

Lights and Electrics

This week our electrician Dave completed further improvements to the entrance archway, including the removal of the old spotlights and redundant wiring. We have also removed the barrier arms and placed them in secure storage for safekeeping. I believe you will agree that their removal has significantly improved the appearance of the entrance.

Dave is continuing to source suitable push-button light switches for the restroom and storage room areas, and we hope to complete this work shortly.



Gardens

The issue of planters being used as cat litter remains ongoing. To address this problem, we intend to purchase and install large red decorative stones in the affected planters. While this method is costly, it will help to discourage the cats from using these areas while encouraging them to use the undeveloped ground around the outer perimeter of the village instead. We have already provided a safe feeding station in this area and would urge people who insist on feeding the stay cats and encouraging them to the village to use this and please stop feeding them within the confines of the village itself.



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As part of our ongoing village improvement programme, we also hope to add red decorative stones and drought-tolerant plants to the planter outside the upper entrance of L-Block. Similar improvements are planned for the planter adjacent to the road outside A-Block, enhancing the overall appearance of these areas while keeping maintenance requirements to a minimum.



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Pest Control

As part of our ongoing efforts to control vermin and minimise the risk of snakes within the village, ATOM Pest Control attended Apollo Heights on Friday to carry out routine pest control measures. This included treatment of the drainage system, inspection and servicing of rat traps located around the village, and the application of preventative snake-control measures in the pool area, along walkways, and on paths throughout Apollo Heights.

Irrigation System

The irrigation water supply has now been turned on to maintain the grassed areas around the swimming pools. Unfortunately, due to the poor condition of the irrigation system—particularly the sprinklers, which have suffered from years of inadequate maintenance and servicing—the watering of these areas is currently being carried out manually by the gardeners and myself on alternate days.

We are in the process of assessing the necessary repairs and sourcing replacement parts, with the aim of restoring the system to full working order as soon as possible. This will allow the grassed areas to be watered efficiently and at appropriate scheduled times.

In the meantime, if any owner notices excessive water pooling in planters or on landscaped areas, they are asked to notify the Management Committee so that the matter can be investigated and any faults addressed promptly.

Harassment of Village Contractors

At approximately 11:40 a.m. on Thursday, 18 June, and for the third time in as many weeks, an owner was involved in a confrontation with one of our gardening contractors.

While I did not hear the initial conversation between the owner and the gardener, I did witness the owner speaking to the gardener in a raised voice, gesturing with her arms, and pointing towards the area where he was working.

In an attempt to defuse the situation, I approached and politely asked the owner that, if she had any concerns regarding the work being carried out, she should raise them in writing to the Management Committee, rather than addressing the contractors themselves. The owner responded by telling me to "F*** off" and making an offensive hand gesture with her middle finger as she walked away. This was witnessed by the gardener concerned.

The circumstances surrounding the initial exchange between the owner and the gardener are currently the subject of enquiries being conducted by the lawyer acting for the gardener's employer.

From my perspective as Village Manager, the behaviour directed towards me was unwarranted, entirely inappropriate and unacceptable. I do not expect to be subjected to abusive language or offensive conduct while carrying out my responsibilities as village manager, particularly when

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attempting to calm a situation. Unfortunately, this is not the first occasion I have experienced such behaviour and abuse. Should similar conduct occur in the future, I reserve the right to take such action as I consider appropriate.

I must again remind owners that any concerns regarding contractors, their work, or their conduct should be directed to the Management Committee and not to the contractors themselves. Contractors engaged by Apollo Heights are carrying out authorised work under the direction of the Committee and direct confrontations with them can create unnecessary conflict, disrupt contractual performance and expose all parties to avoidable risk.

Owners should be aware that Apollo Heights Management Committee accepts no responsibility for any consequences arising from unauthorised interference with, or confrontation of, contractors by individual owners. The Management Committee expressly reserves all rights in relation to any losses, claims, liabilities, costs, or legal expenses incurred as a result of such conduct and may seek to recover those losses from the responsible party where appropriate and legally permissible.