

Residents' Association Committee meeting – July 2015

A Meeting of the Committee took place on Tuesday, 28th July 2015. In addition to Committee members, Councillors Bob Gardner & Simon Parnall were in attendance.

A further update was given with regard to the installation of a new village Notice Board. The Borough Council had granted planning permission and the matter had been passed to the Diocese for final approval. In view of the additional costs incurred a final financial summary would be prepared.

Councillor Parnall reported on:

- The granting of revised planning permission to the Little Acorns playgroup allowing their use of the hall at the Evangelical Church. It appeared that there were no current parking issues.
- A particular planning application.
- Various issues with regard to the Recreation Ground were discussed including the new gate (accessed from the A217/Brighton Road), the recent break-in at the pavilion (which had given rise to an insurance claim) and the state of the public toilets (currently being used for storage). With regard to the latter, they were clearly not fit for use by members of the Bowls Club or the general public and the consensus was that they should be condemned. Cllr. Parnall undertook to investigate the matter.

Councillor Gardner reported on:

- Flooding issues on the A217/Brighton Road with steps being taken to re-direct rainwater into a ditch.
- The yellow lines in Smithy Lane that were still being adjusted/reduced; but he expressed concerns that if too many changes were made instances of inconsiderate parking may well recur.
- The completion of resurfacing works in Smithy Lane, which included a 10-year guarantee against potholes. He added that road works in Briar Lea had not yet been done, but it was in a reasonable state.
- The issue of speeding traffic and inconsiderate driving in Babylon Lane was raised, with the situation being exacerbated by the use of Babylon Lane as a shortcut to Croydon etc. particularly during rush hours. Cllr. Gardner stated that he had requested that a detailed study be undertaken of the volume, speed and size of vehicles using the road but that this would take some time to achieve.