

# **Residents' Association Committee meeting – September 2010**

A Meeting of the Committee took place on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September. In addition to Committee members, Councillors Michael Gosling, Ros Mill and Joan Spiers were in attendance but the Police were not represented. In addition to formal matters:

## **Councillor Gosling reported that:**

- His portfolio was “Supporting Living” and that commissioning meetings had been postponed until the end of October, at which time the County Council would know the amount of funding which would be available.
- Tendering for contracts was proceeding.

## **Councillor Mill reported that:**

- Her portfolio was “Partnership and Communities” and it was difficult to make plans until the spending cuts had been ascertained. The hope was that communities would appreciate the problem and would become involved in self-help activities and there were signs that this was already happening.
- A question was raised regarding the Chipstead Lane Recreation Ground where children were still able to run through the hedge and on to the road; proper fencing was required.

## **Councillor Spiers reported that:**

- She was working closely with the new Chief Executive and he would be visiting Lower Kingswood in the foreseeable future.
- She hoped that Business Rates would soon be reintroduced.
- The Council had recently lost a Director and Personal Assistant who would not be replaced. Their work would be undertaken by other Managers with an annual saving of £300,000. Formal Departmental checks were currently being undertaken to see what other monetary savings could be made.
- She had visited Babylon Lane and was aware of the need for more verge posts up to the post box so as to prevent dangerous parking.

There was a general discussion about the route of the proposed water pipe which would supply Sutton with water. It could go either over Walton Heath or along the A217 and each route gave rise to its own problems. Work could not now commence until January 2012.

It was again pointed out that the pedestrian crossing barrier (in the central reservation by ‘The Fox on the Hill’) had still not been repaired and the lives of pedestrians were being put at risk; remedial work was urgently needed. *[NB. Several weeks after this Committee meeting the barrier was finally replaced.]*

The Chairman reminded the Meeting that the developer of the land next to the Village Club had undertaken to provide money for use in the improvement of the Buckland Road/A217 junction and this must not be lost sight of.