

# **Residents' Association Committee meeting – September 2018**

A Meeting of the Committee took place on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> September 2018. In addition to Committee members, Councillors Rod Ashford & Jeff Harris were in attendance.

## **Matters arising:**

At the beginning of the meeting updates were provided in respect of the Lower Kingswood Community & Sports Association (including comments about the refurbishment of the children's playground equipment and surrender of their lease by the Bowls Club) and the installation of a defibrillator.

## **Crime report:**

It was reported that there had been two recent burglaries in one part of the village, these had taken place at night time when the street lighting had been switched off.

## **Councillor Harris reported on:**

- Cllr. Harris noted that some 4,000 motorists had so far been caught speeding along the A217 by the new average speed cameras. However, it was reported that some vehicles seemed to be travelling at excessive speed along some of the side roads and there were also comments about disturbance caused by noisy lorries making late night deliveries.
- In response to a query regarding the planned road widening of the A217 at Reigate Hill (over the M25), Cllr. Harris confirmed that this would be achieved by reducing the width of the footpaths by 30 cms [1 foot] with the work expected to be carried out at night commencing April/May 2019.
- In response to a query regarding the possible automation of the Reigate level crossing, Cllr. Harris stated that there were no plans for this to be done.

## **Councillor Ashford reported on:**

- It was reported that the deadline for submission of responses to the Local Government Boundary Commission review had now passed and their final recommendations were due for publication in early October.
- Cllr. Ashford stated that the recycling site in Stubbs Lane continued to be a problem as a result of irresponsible dumping of rubbish by residents and also those living outside the area. He hoped that, by educating the public about the costs incurred by the Council (and thus Council Tax payers), the situation could be improved; he added that there was also a possibility of using a new type of bin.
- Cllr. Ashford reported that a litter bin was now in place at the A217/Babylon Lane bus stop.
- Having arrived after the earlier discussions regarding the children's playground and Bowls Club, Cllr. Ashford was brought up to date and indicated that the playground refurbishment was part of a rolling programme across the Borough (with local Councillors not necessarily given prior notice) and that his understanding of the situation regarding the Bowls Club was somewhat different. It was agreed that further clarification would be sought on this latter issue.