

**NOTES FOR RESIDENTS OF EFFRA COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD IN  
PARISH ROOM ON 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019**



**Election of Chairman and Allocation of Responsibilities of Committee Members –**

Vivien White elected Chairman, Ian Smith Deputy Chairman, Harry Clarke Website Editor, Diane Poole Bookham Liaison, James Brennan Road Wardens Co-ordinator, Howard Manton and James Wetenhall unallocated

Officers David King Honorary Secretary and Juliet Newton-Smith Honorary Treasurer elected at AGM

**Berkeley Homes Planning Application for 408 & 410, Lower Road 19/P/00703** – It was agreed to object to this planning application to replace two houses with five houses as the land is Green Belt and the proposal would constitute over-development of the site and be against the NPPF. The proposed access to Lower Road is also considered unsafe and against the Section 106 Agreement Berkeley Homes signed to close the current farm site access to be replaced by one closer to the new school on the level part of the road. The Committee was disappointed that Surrey County Council (SCC) Highways had not objected to the access.

**Berkeley Homes/Howard School Development** - A detailed planning application for the new school and houses on Effingham Lodge Farm is still awaited. The Committee believes that the village needs expert planning advice to respond to this application.

It was noted that the temporary Tree Protection Order (TPO) placed on the line of trees on the western boundary of the Effingham Lodge Farm site has not been made permanent as Berkeley Homes objected. However, EFFRA has been advised that new planting with some mature trees is to be agreed to replace the plane trees which are in poor condition and the intention is to place TPOs on the new trees. The committee will continue to monitor this and talk to Guildford Borough Council as residents are very concerned at the loss of trees to date because of the development.

**Church Street Field Planning Application 18/P/01924** - The Committee was pleased that this had been withdrawn as EFFRA, EPC and many residents had objected, but it was noted that a new application was likely to be submitted.

**Petition to Surrey County Council and Guildford Borough Council for improvement of crossing points to St Lawrence School** - It was noted this was well received by the Joint Committee on 20<sup>th</sup> March. Proposals for improving the safety of the crossing points are expected shortly from SCC Highways. However, EFFRA has been advised they will be subject to budget constraints.

**Litter picking (Great British Spring Clean)** – The recent Litter Pick was successful and well attended. Three litter picks will be attempted per year.

**Effingham Common** – Following the talk and discussion at the EFFRA AGM a working Group has been established with the Parish Council and the Friends of Effingham Common to look at how protection of the Commons can be increased.

**Date of Next Committee Meeting** Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019

**Further Meeting dates** 5<sup>th</sup> August 2019 (if necessary), 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019, 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019, 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019, 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019, 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020, 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020, 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020, 30<sup>th</sup> March 2020

**AGM** 27<sup>th</sup> April 2020

**Wardens Meetings** 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2019, 6<sup>th</sup> April 2020