

# NORTH WEST FARNHAM RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

## COMMITTEE MEETING (via Zoom)

Wednesday 24 March 2021

**Present:**

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

<b>Apologies:</b> None	<u>Action</u>
<b>Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising:</b>	
<b>Corrections to minutes:</b>	
Under Planning Coxbridge and Knowle Farm, DK talked to Mark Cullington, not Mark Collington and Mark's objection <b>is</b> on the Waverley website. DK had conversations, not conservations.	
Under Farnham Liaison Forum, the Hickley's Corner project is in the top <b>ten</b> projects, not the top <b>down</b> projects.	
<b>Treasurer's report (RG):</b>	
RG sent a report via e-mail. The Treasurer's Account has a balance of £203.09 and the Business Account a balance of £5,445.92.	
<b>Fields, Coxbridge and other planning (DK):</b>	
Fox Haven in Old Park Lane has an application for quite a large extension on the planning site and DK asked if the committee knew anything about it. He read out details of the proposal and said he would look at the plans.	DK
Castlefield in Old Park Lane are not going ahead with their plans.	
43 Crondall Lane, which has plans for a large extension, would have to pay the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), but they have asked for a reduction in floor space so that they do not have to.	
There have been communications between Surrey Wildlife Trust, Waverley and the owner of Knowle Farm about Great Crested Newts which were present in a pond where they plan to build stables. A survey for GCNs has not taken place in the last 3 years and no works should be started until one has been undertaken by a suitably qualified ecologist.	
There have been no changes to the Coxbridge plans since DK put our comments on the Waverley website.	
Tree planting has taken place in the field above Abbey View.	
<b>Website (DK):</b>	
DK looks at the planning part of the website every 2 weeks and up-dates it. Margaret Connolly has looked at the website and offered to help us. PM has sent Margaret an e-mail.	
DK has heard that the Abbey View development will be finished in a couple of months and the playground has also been completed. He would like to introduce the residents to NWFRA by putting newsletters through their doors.	DK

Neil Hallam-Jones will be moving into 44 Beavers Road and has joined the Neighbourhood Watch. It is hoped that he can be encouraged to join NWFRA.

DK/AP?

### **Footpath news (AP):**

**Footpath going north from Coxbridge Farm:** Keith Kenward has refused permission for footpaths to go over his land because he is re-wilding the area and does not want public footpaths here.

PM asked about the footpath which goes diagonally across the first field after emerging from the footpath from Three Stiles Road (which has shrubs on either side). The path goes from the corner of the field diagonally across to the path on the other side. This is closed off at present because the farmer has installed electric fencing as sheep will be going into the field. This is reasonable because it is still possible to get around the outside of the field and take a path into the town centre or to Old Park Lane.

JR said a new footpath sign has been installed at the bottom of the drive leading to her house. The original sign was knocked down by a tradesman visiting her house about 10 years ago.

Vegetation along the footpath to the north west of Abbey View has been cut back enabling easier access.

### **Farnham Liaison Forum (SS):**

A lady contacted SS about a bus stop at Folly Hill as not enough buses stop there. The traffic lights at the top of Folly Hill/Upper Hale Road do not have pedestrian lights. A refurbishment of the lights was being carried out and SS asked if pedestrian lights could be installed. It was agreed that this could be done.

Re-surfacing of Castle Street is being carried out. VM said that it is being done at 11 pm and it makes her house shake. SS commented that this is not good but unfortunately it is the only time the work can be done because of the traffic. Surrey County Council (SCC) has been asked if the parking spaces would be taken away because of the re-surfacing and because they have been nagged residents have been informed that they can park in the Upper Hart car park free of charge. The re-surfacing will extend as far as Old Park Road. AP asked when the works would be finished and SS said they should be completed by 26<sup>th</sup> March.

JR has kept up the pressure to get Beavers Road re-surfaced. Engineers have been out and agreed it was a bit of a disgrace. After 6<sup>th</sup> April the second 106 monies from Abbey View will be spent re-surfacing Beavers Road. Hopefully this will be done before the 20 mph zone is installed as it will not be possible to use the money for re-surfacing after this has been done.

AP said the bottom of Crondall Lane at the junction with West Street is in bad condition but SS said nothing is going to be done about it at present.

The ban on HGVs in Upper Hale Road and Folly Hill has been issued (16/3). They are banned apart from access. Once the ban is in place it will be necessary to nag the police to enforce it. We also need people to say again that they approve of the ban but now it has to be enforced.

The Farnham Liaison Forum (FLF) is not perfect but is the best way at present to involve people and has held about 13 zoom meetings. About 50% of people support doing something about infrastructure in Farnham, approximately 20% are uncertain and 25% do not want anything done. The initial consultation has now been completed with people indicating what they would like carried out. The traffic engineers now have to come up with a traffic scheme which will work for, not only the town centre, but also North and South Farnham. In the past North Farnham has not been considered at all and there is a big list of things that they want, which will cost a lot. Therefore, not everybody will get what they want. The traffic engineers will come up with what they think is needed. A Western Bypass would be very expensive. When the engineers' proposal is published it is likely that there will be discussion and argument and later in the year the infrastructure plan will be published. It then has to be decided how to raise the money. £139

million has been identified over 5 years which includes some Surrey money, some borrowed from the public works fund and some bid for from other public bodies.

When SS was elected 4 years ago SCC had done nothing about the traffic in Farnham, but at least he has helped to get things moving. Catherine Powell would be good at forwarding the infrastructure plan for North Farnham, if elected.

**AGM date:**

PM has been unable to get in touch with Tony Ostime. She has phoned the Parish Office who have said they will not take any bookings until things are a bit clearer. It was decided to postpone the AGM until 8<sup>th</sup> September.

**Newsletter deliverers:**

DK asked if there was a list of who delivers where. JR also said she would like a copy of such a list. Margaret Connolly might be able to deliver along the left of Crondall Lane as far up as Hill View Road and also, possibly, in Marston Road. PM will ask her about this.

**PM**

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**AOB:**

JR said it might be a good idea to extend the existing hedge which runs along the boundary between the field where the tree planting has taken place and the farmer's field. At present there is a hedge at the top end only and it would be good for wildlife if it could run the whole length of the field as far as Abbey View. As Taylor Wimpey have provided the money for the trees perhaps they could be persuaded to pay for some hedging plants. VM expressed concern about the view being blocked. This would not happen if the hedge was managed, but it is difficult to know who would do this and therefore it would grow into trees and obscure the view.

**Date of next meeting:** Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 16:30. It will probably be a zoom meeting.