

# **Residents' Association Committee meeting – January 2014**

A Meeting of the Committee took place on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> January 2014. In addition to Committee members, Councillors Bob Gardner & Joan Spiers were in attendance.

## **Councillor Spiers reported on:**

- The current situation in respect of 'Highlands'.
- The Chairman asked, following the development adjoining the Village Club, whether any Section 106 (Community Infrastructure Levy) monies were available. Cllr. Spiers noted that, whilst such compensation was paid to the Borough Council for general purposes, application could be made from Lower Kingswood for specific projects etc. and would be given consideration.
- The issue of the Recreation Ground car park was again raised because of continuing weekend parking problems in Buckland Road. Cllr. Spiers stated she would discuss the matter with the Council's Chief Executive.
- The agreement reached with the Bowls Club allowing their continued use of the bowls green. Cllr. Gardner stated that he had allocated his allowance to the club to assist them in meeting their financial obligations.
- Local hospital Accident & Emergency Departments, which had avoided closure and would thus be continuing for the foreseeable future; although the general aim was still for the NHS to focus specialist care in specialist units.
- One of the Committee members reported that she was currently undertaking St. John Ambulance basic training and suggested that a defibrillator should be provided for the village in relation to possible accidents or illnesses occurring in the Recreation Ground or elsewhere. It was indicated that Council financial support could be available for the provision of such equipment.
- The regeneration of Redhill; part of which would involve the expansion of the present Sainsburys along with the provision of a hotel and other retail outlets in the present shop/office complex. The Memorial Park was being prepared for the commemoration of the First World War and this would involve its closure for a period of time.
- Work on the new Banstead Leisure Centre would shortly commence.
- Plans to redevelop a particular part of Merstham, which would be replaced by attractive housing and supporting facilities.
- The positive steps taken by the Council following the various recent gales and flooding issues. Where necessary sandbags had been provided and fallen trees cleared away.

## **Councillor Gardner reported on:**

- The Chairman noted that some of the recently painted "yellow lines" had caused confusion and consternation to some local residents and businesses, particularly as there had appeared to be no advance notifications given. Cllr. Gardner stated that he would investigate matters.
- The apparent lack of any significant issues arising from the use of local roads by Fidelity employees; he added that the Company was acting in a responsible manner. It was noted that there were still on going issues in Chipstead Lane with speeding traffic (and commercial vehicles) but most of this traffic seemed to be using Chipstead Lane as a cut through to/from the A23.
- The over-night parking of a commercial vehicle in Josephine Avenue which was causing damage to the verge; this particular vehicle did not appear to have any indication of its ownership.