

# **Residents' Association Committee meeting – January 2016**

A Meeting of the Committee took place on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> January 2016. In addition to Committee members, Councillors Bob Gardner, Ros Mill & Simon Parnall were in attendance.

A further update was given with regard to the installation of a new village Notice Board and it was noted that local firm J R Hoarding & Fencing had kindly agreed to undertake the necessary preparation/installation work free of charge. It was agreed that an appropriate article should be published in the next newsletter thanking both Cllr. Gardner and JR Hoarding & Fencing for their involvement in this matter.

It was also reported that the long-running problems with the pedestrian lights by 'The Fox' appeared now to have been rectified.

## **Police report:**

- Although no Police representatives were present, it was hoped that an Inspector from Surrey Police would be able to attend the next meeting to explain forthcoming changes to neighbourhood policing.
- It was also reported that recent burglaries had taken place in Buckland Road and Smithy Lane and that there had been two instances of damage to vehicles.

## **Councillor Parnall reported on:**

- Considerable discussion took place in respect of a recent planning application.
- The parking of vehicles in and around Buckland Road was discussed. This problem was made worse at weekends by the parking of vehicles used by football teams and at the beginning and end of the school day by parents dropping off and collecting their children from Kingswood Primary School. The Councillors explained the difficulties of enforcing parking restrictions and suggested that the football organisers should be approached to encourage such things as "car sharing".

## **Councillor Mill reported on:**

- In view of continued problems with over-flowing bins, fly tipping etc. at the Stubbs Lane recycling area, it was agreed that Cllr. Mill should be informed if the bins had not been emptied and the site cleared by that weekend.
- The availability of a grant from Borough Councillors which could be made available for local projects; she asked Committee members to consider what proposals might be worthy of consideration.

## **Councillor Gardner reported on:**

- The introduction of parking restrictions on the hard standing along the frontage of The Grange had yet to be implemented. It was reported that irresponsible driving (and parking) in Babylon Lane were continuing problems.
- Recent flooding issues in Babylon Lane, which had severely impacted a particular property were discussed, along with mud and water draining from the fields making for difficult driving conditions. It was agreed that Cllr. Gardner and the Chairman would meet with the owners of the property to discuss the situation.
- New average speed cameras should be installed in the spring/summer on the A217/Brighton Road.