



## *BIDDENHAM PARISH COUNCIL*

Biddenham Parish Council met on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2016 in the upstairs room of the Pavilion. Present were Parish Councillors Graham Bates, Peter Chase (chairman), Jon Gambold (also a Borough Councillor), Alan Jacobs, Krzys Osuch, Terry Platt, Francia Slade and Joe Warren. Councillor Chris Gee and Borough Councillor Roger Rigby sent their apologies. Clerk Alison Southern and two members of the public were also present.

A variety of subjects were discussed this month – here are some points of note...

### TRAFFIC LIGHTS

The new traffic lights at Biddenham Turn have largely been working ok – when there's not much traffic they let you out onto Bromham Road very promptly. However, at other times, they seem to either go slow or a bit mad, or both. Fear not, the boffins who adjust these things are on the case. As importantly, if not more so, we're told the Borough highways team is reviewing whether to adjust the lane markings going out of town, as too many people think it's ok to use the left lane (meant for going up Biddenham Turn) to go straight on!

Whilst on the subject of traffic, now that these lights and the new bypass have been in place for a little while, we are going to carry out a speed survey of traffic on the Bromham Road. Traffic levels do not seem to have risen much, even now it's term time, and we suspect this is unfortunately meaning more speeding is happening. In due course, we're also keen to review Biddenham Turn and Gold Lane again.

### WEB SITE

The new website is about to launch. This is far more than just a revamp of the Parish Council's own site; it is also a new resource for any group in the village to use if they don't want to go to the effort and cost of doing their own site. If this is of interest to you, please contact us.

### ROUNDAABOUT

I reported last month that we had narrowed possible designs for something on the Deep Spinney roundabout down to two choices, and that consultation at the Biddenham Show with some 70 or so people gave a clear preference for the two stone pillars over the four slate plaques. These pillars will say "BIDDENHAM" vertically on two faces, and be topped off with a replica of the ancient Dovecote which stood next to the manor/village pond (and was so scandalously demolished in 1966). We have now gone back to the stonemason who has helped us with this option to refine the design and start talking about cost, fabrication and installation.

### DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November. Do please come along if you have anything you'd like to raise.

Peter Chase