

Residents' Association Committee meeting – May 2014

A Meeting of the Committee took place on Tuesday, 13th May 2014. In addition to Committee members, Councillors Joan Spiers & Simon Parnall were in attendance.

Councillor Parnall reported on:

- The current situation regarding the Core Strategy (which had cost £1.5m) and that it was due to be voted through in July. He also suggested* that the Association should follow the lead set by both Kingswood & Burgh Heath Associations who were in the process of formulating 'Village Plans'.
- The recent obstruction caused by parked cars in certain roads*, which had served to block access by the Council's refuse trucks and had thus prevented the collection of rubbish for two weeks.
- The current situation regarding the BMX facility and explained that the equipment was in store but there were doubts as to its suitability; there was also the issue of the cost of installation. During the subsequent discussion it was noted that such a facility had been the subject of protracted discussions with the Council several years ago but it was not progressed; in the event of this equipment not meeting current standards, perhaps an alternative could be considered. It was also noted that residents (with younger children) had commented that the existing play area was well used and an alternative might be to extend this area to accommodate facilities for older children.
- The success of the recent Village Fête and noted that the presence of Councillors at this event had been very useful.

Other matters included:

- It was reported that the problem of speeding traffic was becoming worse. Cllr. Parnall stated that this was a problem throughout the Borough. A number of measures (including speed humps, 20mph speed restrictions and 'Speed Watch'), which might alleviate the situation, were discussed.
- It was reported that the timing of the A217/Brighton Road pedestrian lights needed adjustment and the condition of certain footpaths was becoming very bad; it was noted that both of these issues were the responsibility of the County Council.
- The issue of parking in and around the Recreation Ground was again raised. Cllr. Parnall stated that, although the matter was being investigated further, extension of the existing car park could not be funded until 2016.
- It was reported that residents had reported problems with overhanging trees, hedges etc. on a numbers of roads in the village.
- It was reported that flooding was still periodically occurring in certain places along the A217/Brighton Road and this would have to be rectified.