

Residents' Association Committee meeting – September 2019

A Meeting of the Committee took place on Tuesday, 10th September 2019. In addition to Committee members, Councillors Rod Ashford, Bob Gardner, Jeff Harris & Rachel Turner were in attendance.

Councillor Harris reported on:

- Cllr. Harris provided an overview of the plans by Highways England (HE) to substantially modify the M25 junction8 at Reigate Hill commencing in early 2020. He added that HE seemed unwilling to listen to concerns particularly as the work was likely to take around 42 weeks and lead to substantial inconvenience and traffic for local residents to endure.
- Cllr. Harris agreed with the suggestion that a petition should be produced and circulated by the Residents' Association with it then to be forwarded via our local MP to the Minister for Transport.

Councillor Turner reported on:

- Cllr. Turner mentioned a number of projects that had been taking place in Tadworth & Walton including:
 - Village clean-up, which she would like to see taking place in Lower Kingswood along with the cleaning of road signs etc.
 - Substantial grants had been secured for various projects – including tree planting - and it was agreed that the Chairman would liaise with Tadworth & Walton RA who had been instrumental in obtaining this funding
- Cllr. Turner also mentioned two planning issues impacting Tadworth & Walton:
 - Barclays Bank development
 - Walton Heath Golf Course clubhouse – proposed move to the 'Green Belt'
- Cllr. Turner added that a recent stabbing in Ashurst Road was thought to be drug related.

Councillor Gardner reported on:

- Enforcement action being taken in respect of an instance of encroachment on County Council land.

Councillor Ashford reported on:

- Cllr. Ashford provided an update on a specific planning application, with a final decision awaiting the formal adoption by the Borough Council of the Development Management Plan at the end of September.
- Cllr. Ashford was asked a number of questions including:
 - Overgrown footpaths – apparently there is no funding for pruning to be undertaken
 - Trees in Mogador Road – again no funding for pruning
 - Potholes outside 'The Fox on the Hill'
 - Pedestrian traffic light timing at the same location
- Cllr. Ashford reported that the Stubbs Lane recycling centre had been deep cleaned and new recycling containers with locked lids had been provided.
- It was reported that there was suspected drug dealing in the Recreation Ground apparently involving children. It was agreed that the Residents' Association would liaise with other appropriate organisations to make parents/adults/carers aware and ask that they keep an eye on where their children are in the evenings.
- Cllr. Ashford provided an update on another two planning applications.

Prior to the end of the Meeting the following matters were discussed:

- It was agreed that the Chairman, on behalf of the Association, should open a dialog with Fidelity.
- It was agreed that the Petition (regarding the planned M25/Junction 8 works should be drawn up as a matter of urgency so that it could be distributed to residents along with the latest newsletter.