

NEWS FROM FLACKWELL HEATH RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT GROUP

Planning

The Magpie

At the time of writing we have just been informed that the Planning Inspectorate has dismissed Shanlys appeal for the first of the two planning applications they have made for the site. The grounds for dismissal appear to be:

- Appropriate arrangements have not been put into place to secure provision of an appropriate form of social housing
- Suitable arrangements have not been made to secure contributions to items such as education, indoor sports and leisure facilities, and fire services.

The second planning application, an amendment of the first is still pending a decision.

18 Wilfreds Wood Close

We understand the refusal of permission to demolish the bungalow and build two 4-bed houses has been taken to appeal.

Environment

There continues to be a considerable problem with dog 'poo' on public open spaces, for instance it has to be cleared off the recreation ground before Saturday football. This is very unfair to those having to do the clearing and also to responsible dog owners who clear up after their pets. There are two 'poo' bins on this particular area so there is really no excuse for this un-neighbourly behaviour. We understand the problem has been discussed at council level and there was considerable support for banning dogs from such areas, however it was decided to leave this in abeyance for the present. It is clear that a ban might be implemented in the future should the problem persist so **PLEASE CLEAR UP AFTER YOUR PETS!**

We are still endeavouring to make the village look more attractive. We have however experienced problems with suitable sites to place cherry trees and planters. Some sites have services underneath, others are too near the highway and there are also the various bureaucratic hurdles to overcome. We are hopefully making some progress in these directions, albeit slow and hope that we will have some native species cherry trees and some new planters in the village over the next few months. About 500 spring bulbs have been planted in the recreation ground area, which we hope will brighten up the area in the spring.

Minutes Secretary

We have a need for a Minutes Secretary to help us in our endeavours to make the village an even more pleasant place to live. If you have some time to spare and feel you could help us in this way, please contact me as below

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