

# **Residents' Association Committee meeting – March 2012**

A Meeting of the Committee took place on Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> March 2012. In addition to Committee members, Councillors Michael Gosling and Ros Mill were in attendance.

In addition to formal matters -

## **Councillor Gosling reported on:**

- His contact with our local MP where he had forwarded supporting documentation objecting to the decision by the Local Government Boundary Commission to “merge” Lower Kingswood with Merstham from a County representation perspective. He added that the response indicated that there now seemed little chance of that decision being reversed.
- Recent complaints about the provision and siting of grits bins and noted that those for which the County Council were responsible had been addressed but the siting of certain bins remained the responsibility of the Highways Agency.
- Recent complaints about potholes and added that, whilst the state of local roads was now better than a year ago, there was still some work to be done.
- The finalisation of the water pipeline work which had not, as some residents had feared, caused significant delays and inconvenience to local residents. Mr Gosling was reminded that there were still periodic flooding problems at the Chipstead Lane roundabout.
- The issue of traffic using Smithy Lane was noted as a subject that could be raised at the AGM. Mr Gosling indicated that it was unlikely that no single answer would satisfy everyone and compromises would have to be made; he added that it would in any event be necessary to secure the co-operation of Fidelity management and employees.
- The issue of the speed of traffic using Chipstead Lane was also noted as a subject that could be raised at the AGM. Mr Gosling noted that there were also problems for residents of Holly Lodge trying to cross the main road and that changes to the A217/Buckland Road/Smithy Lane junction could serve to slow traffic.

## **Councillor Mill reported on:**

- Her involvement in a new scheme under which the Borough Council were engaged in finding job opportunities for unemployed young people. She was also seeking the support of local businesses to adopt the same initiative.
- The issue of parking difficulties being experienced by weekend users of the Recreation Ground was brought to Mrs Mill's attention; she agreed to investigate further.