

Residents' Association Committee meeting – March 2011

A Meeting of the Committee took place on Tuesday 8th March. In addition to Committee members, Councillors Joan Spiers and Ros Mill were in attendance and PC Ed Ferris represented the Police. Mr. Simon Bland (Reigate & Banstead Borough Council Community Liaison Officer) also attended. In addition to formal matters:

Mr Bland stated that:

- He was particularly aware of the traffic problems suffered by residents living in Smithy Lane, Chipstead Lane & Green Lane and the remedial choices available appeared to be road signs and/or traffic-calming measures. There was a general discussion about the situation and Mr Bland said that Council Officers and the Police would have to revisit the area so that recommendations could be made concerning the possibility of 20mph limits, different forms of signage and the funding of the project.

Councillor Spiers reported on:

- Several local Planning Applications.
- There then followed a discussion about the Banstead Leisure Centre located in Merland Rise. Councillor Spiers acknowledged the local feeling to which the Council's recent proposals had given rise and reported that the matter was again the subject of consultation, which should produce a Report during June or July, and this would then be put to the Council. It was possible that the Committee would be supplied with a copy of the Report, particularly in view of objection to the closure of the swimming pool submitted on behalf of residents by the Association.

Councillor Mill reported that:

- A resident had left a message on her answerphone complaining about the difficulties experienced by residents when trying to cross the A217 in the Holly Lodge area. She had not left her contact details and Mrs Miles undertook to obtain them so that Councillor Mill could deal with the matter.

It was noted that the Sutton & East Surrey Water Company had still not presented firm proposals for the line of their proposed water pipe (from Mogador to Burgh Heath) and concern was expressed over the possible routing of the pipe across Rookery Farm, a place where methane gas was present and, of necessity, regularly monitored.

It was also noted that there would be no Village Fête this year due to the concentration of numerous Bank/Public Holidays around the date proposed.