. However we know that insurance companies often endeavour to apportion blame to others, and seek financial redress from them whenever possible. It was believed that the Roads Fund may also be considered to be a target for the insurance company in such a scenario.

In light of the above, the Committee proceeded to form Kirby Fields Roads Fund Ltd (KFRF Ltd) which was incorporated on July 22nd 2005, and have taken out 3rd Party Public Liability Insurance. These actions were proposed at the AGM on March 4th and a motion proposing them was passed unanimously.

2. Tar & Chip

Over the past few years regular yearly maintenance for all of the roads covered by the Fund has taken place in the late summer. Such maintenance generally repaired pot-holes and degraded parts of the road surface, but it was always an on-going challenge to keep on top of it, and the ultimate goal was to re-do all of the road surfaces at some point in the future. By being prudent with the expenditure over the last few years and helped immensely by the increases in contributions since 2003, our plans for the future are now much clearer.

The intention is to Tar and Chip (T & C) the whole length of Forest Drive in May or June this year. However at the time of writing it is believed that one or more of the Utility companies may be undertaking work on Forest Drive. Should these works be confirmed, then a T & C does not make sense this year. If we learn this is not the case, we will proceed as originally planned, otherwise we will postpone it until 2007. In addition, the intention is to T & C the remaining roads i.e. Stamford Road, Hastings Road and Portland Road in 2008, We will keep you informed.



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3. Sunken Kerbs

In a number of locations, some of the kerbstones have sunk and are either flush to or below the road surface. In order that the T & C is carried out to the highest standard, then a clear boundary between the road and the verge or footpath needs to be clearly defined. We ask that Householders who have such sunken kerbs, have them reinstated prior to the T & C.

Such repairs are not covered by KFRF Ltd and will be at the Householder's expense. In instances where there is not a clear kerb/road boundary, Leicestershire County Council (LCC), who will carry out the T & C, will elect where the T & C boundary ends and the verge begins. It should be pointed out that non-defined boundaries will be subject to greater erosion, both by the weather and traffic use. Contractors of this type of work can be found in the Yellow Pages, or for consideration; LCC or Fairfield Construction may be prepared to quote for such work.

4. Drains & Gulleys

Householders on un-adopted roads are reminded that it is their responsibility to ensure that both the drains and gulleys are clear and free flowing. Can all Householders please make sure that they do this on a regular basis throughout the year.

5. Damage to Grass Verges

In various parts of Kirby Fields there is damage to some of the grass verges. There are two major contributors to this damage a) inappropriate parking and b) heavy lorries.

Householders will generally wish to repair such damage and where necessary should consider erecting a "No Parking" sign and actively discuss any inappropriate parking with the vehicle owner(s) who park on their verges.

Where heavy lorries cause damage: they should pursue the relevant lorry Company, and ideally photograph the lorry and the damage. This may not always be possible, but should any neighbour witness the damage taking place, we should all be encouraged to help maintain the integrity of Kirby Fields and advise the Householder accordingly.

6. Annual General Meeting

We plan to hold the Annual General Meeting (AGM) either in the early summer or early autumn. As soon as we know for definite whether the Utility companies will or will not be working on Forest Drive, then we can then set a date. Once again we will keep you informed.

Yours faithfully

Mike Reed

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Chairman