

NORTH WEST FARNHAM RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday 17th September at 8 pm

Present:

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

	<u>Action</u>
<p>Apologies: There were none</p>	
<p>Minutes of previous meeting:</p>	
<p>PM stated any matters arising would be covered by items on the current agenda.</p>	
<p>Treasurer's report: (RG)</p>	
<p>At present the balance of the current account is £5,440.20 but RG will be banking £260.00 cash and so the new balance will be £5,700.20.</p>	
<p>Communications received and website (PM)</p>	
<p>PM has not received any communications. This may be partly due to the website no longer being very active due to the absence of a webmaster. PM was warned that the provider would shut the site down because the fee has not been paid. This was avoided because she asked them not to do so and said she would pay the fee. She is still trying to find out how much the fee is but is hopeful that the matter can be sorted out. Nothing has been added to the site since KM died but it needs to be kept open so that the new webmaster can take charge of it and keep it up to date. KM also ran the 40 Degrees website and someone has taken this on. PM is hoping they can be persuaded to take on our website as well.</p>	
<p>The Newsletter is almost finished and will be sent out to the Committee for comment. PM asked if committee members could return it to her promptly as it needs to go out soon in advance of the Autumn Social Meeting.</p>	<p>PM Committee members</p>
<p>There are 2 new deliverers, one for Marston Road and one for Hazell Road. There is also someone delivering in Tor Road, Byworth Road, Larkfield Road, Three Stiles Road and Old Park Road (Vivienne). PM will send the list of deliverers for the various area to committee members.</p>	<p>PM</p>
<p>DK said he uses a note and envelope for people who are not in when he goes to collect subscriptions. This requests that subs are put in the envelope and delivered to his address. He gives people 3 years of non-payment of subs before he decides they no longer wish to be members.</p>	
<p>The Hopfields Development (DK)</p>	
<p>There was activity on the fields a few months ago when some artefacts were found. Bronze Age remains were mentioned but the only find was something to do with the hop growing that took place on the fields. DK discovered this when he asked someone working on the site. The orange plastic fencing, which went across the field has been removed, metal fencing has been erected around the site, well away from tree roots and the footpath has been diverted. Three poplars have been cut down because they were rotten and unsafe. Quite a lot of work will be carried out for the entrance to the site. Noise starts early in the morning and could prove to be a</p>	

problem. However, the hours of work are restricted and DK will ensure that the permitted hours are adhered to. He has requested access to the rear of his property and hopes he will get it.

DK is worried that flooding may be caused by the Hopfields development. Although the problem appears to have been addressed, he has doubts that the solution will work in practice and is installing his own drainage. It is a condition that properties overlooking Beavers Close must have frosted glass, not clear glass.

The UCA student accommodation development will not impact upon the Hopfields.

John Plympton raised the issue of Section 106 monies for footpaths. SS is still awaiting a response on this question from the Planning Committee.

SS also mentioned that nothing has been said about the new pedestrian crossing proposed for West Street but the roundabout at the end of Crondall Lane has been discussed. There will be a meeting concerning the roundabout this Friday and George Hess has asked a question about it. SS said he will make sure that an answer is given on this matter.

Other Planning Matters

A lot of news appeared on the Waverley Borough Council (WBC) website on 14th September. DK looked at the planning applications but the site is not as user friendly as it used to be and he only found one application for Castle Ward.

SS mentioned the petition for a 20 mile per hour speed limit in Beavers Road which SE submitted. It looks as if this will be agreed but it will take money out of the Section 106 pot of money.

The appeal for the proposed development at Folly Hill has been re-opened because the developer has new information which has not been taken into account.

Sixty new dwellings have been proposed at Cob Gates, which seems a lot. It is a great pity that Cob Gates was closed because there are now no Council run care homes in our area.

SS mentioned the traffic calming which has been proposed for the centre of Farnham. Jeremy Hunt has tried to get money for this from Crest Nicholson, the developers for Brightwells and also from the developers for the Woolmead. WBC has suggested approaching Chris Grayling for funding and they are hoping to appoint a project manager for the first phase of the calming. The investigation into WBC's faulty air pollution report is ongoing.

Autumn Social Meeting

The Meeting will be going ahead on 18th October. JR will check what the speaker (Isobel Girvan) requires and inform PM. PM will check that there is a projector available at St Francis Hall. JR explained that Isobel works for Surrey Wildlife Trust as an ecological consultant, working on habitat surveys and reports. Her area of expertise is botanical, she is a member of Surrey Botanical Society and she will be speaking about the flora of Surrey.

David Beaman and George Hess have asked if they can come to the meeting. It was agreed that this would be a good idea as they could not attend the AGM.

Vacancies on the Committee (PM)

The newsletter was sent out to all members but there were no volunteers for the Committee, though people did volunteer to undertake delivery of the newsletter and collect subs. RG asked what was expected of committee members. PM said that the Committee meets 6 times per year, including the Autumn Social and AGM. Two more committee members are required and it is probably more productive to talk to people and try and persuade them to join. SS said there

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are a couple of people he could ask and PM said she would ask some younger people who live in Larkfield Road.

Date of Next Meeting:

Monday January 21st, 2019.

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JR