

Residents' Association Committee meeting – January 2011

A Meeting of the Committee took place on Tuesday 11th January 2011. In addition to Committee members, Councillors Julie Tomlinson and Michael Gosling were in attendance along with PC Jim Dawborn (who was attending on behalf of PC Ferris). In addition to formal matters:

PC Dawborn reported that:

- There had been 2 recent thefts from vehicles parked in the Margery Lane car park and 2 recent burglaries at houses in Kingswood.
- There had been some recent reports of anti social behaviour in the village, which were being investigated by PCSO Langley.

He was advised of a particular problem faced by one resident, which had been raised with PCSO Langley; he undertook to investigate the matter to determine whether it had been satisfactorily resolved.

Councillor Tomlinson reported on the unpleasant and abusive conduct of two workers to which she had recently been subjected; this had already been reported to the Police.

Councillor Gosling reported that:

- The issue of 'Section 106' monies to be provided by the developer still had to be resolved.
- The initial report on the line of the proposed Sutton & East Surrey Water pipeline (to Sutton) was still subject to consultation; he indicated that the details submitted by S&ESW were particularly vague as to the exact route (or routes) that they were proposing.
- The matter of the County & Borough Council's monies deposited with two (now failed) Icelandic banks was shortly going back to the Icelandic court.
- New contractors would become responsible for repairing potholes as from April and the contract contained terms, which should ensure better service. In response to a question regarding the gritting of roads during the recent bad weather, he stated that only the A217 – along with other similar major roads in Surrey – had been gritted as noted as "salting routes".
- The issue of vehicles damaging the grass verge at the end of Chipstead Lane was again raised; he agreed to investigate the matter.

Councillor Tomlinson reported that:

- In response to a question regarding the toilets in the Recreation Ground; she undertook to discuss the matter with Councillor Mill. It was emphasised that the closure of these facilities was causing both nuisance and a health hazard to nearby properties.
- She had received numerous complaints about 'crow scarers' being used near residents' properties and she would be raising the matter with the farmer.

The issue of the Merland Rise Sports Centre was discussed at length and the view was that the Borough Council did not appreciate the depth of feeling to which its recent actions had given rise. It was felt that proper consultation had not taken place before its plans were made public, and the needs of schools and residents in the northern part of the Borough had not been recognised. The Secretary was asked to write to the Council expressing the Meeting's objections to the Council's proposals to exclude the swimming pool from the redesigned Centre.

With regard to the Borough Council's recycling proposals, it was again felt that these had been made without proper consultation. The general view was that residents would prefer the status quo to apply and the Secretary was asked to write to the Council with the Meeting's objections to the proposed scheme.

It was reported that the land adjoining the Total Garage was apparently being used virtually as a "tip" and could become a health hazard.