

VILLAGE NEWS

Walmer Park Village (WPV), Church Road
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Two Urgent Matters:

WPV Degraded Copper & PVC Pipes: Last week an exterior copper water supply pipe from the mains to the geyser in the ceiling of one of the Units spontaneously burst at an elbow joint. A gush of water sprayed into the boxed-in eaves and probably part of the ceiling. As the owner was home and mains tap switched off almost immediately damage is (so far) nominal. The point of this information is that after almost 30 years copper pipes are suspect. In this case plumber noted that the copper pipe and brass elbow had degraded. This is the second report of similar problems at WPV. Inconsistent Municipal water pressure remains a factor. Plumber noted that this water pressure problem is also encountered in Cotswold. As soon as possible a plumber will inspect all pipes in the affected Unit's roof void and externally, so as to Quote for preventative maintenance. When the report is received the information can be shared with those interested. Please email/call Fspa to log your interest. While WPV insurance is in place for "sudden and unexpected events" the water damage from a burst pipe/geyser is extensive and it is quite dreadful to live through the weeks of repairs. You are urged to think about this.

Electricity Meters: If you buy electricity "pay as you go" this does not apply to you. It has recently come to the attention of the Trustees that an owner (A) was inadvertently billed for the electricity usage of another owner (B) in the WPV complex. This was despite owner (B) repeatedly contacting the Municipal Department and being assured that there was no problem with his/her account. Now it is revealed that the reading on the electricity meter belonging to owner (B) in the Fibreglass Boxes at WPV was incorrectly reflected on the Municipal Statement of owner (A). Furthermore, the identity of meters linked to Owners is in a poor state and could also lead to confusion.

If you note that your electricity account records "account paid" when you have indeed not paid, there is a problem. Don't leave this as a high bill will eventually arrive.

You are also requested to email/call FSPA and provide them with the electricity meter number that appears on your Municipal statement so that the Trustees can improve the identification of electricity meters in the Fibreglass Boxes.