

NORTH WEST FARNHAM RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday 11th July at 8 pm

Present:

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

	<u>Action</u>
<p>Apologies: There were none</p>	
<p>Minutes of previous meeting:</p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting were signed as an accurate record</p>	
<p>Treasurer's report: (RG)</p> <p>RG gave his report at the AGM and will send out account figures on a regular basis. The Association has sufficient reserves.</p>	
<p>Collection of subs</p> <p>RG does not know how collection of subs is progressing as he has no information about who is collecting what. DK has collected £44. RG stated that in general we receive more money than we pay out as there is a charge for the Autumn Meeting and we catch people there who have not paid their subs. It is difficult collecting subs because people are often not in. DK gets over this problem by leaving an envelope and asking for the sub money to be put in the envelope and posted through his letterbox. PM suggested knocking on doors and asking people if they are members, and if not, suggesting that they join. It was decided to leave envelopes, rather than re-visit. PM will decide what should be printed on them and DK will insert the text on the envelopes and send to the Committee. JP suggested producing a flier outlining the benefits of belonging to NWFRA and inserting it in the envelopes. This was agreed and PM will produce it.</p> <p>The boundaries of NWFRA were discussed. PM will find out if The Chantry has a residents association. PM said that we need new lists of members. JR will ask her husband, Barry, to produce a spreadsheet of members in the area he collects from to show who has paid, who is no longer a member, etc. PM will check if Graham Leach is still able to collect in Crondall Lane. PM and DK will then check who is doing what and produce a list of who is collecting in each area. This should be done before the October meeting</p>	<p>PM & DK</p> <p>PM</p> <p>PM</p> <p>JR</p> <p>PM</p> <p>PM & DK</p>
<p>Fields, Coxbridge and other planning</p> <p>Stewart Edge has been concentrating on the Coxbridge development. Natural England has objected to it on the grounds of air pollution from traffic, which is likely to have adverse effects upon the Thames Basin Heaths SPA and other designated sites. Stewart will be attending a meeting with the Farnham Society and Richard Cooper of Surrey County Council. PM said there should be 2 entrances to the Coxbridge site, but there is only one. JP pointed out that there should be access through The Chantry for children going to school.</p> <p>DK has been talking with John Bennet of Waverley Borough Council and the houses in Beavers Close have attained the 10 foot strip of land they are entitled to plus a bit extra.</p>	

Concerning other planning applications, there has been just one, for 3 houses in Three Stiles Road, and this is not major (DK).

Residents are worried that there will be a loss of parking bays in Crondall Lane. SS has contacted Surrey County Council and has been assured that there will be no loss of bays and there may be a potential to add some.

AGM washup and October meeting date and preparation

The AGM went well, people like the councillors being present to answer questions.

The Autumn Meeting will take place on Thursday 17th October. PM asked JP if there was anyone who could talk about footpaths and he suggested David Graham who can give a talk on the history of Farnham. JP will try and get his contact details and then PM can contact him about the talk.

JP & PM

Footpath news (JP)

Path 181, on the north side of the Hop Fields development, is blocked by a tree and JP has complained to the developer. Some vegetation has been cleared but more needs to be done.

The bridge over the stream on footpath 1 (near Blackbirds) is in need of repair, but JP has been informed there is no money available for this. Eventually the bridge will collapse and children use it so it is a health and safety issue. The footpath runs to the north of the proposed Coxbridge development and it should be suggested that money is made available for the repair under Section 106.

There used to be a big dip in the St Swithun's Way path and it was not possible to walk along it in the winter. The dip has now been filled in and the path is more level.

Website and other social media

PM is on the case and webmasters are being considered. RG said a functioning website would be very good as a lot of information comes out of our meetings and this could be put on it. PM and JP are looking at various options and hopefully we will have a functioning website before too long.

PM & JP

Any other business

Sub collectors has already been dealt with, above.

PM is now councillor for Upper Hale and thinks NWFRA should meet with Residents Associations in that area to discuss certain matters as developments are being approved in our areas when they should not be, for example, Folly Hill, where the inspector's decision could not be challenged because he followed the correct procedures. He had a completely different view to everyone else who considered that the development would be an eyesore and will ruin the view of residents living in Upper Park Lane. It is in a prominent position, close to Farnham Park and provides a wildlife corridor to the fields in North West Farnham. PM is quite friendly with the chairman of the Folly Hill Residents Association and hopes we can get together when we have our AGM to exchange news and protect North Farnham. NWFRA and Folly Hill areas join and we need to work together more.

JP wondered if there was any agreement to manage the field above the Hop Fields development which is protected, for example, cut the grass. PM said she did not know but would find out, Stewart might have the answer.

PM

Dates of next meetings:

September 12th

October 17th (Autumn Meeting)

December 5th

Meetings will start at 8.15 pm.

SE

PM

JR