

Residents' Association Committee meeting – May 2019

A Meeting of the Committee took place on Tuesday, 14th May 2019. In addition to Committee members, Councillors Rod Ashford, Bob Gardner, Jamie Paul & Rachel Turner were in attendance.

At the start of the meeting, the Chairman welcomed the two new Borough Councillors (Cllrs. Paul & Turner) who, along with Cllr. Ashford, represented the new ward of Lower Kingswood, Tadworth & Walton. Later in the meeting the two new Councillors took the opportunity to formally introduced themselves.

Crime report:

- It was reported that there had been a recent instance of a noisy & speeding motorcycle which had then been apparently abandoned before being subsequently removed by a van; such instances should be reported to the Police on the non-emergency 101 telephone number.
- It was again reported that some commercial vehicles had been broken into in one part of the village.

Councillor Gardner reported on:

- It was noted that the car and van apparently “dumped” near the junction of Smithy Lane and the A217/Brighton Road had now been removed by the Council.
- Cllr. Gardner provided an update on enforcement action being taken by the County Council in respect of an encroachment on Council owned land.
- It was reported that speeding traffic in Chipstead Lane continued to be a problem; Cllr. Gardner added that Cllr. Harris had a speed gun but local volunteers would be required to utilise same.
- It was reported that Tealby Close is an unadopted road and thus is not provided with a grit bin, notwithstanding that the entrance is steep and can be treacherous in icy conditions. Cllr. Gardner added that the County Council no longer adopts private roads.
- It was reported that the timing of the pedestrian crossing lights (by ‘The Fox’) is still not consistent.
- It was also reported that the pot holes at the approaches to the pedestrian crossing were apparently not deep enough and therefore did not meet the criteria for repair.
- The issue of the recent tree-cutting along the A217/Brighton Road was raised and Cllr. Gardner noted that this was an issue between the County Council and Skansa since the cutting allowed better coverage from the street lighting. He would discuss the issue of further tree cutting with Cllr. Harris.

Councillor Ashford reported on:

- Cllr. Ashford provided an update on building/renovation works being carried out which was both causing nuisance to nearby residents and also apparently not adhering to the plans as originally submitted; he also provided an update on another specific planning issue.
- Following a query regarding the apparent non-collection of refuse from one particular road, Cllr. Ashford stated that the Council’s refuse lorries are equipped with facilities to “log” collections made.