Drop in and Chat Sept 2023

Jo and I had two residents drop in. Discussions were as follows, but there are no particular actions for us.

Chris Heath (Schofields Way)

Chris had watched the Planning Committee meeting where the Gladman application was refused, and was clearly unhappy with the performance of the Planning Officer in the discussion. She wrote to the CEO to say she was very worried that at an appeal the Planning Officer would be torn apart by the Gladman silks.

Chris was able to share with us the content of the response from CDC head of planning. Without entering into any discussion of individual performances, CDC says that if it goes to appeal, it will definitely bring in the necessary levels of experienced personnel.

Theresa Scott-Horn (Milton Road)

The resident lives right next to Westbourne Court on Milton Road and wants to replace the dead boundary hedge (6ft high) with a wall (0.9m high). She wanted some guidance on what she would have to do for permission etc.. She does not have any digital access to CDC. We observed that other properties (in particular, Westbourne court) have much more substantial walls and we could not see any issues, although of course we made it clear we are not the decision-making authority.