NORTH WEST FARNHAM RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday 1st September 2021

Present:

David King (DK) Penny Marriott (PM) Vivienne Miller (VM) Anne Pullinger (AP) Julie Russ (JR)

Apologies: Richard Gunner

Action

Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising:

The minutes were approved as an accurate record and signed by PM.

Treasurer's report:

There was no report but in the current circumstances the accounts will not have changed very much. No money has been received this year because of COVID. For the next AGM RG will have to present 3 years' worth of accounts and so we need to inform him. The AGM will not now take place on 8th September

PM

Fields, Coxbridge and other planning: (DK)

DK contacted Stewart Edge to see if he had heard anything about the Hopfields and the possible development of more fields, but he has not. PM said there are many other areas under threat of development. VM said that the problem with the Hopfields is that a developer has been added to the title deeds and surveyors have been visiting. PM stated that no plans have been received by Waverley for the Hopfields but at present the only protection is from the Neighbourhood Plan which is the relevant planning document. The Local Plan Part 2 has not yet been passed and probably will not be until next April because there were questions from the consultation which have to be answered. Waverley Borough Council could be accused of not completing enough houses and developers may apply to build more. The East Street development will be going ahead now.

Stewart has been asked about the swale on the Abbey View site which is just a big hole. DK has tried to talk to Waverley about this but his contact has left and so he needs to find the relevant person to discuss it with. The fence around the swale is not sufficient to keep children from entering with a possibility that they might fall into the water at the bottom. DK has sent several e-mails to Building Control who told him that the matter sits with the planning team and his e-mail has been forwarded to them. Planning have yet to reply. PM offered to raise the matter with the Planning Department.

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DK has had a conversation with Mark Cullington about access to a development which might take place on the opposite side of Old Park Lane to the Folly Hill development. No planning application has yet been received for access, either as part of the Folly Hill development, or as part of a proposed development. PM stated that at present developments in this area are outside of the Town Plan and so are not permitted.

Jeremy Ricketts has submitted an application for a storage area and Mark Cullington has objected to this as he thinks it would be a waste tip.

The area outside 34A Crondall Lane is a wilding area. DK has asked Waverley what they intend to do with it as it has not been cut at all this year, but should be cut once – again no reply from Waverley. JR said the bank outside 36 Crondall Lane was cut twice in April/May, despite the fact that she asked Waverley not to cut until June because of the Cuckoo Flower growing on it, which is the food plant of the Orange Tip butterfly larva. She will contact Waverley about this

JR

again. PM stated that SCC has passed responsibility for verge cutting to Waverley but at present nothing seems to be being done about it.

Coxbridge: Has outline planning permission for 350 houses but no more than 160 can be built at present as there are insufficient sewers and water mains.

PM stated that a Western bypass would not be going ahead at present because there are insufficient funds.

HGVs are not now allowed to travel down Castle Street or through the town, except for deliveries. Signage will be installed on motorways to direct HGVs along an alternative route.

Footpath News (AP):

Footpath maintenance on 10th August: Both kissing gates on footpath 5 were repaired. The culvert on the stream was also repaired by filling hessian sacks with concrete and laying them on the bank. A new waymark post was installed to mark where the path should go along the edge of the grass area and a way through was brush cut. At present the path travels across the middle of the grass area. There was not enough time to repair the path further up next to the metal kissing gate.

DK suggested that AP should contact Andy Macleod about Section 106 money being used to surface the rough part of Old Park Lane. She has done this but he has not responded and so she will chase this up. PM suggested sending 3 e-mails to Andy Macleod as he is a councillor for the Town Council, Waverley Borough Council and Surrey County Council.

AGM: (PM)

PM suggested holding the AGM in June next year. PM did not know when the financial year for NWFRA starts and said she would have to ask RG. However, VM read out part of the Constitution and the financial year starts on 1st May. Therefore from 1st May next year we will be collecting subs.

AP asked if Stephen Spence would be replaced on the Committee. PM is pursuing people who might agree to become committee members.

Newsletter and Deliverers:

PM will try and get the newsletter out before 16th September. She will contact John Willacy about the possible development of the Hopfields and write something about it in the newsletter. Approximately 1,000 copies will be printed. AP thought it would be a good idea to deliver a newsletter now when we are not collecting subs and she could deliver to half of the Abbey View estate. JR offered to help with delivering. DK suggested illustrating deliverers areas on a map. PM has a list of the houses in our area and will give DK a list detailing which houses each deliverer is responsible for. He will then produce a map before the next committee meeting.

Community Champions: (PM)

PM is Community Champion for this area. She receives bulletins for the area every fortnight and is expected to broadcast the information which she intends to do via the NWFRA website. DK said he could do this. PM said the information will be in a Word document or a PDF. It will concern mostly COVID but not exclusively, it will also cover Afghanistan, for example. It will carry on when the COVID crisis has passed. DK will ask the webmaster if he could put a new heading on the website for this. VM suggested mentioning the website in the newsletter.

Any Other Business:

JR said she had experienced difficulties when running down the upper, rough part of Old Park Lane recently. Twice she has encountered Tesco delivery vehicles using the Lane, which is a bridleway and not suitable for motor vehicles. The second time this happened she was on a part of the Lane where it is almost impossible to move aside. When she informed the driver that he

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should not be using this Lane as it was a Bridleway he was rude and abusive and insisted that she was wrong about it being a bridleway and not open to motor traffic. She is concerned about it because it poses a risk to pedestrians, horses and horse riders. Date of the next meeting: Thursday 9 th December at 4.30 pm	