

# NORTH WEST FARNHAM RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

## COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2025

**Present:**

Richard Gunner (RG)  
Dave King (DK)  
Penny Marriott (PM)  
Sue Ostrom (SO)  
Anne Pullinger (AP)  
Tony Rooth (TR)  
Julie Russ (JR)

Apologies: Emma Heath and Vivienne Miller	Action
<b>Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising:</b>	
The minutes were approved.	
<b>Actions:</b> DK has contacted the people responsible for our website and they have tried again to resolve error 404.	
DK asked PM if she had prepared the newsletter yet but she has not. He asked her to send it to him once it has been done.	PM
JR has booked St Francis Church Hall for the AGM and the Autumn Meeting.	
<b>Treasurer's Report (RG):</b>	
The balance of the current account is £114.78 and that of the deposit account is £3,945.87. We should maintain a modest balance in the former and keep the rest of our money in the deposit account. The money in the deposit account is gradually decreasing as our expenses exceed our income. The bank charges £4.25 per month for having a community account. RG has prepared some draft accounts which need tidying up (attached to these minutes) and they highlight the fact that our expenditure has been more than we receive. DK and RG are trying to decide whether the campaign to get members to pay subs by standing order was successful or not. More people may pay by standing order than we realise as it is difficult to tell because of the way banks describe them (some banks call standing orders something else). DK suggested sending out a blanket reminder to members to set up standing orders if they have not already done so. DK said we need more subs to break even.	RG
PM asked if the Association is still a member of CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England). RG said that, for some reason, the standing order for CPRE has disappeared and DK said it should be reinstated. TR said that Zofia Lovell, the recently retired Chair of NORA, is involved with CPRE.	RG
<b>Community Speedwatch and School Streets: (EH)</b>	
EH sent a report on Community Speedwatch, as follows:	
In March 2 sessions were carried out which resulted in 51 letters being sent out by the police. The maximum speed recorded was 34 mph, 2 vehicles were recorded without a MOT and 1 vehicle was recorded without tax.	
In April no sessions were carried out but a new volunteer as trained and joined the group.	

In May 3 sessions were carried out with the final one taking place on the morning of 27<sup>th</sup>. 36 letters were sent out by police, the much lower number the result of part of Crondall Lane being closed during one of the sessions which meant a much smaller number of passing vehicles.

DK has been in touch with a resident who wants to start up a separate Community Speedwatch group for the 30 mph zone on Crondall Lane. Equipment can be shared and liaison take place re dates of the sessions but the groups would have separate co-ordinators.

DK said he has found 4 volunteers to carry out the speedwatch at the top of Crondall Lane. Nigel Pond, the Chief Engineer responsible for road safety in Surrey had a traffic monitor installed on a lamp post which covers traffic by size and speed so we will know how many lorries, motorbikes, etc, travel past. It was in place for 2 weeks outside number 11, Crondall Lane. DK has complained about the road works on Dora's Green Lane because they have been there for ages and nothing seems to be happening.

### **School Streets:**

An engagement report has been published showing that 51% of residents are in favour of the School Streets, 43% against and 8% neutral (it was pointed out that this does not add up to 100%).

The results and recommendations in the report have been shared with the local County Councillor and a decision has been made to progress to the next step. The proposed School Street is subject to the legal requirement to publish a formal legal notice to allow local people to comment. The details of this legal notice will be published on the Commonplace website in due course. The feedback and Officers' response to the feedback to the legal consultation will then be presented to the local County Councillor for a decision on whether to proceed or not. If the decision is taken to proceed, the intention is that the scheme will start sometime in Autumn 2025. Local people will be informed of the nature of the works and disruption will be minimised, as far as possible.

### **Planning, Fields and Other Matters: (TR)**

**Coxbridge:** TR and DK had a meeting with Graham White and David Beaman at the Chantries. and the situation regarding the alignment of new properties on the development site which Hazell Road residents are concerned about was discussed. A letter was sent to Cala regarding the disposal of 90 properties to a private party. Discussion took place about the green barrier and who would look after it, Cala has said that a management company would. DK wondered if we should ask now if there is a management plan residents have to buy into, including maintaining the green barrier, etc. RG asked who would own the estate roads. TR asked DK if he got anything further from the meeting. DK said he thought it was a good meeting. Trevor Free has sent an e-mail containing his thoughts about it.

Cala Homes have said that they are talking to another developer over the 90 houses which have been turned around and confirmed that the houses would be subject to the same planning conditions.

The Neighbourhood Plan was also discussed. It is progressing but TR wonders what the value of it will be following the reorganisation of the councils. There will be a new shape to local government soon.

**Abbey View:** Nothing has been heard following the appeal meeting at the Waverley council offices. RG asked how long the inspector will take to report and TR said it can take 6 months but he has the feeling that the plan will be passed.

The planning application for the Centrum development (behind Lidl) is proceeding and the Farnham Society has objected to it.

Nothing has happened with the Woolmead yet. Regarding Brightwells, it will be difficult to change the retail units into residential but it is being discussed.

#### **Website: (DK)**

The 404 errors are producing false information about who is using the website. The webmasters are fairly confident that the problem has been fixed. RG wondered if members should be reminded to have a look at the website. Sometimes DK sends a blind copy e-mail to inform people that the website has been updated. He tries to get people to look at it and if he writes to the Herald he includes the website address.

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

The poor state of the steps on footpath 5 was reported to Surrey County Council. AP joined Farnham Ramblers maintenance working party and they have repaired the steps and cleared vegetation, finishing the work this month.

AP said it will take 2 years for SCC to even look at the footpath behind the UCA.

#### **Communication with members and deliverers:**

DK asked for the committee's thoughts on this. It was suggested that we need a notice board. DK will produce some posters advertising the AGM and wondered where some could be displayed. TR managed to get Philip Oliver of the U3A to put some information about the AGM on the U3A website.

DK asked if we should cease using deliverers. Before last year's Autumn Meeting DK produced some notices announcing it and these were delivered. Should we do this again? TR said putting information through letter boxes is almost a waste of time. DK will send some information to the Farnham Herald but it needs a catchy title and he asked the committee for suggestions for topics for inclusion in his communication to the Herald. TR suggested saying something about the Farnham Infrastructure Programme.

DK asked the committee to think about who we could have as a speaker at the Autumn Meeting. SO suggested Sarah Squires, from the garden centre chain, as she has heard a talk given by her. AP suggested someone from the Farnham Society. AP asked TR if he had heard any interesting talks at the Farnham Society and TR said he would think about this.

#### **AGM and Autumn Meeting:**

JR will produce the AGM agenda. Three councillors will attend: Graham White, David Beaman and Andy Macleod. DK will produce a laminated poster. PM offered to send DK her AGM poster. SO offered to get the wine and nibbles. JR will obtain the key code for the door.

We need someone who will give an engaging talk at the Autumn Meeting.

#### **Any Other Business:**

There was none.

**Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 2.30 pm at DK's house.

TR

JR,DK,PM,  
SO