

NORTH WEST FARNHAM RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

COMMITTEE MEETING (via Zoom)

Thursday 7th January 2021

Present:

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

Apologies: Richard Gunner	<u>Action</u>
Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising:	
The play area at Abbey View: DK received a reply from Waverley Borough Council saying it was tough, and that was it.	
AP has passed on the Committee's thanks to the footpath team.	
The minutes were approved as an accurate record.	
Treasurer's report:	
There was no report but in the current circumstances the accounts will not have changed very much.	
Website: (DK)	
Farnham Town Council website gives all the dates and times of public meetings and DK has put these on our website.	
Fields, Coxbridge and other planning: (DK)	
Josh Lewington has bought 43 Crondall Lane and his father owns a building company, Lewington Homes, which will be refurbishing and extending the property. DK considers it an over-development of the site and has objected but does not think this will do any good. PM will check on the matter.	PM
Coxbridge and Knowle Farm: There has been no movement with either of these planning applications. Concerning Knowle, DK has had conversations with a man who lives in the original farmhouse who told him that the 9 homes constructed on the site have a covenant which does not allow them to object to any further development of the site. DK talked to Mark Collington about this and mentioned it to the planning officer at Waverley who said he had only just heard about it. Mark wrote a very long objection to the most recent planning application by Jeremy Ricketts which does not yet appear on the Waverley website.	
VM said that a large conifer tree at the entrance to the fields near Tim Thackeray's house in Old Park Lane has been cut down and a planning application may be in the offing. Tim Thackeray asked why the tree had been removed and was told that it was to improve access. A digital survey of the fields has been done, which is very worrying. Also, the farmer has not used the field to grow a fodder crop for his sheep, as he usually does. PM pointed out that the fields are outside the Farnham built up area but we need to keep an eye on the situation.	
Footpath news (AP):	
Tim Thackeray said that the footpath through Claypit Wood is deteriorating, some earth has washed away and there are broken steps. The situation is difficult to manage in the current circumstances and it may be a job for contractors, or possibly volunteers, but they would need	

someone from Surrey County Council with them. Tim Thackeray has been in touch with John Willacy, Chairman of Old Park Residents Association, and asked to be informed of any problems with footpaths.

Farnham Liaison Forum (SS)

Farnham Liaison Forum (FLF) meetings have been well attended. The A31 and Hickley's Corner meeting had about 70 attendees but the most recent meeting had 150. One lady has played a very big part in getting North Farnham matters onto the agenda, matters which in the past have been ignored. Lorries over 7.5 tons will be banned from the Upper Hale Road, apart from access. There was a meeting concerning Wrecclesham and future meetings include one on young people and another about the town centre. People tend to start off with cynical questions but as the discussion progresses the Chairman, Chris Tunstall, who is very good, answers questions in a very matter of fact way, keeps things on an even keel and gives everyone an opportunity to have their say. Masses of proposals have been made and there will not be enough money for all of them to go ahead. A list of proposals to be considered further will be made and they will be costed. £139 million has been given by Surrey to the Farnham Liaison Project (FLP) to deal with traffic and pollution. So far it has achieved the installation of new bus stops and a pedestrian crossing for residents of the new estate at Folly Hill. The FLP have got Surrey County Council to acknowledge privately that there must be a plan B for Brightwells, involving arts and crafts. It may be possible to move the Museum to Brightwells, Watts Gallery may be interested and a blacksmiths shop is being considered by UCA. SS wants to hold a Zoom meeting to gather people together who may be interested in having a presence at Brightwells.

SS

DK has written to The Herald to ask where the traffic that is banned from the Upper Hale Road will go. He has not yet had a reply.

SS said that it will not be possible to fix everything but if we focus on some of the key issues this will be helpful. If it is going to work it relies on the members of the FLP and their expertise. They need to know what they are doing. He reported that there is a board meeting of the FLP on 22nd June and there will probably be a heads up at that meeting on the direction of travel. There is also a board meeting on Friday 19th March and the week after that a clearer picture may emerge.

DK asked about Hickley's Corner and SS said that the 2004 plan has changed and, as it is now in the top down projects, it is being looked at.

AGM date: We will aim for Thursday 17th June. Councillors attend this meeting and it starts at 8 pm.

Any Other Business:

PM reported that Speed Watch is carrying on and she has seen them doing it once, but they may be keeping away during Lockdown.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 24th March at 16:30.