

## Pratt's Bottom Resident's Association

Around this time of year, the Resident's Association would normally hold its AGM in the Village Hall. Clearly, this has not been possible due to the pandemic restrictions and it is still not clear when it may be feasible to hold a meeting. In the meantime, all Committee members have agreed to carry on and we have continued to meet monthly via Zoom, usually with our local councillors in attendance. The current committee is –

Liz Turnbull (Chair)  
Alec Lauder  
Laura Dimbleby  
Jackie Gibbs  
Rebecca Randall  
Christine Bradford  
Mel Turtell

We have continued to respond to planning applications and appeals that affect the amenity of the village, the most significant of which has been the redevelopment of the former Broke Hill golf club. It has recently been announced that the owners, Quinn Estates, have lodged an appeal against Sevenoaks Councils decision to refuse planning permission. The grounds of refusal solely relate to impact on the Green Belt, though there are other issues to consider, such as congestion on local roads, loss of open space, impact on educational and medical facilities to name but a few. The Resident's Association will be writing to the Planning Inspectorate to address these concerns.

More recently, many residents have been concerned about the unauthorised development taking place at Wheatsheaf Hill. Although it is outside the confines of the village, it is of interest because of the significant breach of Green Belt rules on our doorstep. Since the caravans appeared, Bromley Council have successfully obtained a court injunction to prohibit further development. The Committee will continue to monitor the site in conjunction with our local councillors.

From a financial perspective, our modest bank balance has been unchanged for some time, due to the absence of any transactions. In accordance with normal practice, the accounts are currently being audited and will be reported to the next AGM.

Alec Lauder