

Residents' Association Committee meeting – July 2012

A Meeting of the Committee took place on Tuesday, 10th July 2012. In addition to Committee members, Councillors Joan Spiers and Simon Parnall were in attendance.

In addition to formal matters –

Although no Police representatives had been able to attend the meeting, the Secretary reported that there had been a recent burglary and that the Police had attended.

The Secretary opened a discussion on the issue of future Councillors' & Police Surgeries. From a "straw poll" conducted at the AGM, it appeared as though there was still support for such Surgeries. However, both Councillors Spiers & Parnall indicated that they were most often contacted via email for urgent issues and both offered that, if warranted, they would also undertake home-calls at resident's houses. Nevertheless, it was agreed that a further Surgery would be organised on a Saturday morning in late October/early November and that the Secretary should circulate further details to determine the most suitable date.

Councillor Spiers reported on:

- The circumstances surrounding the closure of the Pre-School/Play Group, which had been located for many years in the recreation ground pavilion.
- The replacement of the Banstead Sports Centre (in Merland Rise) and associated new swimming pool; the aim being that the quality of the pool would be equal to that of Horley. She added that the necessary work had to be put out to tender in accordance with Government policy.
- The new recycling measures, which would begin to be operated during August, when new bins (and guidelines) would be delivered to residents.
- It was reported that there were still parking problems in Buckland Road in respect of weekend users of the recreation ground. It was suggested that some additional space might be made available adjoining the ground and it was agreed that the matter would be monitored.
- It was reported that development work adjoining the Kingswood Village Club (on the Brighton Road) had ceased, but it was recognised that nothing could be done about the situation.

Councillor Parnall reported on:

- The suggestion that one designated Committee member covered planning applications.