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AGM

For the first time in the last few years we achieved a quorum on the first scheduled date (25/06/2016). This not only saved us time and money, but also avoided the unhealthy situation of having just a few people make all of the important decisions at the second scheduled meeting. We express our thanks to Watchprop and the Trustees, who played a significant role in helping to achieve a quorum. The following Trustees were elected at the meeting:

- Pieter van Wyk - Chairperson**
- Hugo Oberholzer – Gardens and Vice Chairperson**
- Roeloff Botha - Finances**
- Johan Coetzee - Architecture (ARC)**
- Liesel De Kock—Gardens**
- Hein Groenewald - Architecture (ARC)**
- Gerhard Viviers - Security**

We thank those who are prepared to serve once again, and offer a special word of welcome to the two new members, Johan Coetzee and Liesel De Kock.

Rules

Residents are once again reminded that claiming ignorance of rules that they break is not an acceptable excuse. A set of rules is available to everyone. Ask if you are in doubt. Owners wishing to paint or make extensions to their property must please consult the Estate Manager beforehand. It can become an expensive exercise if a house is painted in a manner that does not comply with the prescribed regulations.

Telkom

Telkom have also completed their installation of fibre optic cables. Although some repair work still remains to be done, residents can already make use of the improvements. We would like to point out again that although it was Telkom that installed the infrastructure, residents remain free to use the service provider of their choice.

Storm water project

This municipality-run project has finally been completed, after many delays and disruptions.

Now that the project has been completed, Zevendal no longer requires municipal permission to keep the dam full, as it is not seen as being a retention dam anymore. Unfortunately though, it will require good rainfall levels in order for any meaningful difference to the dam level to occur.

Gardens

Last Summer's drought/high temperatures were trying times for our parks and gardens. The garden at

the fountain in front had an especially hard time of it. We intend to further extend the waterwise garden that has already been established.

Although our lawns (in the parks) are currently looking good, we have noticed that, in Summer especially, yellow patches do tend to appear. Two factors are primarily responsible for this. In the first place our irrigation system is old, and many of the underground connections tend to fail from time to time. Secondly, our water source is limited to underground reserves. Having to water every park from a single borehole within a week necessarily restricts the irrigation time each individual park receives. In addition, we also need to manage the borehole sufficiently to ensure that it does not run dry. We are also experiencing a growing problem with Ficus and thorn trees growing in our parks and on our pavements. The aggressive root system of these plants is damaging both properties and the streets. Solving this problem without removing all of the trees will require an outlay of funds, either to control the roots or else in planting new trees to replace those that need to be removed.



No motorbikes or motor vehicles are allowed on the open spaces and dam area. Only licenced and road worthy vehicles are allowed in the Estate. Only persons with a valid driving license will be allowed to operate a vehicle in the Estate.

Parks/green areas: No-hard ball games are allowed in the parks.

Refuse bins must be collected and put away on the day of collections.

Security

As communicated previously, and explained again at the AGM, the Trustees have now decided to permanently implement the scanners currently being used at the gate.

The previous system of signing in proved to be completely ineffective. We found the handwriting to be indecipherable most of the time, the names of residents being visited were frequently incorrect and the telephone numbers provided usually incomplete. That system also does not comply with the new POPI legislation.

The new system meets the legal requirements. All information is stored on a program that only allows access via a user name and password system. Security cannot access any of the information. The improved technology involved has led to an increasing number of institutions using this system.

Unfortunately a number of visitors continue to make the lives of the security guards difficult, by refusing to comply with the procedures. Such visitors are then refused entrance to the Estate. All lost access cards and remotes must be reported to the Estate Manager so that it can be cancelled on the system.

Items have gone missing from houses on two occasions over the past few months. In both cases the houses/property could be accessed directly from the street. As we have done frequently before, Management again emphasises that security begins at home. A neighbour or one of his visitors is quite capable of entering your property and committing crime. Not everyone who wants to steal something necessarily lives on the other side of Zevendal's gates.

Related to this, we also refer once more to our correspondence regarding the thieves who obtained access to Zevenzicht during the night of 8-9 June. On that same night two other attempts to gain access to the Estate were also made. It remains an unfortunate fact that the residents of security estates tend to have a false sense of security, based on the illusion that nothing can threaten or steal from them there. Nothing could be further from the truth. No fence or electrification will stop someone determined to enter the Estate. Estates such as Zevendal are soft targets, in as far as their residents tend to leave doors, windows and garages unlocked - or even open. Contractors, labourers and visitors notice such things - a prospective thief only needs to gain access to the premises during the night to achieve his aims undisturbed. Due to these very situations, we appeal strongly to residents to please be vigilant. The Trustees will continue to evaluate new methods to improve security.

Owners must please collect a Form 4A (regular visitors) from Security/the office in order to arrange access for persons who regularly visit Zevendal – it is generally such visitors who are unhappy about having to go through the sign-in process every time.

Vandalism



It is an unfortunate truth that there will always be those among us who derive some kind of pleasure from damaging and destroying things.

Every now and again we receive reports of damage to irrigation systems, trees, gardens, pots and plants, as well as the theft of light bulbs. The fact that such incidents occur during school holidays especially would seem to indicate that our own children are the culprits.

We request that parents please be aware at all times of what their children are getting up to.

Speed: You are reminded to keep to the 30 kph speed restriction when travelling in Zevendal. This is to protect children playing in the street.



Important numbers



JBA Security (021) 801 4862

Guardroom (021) 906 5034

Emergency number (021) 903 3805

Zevendal Office (021) 906 5035

Police - Sector 4 0825220624

Zevendal consultant architect -

Tinus (021) 9821122

Dogs may not roam freely around the Estate unsupervised. Owners must please ensure that, when taking their dogs for a walk, they clean up any resultant mess.