

# NORTH WEST FARNHAM RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

## Minutes of the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting 18<sup>th</sup> June 2014

The Chairman extended a warm welcome to Councillors Jeremy Ricketts (town mayor), Paddy Blagden (Waverley and Castle Ward) and Pat Frost (Surrey, Waverley and Farnham)

### 1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Ian Burgess, Mr Dennis Banks and Mr Graham Leach.

### 2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2013 were approved as a correct record.

### 3. Treasurer's Report

In the absence of the Treasurer the Accounts for the year to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2014 were presented by the Chairman. The surplus for the year was £256 and the funds stood at £7769 which, the Chairman noted, represented a fighting fund should the need arise.

The adoption of the accounts was proposed and seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

### 4. Election of Officers and Committee

The Officers and Committee were willing to stand for re-election with the exception of Mr Graham Leach (who would, however, continue to keep a watching brief on Farnborough Airport matters) and Mrs Harriet Ellis who was resigning as Secretary but willing to serve on the Committee. Mrs Julie Russ was proposed as Secretary and Mr Guy Stephens as a new Committee member.

The following were proposed and seconded as a group and the motion was carried unanimously:-

Chairman	Dr Penny Marriott
Treasurer	Mr Dennis Banks
Secretary	Mrs Julie Russ
Committee	Mr Stewart Edge
	Mrs Harriet Ellis
	Mr David King
	Mr Keith Miller
	Mr Tony Ostime
	Mr Guy Stephens.

### 5. Chairman's Report

The Chairman referred briefly to some miscellaneous matters of interest as follows:-

Farnborough Airport – TAG had applied for another increase in the number of flights and for a change in flight paths which would bring the flights closer to our own area. We had submitted an objection and so had Waverley.

Dog fouling on pavements – comments and advice had been posted on our website

Speedwatch – Chris Cleland was invited to comment. He reported that at present it was only being done once a week whilst waiting for a new police website to be completed and more volunteers are always welcome.

Website – Keith Miller reported that there have been about 400 hits a month, but declining as more use was being made of Facebook which was considered a good thing. More photos for the website would be welcome. Guy Stephens who fronts our Facebook facility reiterated that its use should be encouraged.

The Chairman then introduced the topic of Planning and the potential development of sites in our area. She referred to the Waverley Local Development Framework and in particular the Core Strategy document which was in the process of being rewritten and changes in planning law under the National Planning Policy Framework. She then referred to the Farnham Neighbourhood Plan and invited Councillor Paddy Blagden, who is involved in the development of the Plan, to advise the meeting of progress. He said that a consultant, with considerable experience of drafting Plans that will be accepted, had been appointed and the Town Plan would be submitted as soon as possible even though the Waverley Plan will not be submitted until 2016. However, even when it has been passed by the Inspector it has to be approved by Waverley and is then subject to a referendum. Before submission there will be further opportunities for consultation and the Town Council working party are trying to reach as many people as possible. People who have any queries are invited to ask the Town Council. In the meantime, he confirmed that planning applications are “flooding in”. Referring then to the Waverley Plan Councillor Blagden reported that there is now a new portfolio holder who is likely to have different views from the previous incumbent on some issues and this may be of advantage to Farnham residents.

#### **6. Any Other Business**

Mr John Price referred to the Association’s past objections to a Western Bypass and asked if there was a current policy on this. The Chairman replied that there had not been any recent discussions on the subject.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm. This was, however, followed by a panel discussion involving the local Councillors.

#### **Councillors’ Forum**

The discussion centred mainly on potential housing development, both on the hop fields and on Coxbridge Farm. It was pointed out that if there is a certain housing target laid down the houses have to go somewhere and it is up to residents, through Neighbourhood Plans, to express preferences.

There was discussion on the likelihood or otherwise of using Dunsfold Aerodrome for some of Waverley’s housing to relieve pressure on Cranleigh and Farnham which are the only areas in Waverley that are not Green Belt. It appeared that there was now some possibility but opinions on this were divided.

Finally, there was a suggestion from the floor that downward communication from Councils at all levels could be better.