

# **Residents' Association Committee meeting – March 2015**

A Meeting of the Committee took place on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> March 2015. In addition to Committee members, Councillors Joan Spiers, & Ros Mill were in attendance.

Although a representative from Surrey Police was unable to be present at the Meeting, it was reported that there had been a few burglaries in the village – including a theft of tools & equipment from a storage container located in the Fidelity site.

An update was given with regard to the installation of a new village Notice Board. Although the Diocese had now given formal approval, it was necessary to submit a formal planning application to the Borough Council – notwithstanding that the notice board was to be sited in exactly the same position in the grounds of the Wisdom of God Church. The Council had indicated that the cost of such an application would amount to some £385 and a considerable amount of supporting documentation was also required. Cllr. Spiers undertook to discuss this with the Council Officer in charge to determine whether anything could be done to mitigate both the cost and complexity involved.

## **Councillor Spiers reported on:**

- Fly tipping, which was a continuing problem, and outlined the action taken by Enforcement Officers to trace those responsible.
- Parking on yellow lines was a problem throughout the Borough. In as far as Rookery Way was concerned, it was suggested that a solution to alleviate the current parking situation and congestion was required. It was agreed that this matter should be referred to Cllr. Gardner.
- It was reported that a plot of land to the rear of the Shell garage was soon to be offered for sale by auction. The land was probably not suitable for development, but Cllr. Spiers undertook to investigate further.
- An update was provided on a particular planning issue.
- The issue of the Nursery was discussed at some length now that its use of The Old Pheasantry had come to an end. Problems had arisen over its intended move to the Evangelical Church in Smithy Lane, since a planning application would be required to sanction a change in use; furthermore, a number of residents in Smithy Lane were concerned about traffic and parking issues associated with the Church's use as a nursery. Cllr. Spiers stated that the County Council would have to inspect the premises to ensure its suitability as a nursery before granting their approval. However, given that the nursery catered for nearly 50 children, it was clear that it served a real need in the village. The possibility of renovating and extending the pavilion building in the recreation ground was again discussed.