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## OPEN MEETING

**THURSDAY 19TH OF OCTOBER 9:30AM AT MALCOLM RYAN STUDIOS**

The Committee will update you on all matters of managing the estate and on future plans. From our website and newsletters you will by now know the regular topics, see also below. They keep everybody busy and on their toes.

Your comments and suggestions are important and welcome. Please email Judith your ideas and views in advance of the meeting and please turn up to join the discussions.

### ROADS, LINES AND SPEED LIMIT

We are now ready to make a decision on road resurfacing - the sticking point was getting and comparing quotes from different companies. Once this has been done we will redraw lines and add some new ones. We also feel strongly that a speed limit of 10 miles per hour should apply to our whole estate. We will advertise this not only on the roads, but also at the gates and with signs attached to lampposts and poles. Our businesses operate in such tight spaces that reducing speed is paramount, especially with the high volume of heavy vehicles entering and leaving the estate.



### PARKING

We mentioned in our last newsletter that we will investigate further if and how many cars not associated with our businesses come early in the morning snatching up our precious parking spaces. Eddie, our wonderful "maintenance man" on the ground, has put in some early shifts and concluded that the main culprits were sub-contractors of National Grid. The good news is that we have drawn attention to this with National Grid and that their construction work is coming to an end very soon. More on this at the Open Meeting.



**BUSINESS RATES:** You might have received a pink envelope from Wandsworth Council containing the good news that the Council is offering financial assistance when your rateable value has increased disproportionately. It's worth enquiring also if you haven't received notification from the Council! Look on their website for Discretionary Revaluation Relief.

**BID LEVY 2017/18:** Most invoices have now been sent out and we would like to thank the many businesses who have paid the levy without delay. But here a plea to the ones who have not yet paid: Please settle your debt, as every reminder sent out by the Council will cost us money.

**BROADBAND:** For those who have signed up for our estate-wide fast broadband, remember to send the new annual contract back to Bongo-IT. We are in close contact with them and also with Exponential-E who own the fibre optic cables to ensure uninterrupted internet access.

**CCTV:** It was installed quite a few years ago and now needs updating. The estate is definitely safer for it. It has helped to solve a number of incidents of theft, car accidents and flytipping.

**PROJECTS COMPLETED:** The Riverside Road Gate has been replaced with a sturdier version and shrubs were cut back and tidied up. We also dealt with a major fly-tipping incident and removed small items being dumped onto the estate.

**GREYHOUND STADIUM SITE:** Demolition will start soon and should last until June 2018. It will all be done via access on Plough Lane and should therefore not directly affect our estate. It is planned that the Football Stadium will be ready by mid 2019 and will be developed alongside the apartment buildings.

**PREMISES SOUGHT:** We have received enquiries for storage ideally on the ground floor and for a secure ground floor unit with heating, lighting, power supply etc. Please contact Judith.

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