

Residents' Association Committee meeting – September 2015

A Meeting of the Committee took place on Tuesday, 8th September 2015. In addition to Committee members, Councillors Bob Gardner & Simon Parnall were in attendance.

A further update was given with regard to the installation of a new village Notice Board. The Diocese had given their approval and a representative from the suppliers would shortly be inspecting the site to assess what additional preparatory work might be needed. Based on this, a final financial summary could be prepared.

Councillor Parnall reported on:

- Following questions being raised on the granting of two recent planning applications, Cllr. Parnall explained the rationale lying behind the decisions being made. He also explained the potential implications of other recent changes to Planning Regulations.
- The issue of cutting the hedges surrounding the Recreation Ground was raised; Cllr. Parnall undertook to investigate the matter.
- It was reported that the Lower Kingswood planning questionnaire had yielded valuable information, which was in the process of being analysed, and the resulting report would be submitted to the Council by the due date. A series of more detailed queries were raised and Cllr. Parnall responded appropriately; he also indicated that the original timescale had been extended.

Councillor Gardner reported on:

- It was reported that the operation of the pedestrian lights by 'The Fox' on the southbound A217/Brighton Road, which had been already been reported in previous Committee meetings, continued to be extremely slow; Cllr. Gardner undertook to investigate the matter (again).
- It was reported that complaints had been made by residents of Babylon Lane concerning both irresponsible drivers and the parking of vehicles on the hard standing along the frontage of The Grange. Various possible solutions were discussed in the ensuing debate.
- A faulty drain cover in Smithy Lane (by the entrance to Brier Lea) was reported.
- Cllr. Gardner commented on the traffic problems arising at the A217/Brighton Road junction with Buckland Road & Smithy Lane and expressed concern both about speeding traffic on the main road and the performance of illegal "U-turns" at the junction.