

Residents' Association Committee meeting – September 2013

A Meeting of the Committee took place on Tuesday, 10th September 2013. In addition to Committee members, Councillors Bob Gardner, Simon Parnall & Joan Spiers were in attendance.

Councillor Parnall reported on:

- The BMX facility and was in contact with the relevant Officers to see what could be achieved.
- Various re-cycling issues and noted that, in a recent incident, a third party had erroneously put the wrong rubbish in a resident's bin which had led to the bin not being emptied! In the ensuing discussion it was noted that there were certain "grey areas" in terms of re-cycling and he indicated that the Borough Council would be explaining these in more detail by various means. Nevertheless he was pleased to report that the Borough, with the help of residents, was making good progress and was recovering a substantial portion of the costs involved in rubbish collection.
- A recent report on the state of village footpaths and undertook to supply details.
- The planning application in respect of 'Highlands' where there was nothing further to report.
- Cllr. Parnall noted that, regretfully, he would be unable to submit an article in time for inclusion in the forthcoming newsletter.

Councillor Spiers reported on:

- Her recent absence on health grounds but had now been fully briefed on recent events and would be back to work the following day. On behalf of the Committee the Chairman welcomed her back and trusted that she was fully recovered.
- Following a complaint raised with the Secretary by a resident concerned about parking problems in the vicinity of the Wisdom of God Church, which was particular problematic at weekends; Cllr. Spiers stated that this was a major problem elsewhere and, in those instances where parking was dangerous, yellow lines would have to be introduced. The Treasurer noted that she had previously been involved in trying to alleviate the situation by suggesting to the Head Teacher of Kingswood Primary School that cars of home football fans might be parked "off road" in their car park, but this had not been sanctioned
- Negotiations with the Bowls Club which had been continuing for 3 years and stated that the Borough Council was bound to obtain the market rental rate. She added that members of the Club did not play often enough to justify the high cost of green maintenance; the matter was being dealt with Cllr. Adam de Save.
- The opening of a new Nursery at The Pheasantry, under the charge of Ms. Angela Williams, and that some 15-20 children were attending

Councillor Gardner reported on:

- The Notice Board and apologised for the fact that he had not been able to achieve anything in relation to its restoration. The Chairman undertook to investigate the possibility of securing the services of a handyman to provide an estimate and Cllr. Gardner indicated that we would arrange for the funding.
- The on going consultations in respect of Epsom Hospital and noted local GPs did not support the current proposals.
- The meeting held in August at Fidelity's offices in Kingswood Fields which had involved 3 senior representatives from Fidelity, the Chairman & Secretary (of the Residents' Association), delegates selected from Chipstead Lane, Green Lane & Smithy Lane, plus Cllr. Gosling and himself (as County Councillors). The meeting had been productive and gave an opportunity for the residents' delegates to voice their concerns and all parties felt that it had afforded an opportunity to establish future communication and co-operation. Cllr. Gardener acknowledged that a number of the traffic issues were the responsibility of the County Council. Although the Secretary had circulated notes of the meeting to the delegates it was felt that, rather than including the same detail in the next newsletter, it might be more appropriate to include a brief summary; since the issue was only of primary interest to residents of the three roads
- The issue of the subsidence of land at the junction of Green Lane with the A217/Brighton Road was again raised and it was agreed that this should be reported via the County Council website.