

Residents' Association Committee meeting – January 2013

A Meeting of the Committee took place on Tuesday, 8th January 2013. In addition to Committee members, Councillors Michael Gosling, Joan Spiers & Ros Mill were in attendance.

Councillor Spiers reported on:

- A specific planning application that, having been refused by the Borough Council, was now being taken to a Public Inquiry. She added that, although no date had yet been fixed, the Inquiry would take place at the Town Hall over a period of 3 days. In the ensuing discussion, she added further background information regarding the likely grounds to be put forward by the appellant's representatives, but stated that the Council would be engaging the services of a specialist barrister.
- In response to a query regarding the Bowls Club's tenure of the Bowling Green, Councillor Spiers stated that they would have to make a formal application.

Councillor Gosling reported on:

- The likely availability in the near future of maps showing the demarcation of the new electoral boundaries.
- The problems associated with the A217/Buckland Road/Smithy Lane junction. He added that these issues might be mitigated by a reconfiguration of the traffic flow to and from Fidelity. The company had indicated a willingness to cooperate and one possible idea might be to invite a representative of Fidelity to attend the Association's AGM.
- Enhancements to the Green Lane/A217 junction involving re-siting the street lighting, replacement of bollards and road sweeping.
- The availability in the near future of briefing papers relating to the Beeches Respite Home.
- The abandonment of the proposed merger of Epsom Hospital with Ashford & St Peter's Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and added that he would be discussing the matter with the Council's Chief Executive later that week.
- Following a question regarding the provision of Pre-School/Play-Group facilities in the village, Councillor Gosling stated that a number of options were being considered and, once finalised, a formal application could be put forward for the requisite permissions to be granted.
- Following a question regarding the operation of a "speed-watch" unit in the area, Councillor Gosling noted that a minimum of 12 volunteers would be required and that only a handful had so far put themselves forward.
- It was also reported that flooding was still an issue in Chipstead Lane - caused by curbs being too low; it was also reported that several drains in Green Lane were blocked by leaves etc. and this could lead to flooding.
- It was also reported that a response to an earlier email was still awaited regarding the lack of grit bins at the Church Hall grounds.

It was generally felt that the AGM should take place towards the end of May so that the new County Councillor could attend; the Secretary was asked to circulate details to ensure that Councillors and Police representatives would be able to attend.