

## 5. CORRESPONDENCE

### 5.1 GRASS MOWING

The following letter was received from Mr O D Hill, Bexley Residents' Association regarding current standards of grass mowing in the area:

*"We bring to you our concerns and the concern of those that we represent, the current standard of grass mowing in our area. We have noted that since mowing has been undertaken once more by Council staff the standard has dropped remarkably (contracting out work has its drawbacks in price war).*

*We note the following points:*

- 1. The frequency of mowing has decreased with six or more weeks between mowing.*
- 2. With longer periods between mowing longer grass is being left lying on the ground when cut, which is not only unsightly but also has a tendency to smell after rain.*
- 3. Grass around trees, shrubs, lamp posts and posts and rails is not cut leaving an unsightly mess which does nothing to enhance the mown area.*
- 4. Rubbish in parks and on grassed areas is no longer removed before mowing but chopped up with the mower leaving a mess.*
- 5. The speed at which the mower is operated at, would seem to us to be in excess to which would be required to achieve a satisfactory job (causing damage to mower and grassed area).*

*The above points that we raise are not improving the look that we have strived for in Bexley over the past years. We do not want to see our district suffer visually because of inadequate funding being provided for this part of Council's work to be carried out to a reasonable standard.*

*We look forward to a favourable answer to our concerns."*

#### **Chairperson's**

**Recommendation:** That the Bexley Residents' Association's concerns be referred to the Parks and City Streets Managers for a report.

### 5.2 INSTALLATION OF A PEDESTRIAN REFUGE

The following letter was received from Norma Hill, requesting the installation of a pedestrian refuge island in Golf Links Road:

*"We would stress the need for an island in Golf Links Road to provide safety for residents walking to The Palms. There are 50 residents in the home, and 20 residents in the cottages. Many of these use either walking sticks, walkers or wheel chairs. There are also motor scooters. In addition many are visually impaired. Shopping at the mall is important to these folk, as well as the 130 plus staff, many of whom deal at the shops there.*

*Visitors to the home/hospital/cottages also shop at the mall.*

*We feel there is an urgent need for an island in Golf Links Road, as near as possible to the Windsor House car park. The shocking state of the footpaths is also a matter of concern. The unevenness is dangerous for elderly people.”*

**Chairperson’s**

**Recommendation:** That the letter be referred to the Area Engineer for a report.