



## **Leybourne Park Residents Association AGM 31st May 2023**

**Present:** Christine Belton-Brown, Rupert Keppel-Palmer, Gary Slinn, Marie Whale, Ian Whale, Kelly Welch, Nikki Scott, Tim Scott

**Apologies:** Lewis Howard, Emma Found, Reiss Braniff, Jo Mehmet

**Election of Officers:** (All elected unanimously)

- Co-Chairs: Christine Belton-Brown, Rupert Keppel-Palmer
- Secretary: Gary Slinn
- Treasurer: Lewis Howard

**Co-Chair's Report** – both Co-Chairs provided a statement on the activities of the RA over the last year, including a number of successes/positive developments achieved for our community.

**Financial statement** – Accounts for the financial year were circulated and accepted.

**Discussion items:**

- **1) Pedestrian crossing – New Hythe Lane.**

Gary Slinn is leading on efforts to delay implementation of the planned pedestrian crossing on New Hythe Lane following widespread concerns about its location and therefore its benefit being raised; this, in conjunction with the relocation of the current bus-stops and the proposed implementation of a widened pavement area and installation of a cycle path/lane on Papyrus Way – with the corresponding impact to overnight on-street parking. Gary continues to seek input from KCC, Tracey Crouch MP as well as local councillors to ensure we have a say in these programmes.

- **2) Parking Controls –**

following a meeting between Co-Chair Christine Belton-Brown, First Port and CPM – clarity on the terms and conditions of parking controls on Leybourne Park has been agreed. CPM will be producing and installing updated parking control signage for the estate – with the following controls to be

implemented – no parking on double yellow lines, on grassed or paved areas (2 or 4 wheels), locations where any such parking causes an obstruction (this includes parking in front of a dropped kerb obstructing access for mobility impaired residents)

- **3) Abandoned vehicles –**

We now have a clear process in place for identification of abandoned vehicles and subsequent removal under TMBC regulatory powers. The RA continues to engage with fellow residents to identify any such vehicles.

- **4) Aberly green railing –**

Budget has now been allocated to replace the wooden fence that part surrounds Aberly green with appropriate and identical metal railings to that which already exists on one side of this central area of our community. This will enhance the look of this green, whilst reducing the overall maintenance cost of upkeep.

- **5) Dropped kerbs, mobility impaired access to community areas of the estate –**

We continue to challenge First Port around their legal responsibilities as to providing access for mobility impaired residents to community spaces. With the planned installation of metal railings on Aberly green, we are seeking installation of a wide gate to the green allowing for easy access for all residents including those with mobility impairments.

- **6) Papyrus Way traffic –**

The potential increase in vehicular traffic on Papyrus Way was noted. We will continue, alongside our efforts on item 1) to engage with Panattoni and the council as to ensuring our estate has a voice in any traffic management planning efforts.

- **7) AOB –**

Carpets in blocks. A snagging letter will be sent to all residents of apartments that have had new carpets installed in communal areas. It is essential that all residents return feedback to First Port with any details of concerns / snags in order that a full audit / rectification of any installation issues can be undertaken before the project is signed off.

The meeting concluded at 9.02pm