



## **Leybourne Park Residents committee meeting 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

**Present:** Christine Belton-Brown, Rupert Keppel-Palmer, Marie Whale, Ian Whale

**Apologies:** Gary Slinn, Emma Found, Jo Mehmet

### **Discussion items:**

- **1) Pedestrian crossing/cycle pathway – New Hythe Lane/Papyrus Way.**

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.

KCC confirmed in writing that any highway improvements associated with planning conditions are managed by KCC Agreements Team. Our concerns have been forwarded to them and they advised the highway changes were discussed through the planning process, so any change would have to be agreed via Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council (TMBC) as the planning authority for the area. Changes to planning conditions for this site can be requested by the developer to TMBC, but this did not seem to be something Panattoni were keen to change.

Larkfield Parish Council is currently developing their Highway Improvement Plan (HIP) which helps progress highway improvements separate from the planning and crash remedial processes. The best way to raise highway changes up the agenda where there is no crash record or nearby developments would be through this process. The HIP is essentially a priority list for local elected officials (at parish or town council level) to collate concerns and issues. Once items have been detailed on a HIP then officers can review these ideas and arrange to meet with the parish council and other interested parties.

- **2) Abery green fencing replacement**

The metal railings due for installation (replacing the often broken wood fence of Abery green) have been ordered. We are awaiting a confirmed date where installation will commence. It has been agreed that a double wide swing gate will be installed at the Ingram end of the park to assist in mobility impaired access

- **3) Additional double yellow lines**

A small number of additional locations have been located for installation of double yellow lines. These areas currently are mainly junctions or areas that parking is creating pinchpoints. We are awaiting a site meeting date with Skyline

- **4) Pan stakeholder meeting**

Following a number of issues across the estate, the LPRA is pushing the various housing associations (Hyde and Golding) to meet up on site with First Port as well as the LPRA committee in order that we can better progress joint working. The LPRA will be inviting Hyde's tenancy officer too as many of the issues from this area of the estate directly relate to her area of responsibility.

- **5) AOB**

The grassed area behind Golding flats has now been cut as has the grass bordering the perimeter fence in this area.

The meeting concluded at 8.00pm