

Residents' Association Committee meeting – May 2013

A Meeting of the Committee took place on Tuesday, 14th May 2013. In addition to Committee members, Councillors Bob Gardner, Michael Gosling & Simon Parnall were in attendance.

Although Police representatives were unable to attend the meeting, they had provided the Secretary with an update, which was given to the meeting on their behalf:

- Crime over the past few months had been quite low, but there had been several thefts from motor vehicles.
- They had stressed the importance of keeping vehicles safe and secure with belongings out of sight – preferably indoors.

Councillor Gardner reported on:

- Outstanding issues in relation to trees etc. where he had spoken to the Officer in charge.
- Problems with potholes and other road issues and noted that the Council had negotiated a new road maintenance contract, which involved a 10-year guarantee on road repairs. He added that road issues and defects could be reported on-line via the County Council's website.
- The rollout of "superfast" broadband throughout Surrey, which was on track to be completed by the end of 2014. He added that a dedicated website, which residents could access, gave details of installation dates by area/post code.

Councillor Gosling reported on:

- Traffic issues in relation to the Fidelity site and that he proposed holding a separate public meeting for residents of Chipstead Lane, Green Lane & Smithy Lane to allow their concerns to be shared. As well as identifying the issues, he proposed that this meeting should also be used to identify those residents willing to act as "delegates" for their particular roads in a subsequent meeting with Fidelity. It was agreed that the Secretary would determine the availability of the Church Hall and that the Association would then arrange for a mailshot (drafted by Cllr. Gosling) to be circulated to residents in the three roads.
- Work to "tidy up" the A217 would now extend up to the northern County boundary at Belmont.
- The transfer of relevant documentation to Cllr. Gardner and added that he would continue to be involved on long standing issues, as well as representing residents on the north side of Chipstead Lane. He would welcome the opportunity to attend future Committee meetings whenever possible and he also requested that copies of the Minutes should continue to be forwarded to him.
- The current round of NHS changes, which were focussed on centralising the more acute treatments at specialist hospitals. He added that this might mean changes for Epsom Hospital but at present, discussions were still continuing.

Councillor Parnall reported on:

- The proceedings at the recent Public Inquiry into the planning application made in respect of 'Highlands'. He added that, given that certain issues had arisen, it was likely that the results of the Inquiry would not be known for several months.
- The Borough Council's "village plan" and highlighted the work being undertaken by other Residents' Associations in his constituency. It was agreed that initial contact should be made with Kingswood RA.
- The recent success of the Councillors' Surgery held by Kingswood RA. It was agreed that the Secretary would determine a mutually convenient date both in terms of booking the Church Hall and the availability of Councillors and Police representatives.
- Issues from previous Minutes were highlighted to Cllr. Parnall as still being outstanding; these included the poor condition of road markings at the junction of Stubbs Lane & Buckland Road and subsidence of the bank adjoining the southbound A217 approach to Green Lane.