

**North West Farnham Residents Association  
Notice of Annual General Meeting**

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 8pm in St Francis church Hall, Three Stiles Road, Farnham.

Nominations are invited for Officers and Committee members which should be sent to the Chairman, Dr Penny Marriott, 20 Larkfield Rd., Farnham GU9 7DB (01252 714489) to reach her before the date of the meeting.

The current list of committee members is as follows:

Chair: Dr Penny Marriott  
Treasurer: Mr Richard Gunner  
Secretary: Mrs Julie Russ  
Planning: Mr Stewart Edge (Retiring)  
Webmaster: Mr Keith Miller  
Mr Dave King  
Mr Stephen Spence

Any resolution to be moved at the meeting requires notice in writing of at least one day to the chair as above.

**1. AGENDA**

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday June 14<sup>th</sup> 2017
3. Chair's Report
4. Treasurer's Report and Accounts for 2017/2018
5. Election of Officers and Committee
6. Any other business

Followed by refreshments and Local Councillors' Forum

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June and will be followed by our usual Councillor Forum. We will hopefully be welcoming Councillors Andy McCloud, Stephen Spence, (County Council), Mr. Jerry Hyman (WBC). I am sure that we shall have the usual lively and informative debate. Anyone who would like to come but needs some extra help or transport can phone me on 01252 714489.

## **Chair and Committee Report**

### **The Green Fields in NW Farnham**

Once again, thanks to Waverley's ineptitude we are left to pick up the pieces here in Farnham. As we said in our last newsletter Farnham Town Council has had to revisit their neighbourhood plan after the Inspector of Waverley Borough Council's Local Plan raised the borough's housing figure. This was in order to accommodate Wokings refusal to increase its own housing numbers. Waverley Borough Council allocated an extra 450 homes to Farnham, bringing the total of new homes to 2780, to be delivered before 2032. The Waverley Local Plan Part 1 was adopted in February 2018 and Farnham Town Council subsequently launched a Call for Sites at the earliest possible opportunity in March 2018. Every site, which has been previously assessed, will be re-assessed and all new sites will be assessed against the same robust set of criteria. As part of the process Farnham Town Council will have to repeat the six week consultation which will be in the form of an electronic survey, with hard copies available for those not on-line and is very much for residents and businesses within the town. The revised neighbourhood plan must allocate new sites for development and there may also need to be changes to the Built Up Area Boundary. While It is not intended to make any further major changes, the review does give the Town Council an opportunity to update figures, improve layout and firm up text. The FTC neighbourhood planning team will be out and about during the consultation and hopes to visit as many venues and groups across the town as possible throughout the consultation period and information will be readily available in the council offices. **They need as many individuals and groups as possible to respond to the consultation.** The plan will be amended where necessary and sent over to Waverley for another compulsory six-week consultation. This is mainly for stake-holders to comment but general support from residents' associations and local societies will always be helpful. The Plan is then further amended and has to be scrutinised again by a Neighbourhood Plan Examiner. Developers are likely to challenge the Neighbourhood Plan again and so it may have to be examined in public once more. If the Inspector and Waverley Borough Council agree that the changes have not materially changed the nature of the Farnham Neighbourhood Plan, it could be adopted without a second referendum.

We should all thank the Town Councillors involved in producing the neighbourhood plan, it has and will require a tremendous amount of hard work over a long period of time by our unpaid Town Councillors and the staff of of the Town Council and Town Clerk. Our NWFRA committee planning member, Mr. Stewart Edge, deserves a special mention as it has been largely due to his hard work and eagle eye that we have been able to achieve such a strong input into the process. His work has enabled us to point out to the Farnham Town Council Neighbourhood Plan team that the area North and West of the Hopfields is an Area of Great Landscape Value for good reason and that this area

should be given protection from development in the future in the new plans. He is now retiring from the committee and will be sorely missed. His calm and considered approach has greatly helped the committee and we wish him all the best in the future.

The Hopfield's detail development plans have been submitted, but the start of work has been put on hold while the archaeologists dig to unearth a larger area where Bronze Age Artifacts have been discovered, which should delay the start of the development. When this has been completed and of course depending on what is found, the development should proceed subject to the agreement of the Joint Planning Committee. Once again the ineptitude of Waverley has meant that we in the area will not get the full amount of money from the developers that we should have received which means that we will not benefit as we should have.

With all this activity we need to be aware of any planned developments in our Ward. The NWFRA website ([www.nwfarnham.org.uk](http://www.nwfarnham.org.uk)) provides a link to the planning applications in Waverley and if you click on the Castle Ward applications it will give you a list of all the applications in our area. For those of you without a computer, word of mouth works just as well so if you have any information about an application near to you, please contact any member of the committee and let us know and then we can circulate it more widely to other members who may wish to be involved.

### **Community Speed Watch and Traffic Matters**

We would like to repeat our thanks to all the Speed Watch volunteers, who can be seen operating in the area, whatever the weather. We are hoping to continue this activity and as usual we need more volunteers to help spread the load. The speed indicator signs remain erratic and one has disappeared, but the remaining one sign is still working at the time of going to press. As usual help is needed so please contact the Speed Watch coordinator, Chris Cleland, on 01252 733134 if you have any views to express or feel you can spare some time.

### **The Website**

Our website has been running for over four years now under the direction of our 'webmaster', Mr. Keith Miller. It is well visited, and it has been very useful in communicating changes and developments as we hear of them. We are keen to provide a good service to you all and we would like to tackle issues that are important to you so please log on either at home, at the Library or in the locality office in South Street and tell us what they are. The site address is given above.

### **Other Matters**

May I remind you that this year's subs are due and your friendly neighbourhood collector will be around to collect soon. They remain at £2.00 a household.

If you have any matters that you would like to raise at the meeting please let us know and I am looking forward to seeing you all on June 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Penny Marriott**

**May 2018.**

# Help

## We need your bodies!

As you can see from the newsletter, we are now under threat in planning terms almost as never before both from the borough council planning department and the developers. Added to this we have lost two very strong and active members of the committee.

**We now urgently need more active members to help with the workload involved in monitoring Waverley by joining our committee. The frequency of meetings is usually every couple of months unless there is some big event, so it is not generally too time consuming in meeting terms.**

We also need help with the delivery of notices twice a year and collection of subs once a year and as is usually, the case, the more people that can help the less work there is for each individual.

If you feel can help, if only for an hour or if you would like to help with the committee, please contact me via our website or contact me directly by telephone. Any development anywhere in the area will affect us all in one way or another so as many people as possible are needed to help.