

**NOTES FOR RESIDENTS OF EFFRA COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD IN
PARISH ROOM ON 4th February 2019**



Berkeley Homes/Howard School Development Detailed planning application for new school and houses on Effingham Lodge Farm now expected to be submitted by the end of March 2019. The Liaison Group of Parish Council and EFFRA representatives is continuing to meet with Berkeley Homes and Howard School to represent the village. Berkeley Homes has been asked to do public presentation of its proposals before the February or March Parish Council meeting.

Planning Application 18/P/02447 Three Acre Barn EFFRA has lodged an objection on Green Belt grounds.

Planning Application 19/P/00092 for 3G pitch on top of old tarmac surface at KGV. EFFRA to send letter of support as considered a good use of this redundant area of the KGV. Project is well planned and will cover funding of maintenance and replacement of the surface in 7 to 10 years. Facility will be available for other groups and sports in addition to Bookham Colts who have organised the project.

Need for Pelican or similar Crossing at Lower Road roundabout for children crossing to St Lawrence Primary School It was agreed in principle to support any parents' initiatives on this as it is considered that the current crossing arrangements are unsafe.

Effingham Station Car Park Appropriate action being planned re problems with car park raised by residents.

EFFRA Road Wardens Temporary road wardens have been appointed for Lower Farm Road but a permanent road warden is needed. There are three further vacancies for road wardens to cover part of the Guildford Road west of the A246, Effingham Common and roads on the East Horsley border off Forest Road.

KGV Toddlers' Playground project Work is expected to start on the new playground on 25th February and will take about three weeks. Bookham Rotary is kindly donating an adult and a children's picnic table. There will be a new sign outside the playground which will include how the playground has been largely funded by generous public donations.

Effingham precept 2019/2020 and Funding of EVRT The Parish Council has agreed a 19.4% increase in the precept (the money it receives from the Council Tax) from 1 April 2019. The precept increase for Band D Council Tax payers (the bench mark band) will be 19.1% from £69.79 to £83.13 per year. (The precept represented 3.7% of the total Council Tax of £1,884.47 paid by Band D Council Tax payers in 2018/19). This increase is to fund extra managerial support for the Trustees at the request of the Effingham Village Recreation Trust (EVRT), the charity that runs it, as the unpaid trustees are currently spending a great deal of their time on day to day management. EFFRA acknowledges there are problems with the funding of the KGV. However, it is considered that if Effingham residents are being asked to pay for a large part of the funding of the KGV that the funding and income should be fully transparent so that residents can form a view of whether they are paying fairly for the facility in their village and EFFRA will seek to achieve this.

Date of Next Committee Meeting 4th March 2019 at 8pm.