

NORTH WEST FARNHAM RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday 5th December 2019

Present:

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

Apologies: John Plympton

Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising:

In the first line, under October meeting preparation, "Steve Waight" should read "Dr Roy Waight". Apart from this the minutes were correct and were signed by PM.

Treasurer's report: (RG)

At present the balance of the savings account is £5,443 and the current account balance is £389. Easily bankable money has been paid in, including money from collections. There is a further £113 from receipts at the Autumn Meeting less £40 expenses. There is £60 from collections which has not yet been paid into the account and there are office expenses of £81 to deduct. The hire fee for St Francis Church Hall has not been paid yet.

Fields, Coxbridge and other planning: (DK)

DK wondered if the £5,000 in our savings account could be used for something useful for the community and asked the committee to think about it.

Coxbridge: DK found no information about Coxbridge on the Waverley website. Thames Water have said that they cannot allow more than 160 dwellings to be built until all foul water upgrades have been implemented and there needs to be a plan to phase extra drain works. DK also found some road access measures.

Fields: The planning application states that the play area for children should be available from the date of the first house being occupied but Taylor Wimpy have now said this will not take place until up to 50% of the houses are occupied. Waverley have turned down the application for 50% occupation and said that the condition still stands for the area to be completed by the date of first occupation. The condition has so far not been met and one or two houses are already occupied.

The houses in Beavers Close have gained 5m of land but it has been filled with rubbish and the grass is long. DK contacted the developer and asked them to clear it which they have done, but have left some HERRIS fencing in a pile. The request for Taylor Wimpy to give the residents something for the use of their land has fallen on deaf ears. The owners of number 42 Beavers Close are worried about the sewer which runs through their garden and goes to the University as if something goes wrong the water may back up and go into their garden.

Castle Hill: Nothing further has happened at this development site and it is not clear why. The residents of the Park View Estate are very worried about the development as the access to it is opposite Drovers Way.

PM expressed concern about Northbrook as 850 houses are planned which means a lot of traffic will be generated and use the Farnham Bypass.

October Meeting: PM thought the meeting went well and Dr Waight was a very interesting speaker.

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Committee Members: We have sufficient at present.

Footpath News: JP sent an e-mail concerning footpaths as he was unable to attend the meeting. Footpath 300 through the Taylor Wimpy development has reopened. Three metal fingerposts have been erected, one off of footpath 181 by the wicket gate opposite Waynefleete Lane, one in the centre of the development where the path reverts to the original line and one by the University.

PVRA, deliverers: PM is going to encourage residents associations to liaise with each other and also to get all of North Farnham covered, as some areas, such as Upper Hale, have no residents association. VM has not been able to collect from residents who normally pay their subs and thinks it may be because Old Park Lane has its own residents association. People do not therefore want to belong to NWFRA as well. RG thought that once our website is up and running it may encourage people to join/remain in NWFRA. John has found various people who could set up the website and a decision will be made about which one to use. RG felt it would be worth setting up a really good website. He suggested that if subs could not be collected by collectors perhaps people would pay on line. DK did not think that this would work.

Any other business:

JR said that she would like to retire as secretary of the Association after the next AGM.

DK has an issue with Surrey County Council concerning the keep left bollard on the traffic island near the Memorial Hall as he collided with the island and destroyed 2 tyres. The island was not visible because the keep left bollard (with light) was missing. DK reported the issue on the SCC website but nothing happened for 2 months. SCC said they have been in contact with the highways authority about it. £600 worth of damage was done to the car but he has heard nothing and DK wonders if the matter is not resolved within 90 days he loses any recourse with SCC. SS suggested that DK keep him informed and he will take the matter up with the Chief Executive Officer if necessary. DK said he will wait until 2nd January and then contact SS if he has not heard from SCC.

SS is trying to get something done about air pollution in the Borough between Castle Street and The Gorge in South Street. East Street will need attention because of the development which is going on so it is possible that progress may be made with the Borough. A 7.5 ton truck ban in Farnham has been suggested and also a ban in Upper Hale as this would help to reduce air pollution.

Date of next meetings:

March 19th 2020

May 7th 2020

June 17th 2020 – AGM

The Committee Meetings will commence at 8.15 pm

PM

DK/SS

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PM

JR