

# **Residents' Association Committee meeting – July 2019**

A Meeting of the Committee took place on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> July 2019. In addition to Committee members, Councillors Rod Ashford, Bob Gardner, Jeff Harris, Jamie Paul & Rachel Turner were in attendance.

## **Matters arising:**

- Updates were provided on two ongoing planning issues.

## **Councillor Ashford opened a discussion on:**

- The recent planning applications made by Fidelity in respect of their site at Kingswood Fields.
- Cllr. Ashford (in a personal capacity) had arranged for leaflets to be distributed to residents of Smithy Lane, Green Lane, Beechen Lane and Chipstead Lane inviting them to a meeting in the Social Club in Buckland Road to talk about the Fidelity planning application. The Residents' Association were not invited.
- It was noted that Fidelity's planning applications were being handled by a third-party organisation.
- Cllr. Ashford cited a number of specific objections that could be made by those residents likely to be directly impacted and added that any objections had to be based on material planning considerations.
- Various issues were raised by the Committee members living in those roads in the immediate vicinity of the Fidelity site - including a number of matters raised by their local residents.
- Since the Association was not invited to this meeting, it was determined that it was not possible for it to be involved further at this stage.

## **Councillor Turner reported on:**

- Cllr. Turner mentioned that in Tadworth & Walton, which she had represented for many years, a twice-yearly village clean-up was organised and recommended this might be organised for Lower Kingswood.
- Cllr. Turner also mentioned her aim to assist children with reading and suggested that a small cabinet containing books (which may be borrowed or donated) be introduced in this ward. The cost is around £340 and Cllr. Gardner suggested this was an idea worthy of part of his County Council grant.

## **Councillor Ashford reported on:**

- Cllr. Ashford stated that the green colour of paint to be used on the gates to Hogden Close (in Chipstead Lane) had been approved by the Borough Council and the gates are currently being painted.

## **Councillor Gardner reported on:**

- It was reported that the pedestrian crossing lights (on the A217/Brighton Road) by 'The Fox' are still slow to change and need to be adjusted.
- It was also reported that the road surface (including pot holes) outside 'The Fox' – at the approach to the pedestrian crossing lights - needs attention.
- It was reported that the footpath from Chipstead Lane to Sandy Lane (Kingswood) is impassable in many places.