

NORTH WEST FARNHAM RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, 7th January 2026

Present:

Richard Gunner (RG)
Emma Heath (EH) (part)
Dave King (DK)
Sue Ostrom (SO) (part)
Anne Pullinger (AP)
Tony Rooth (AR)
Julie Russ

Apologies: Vivienne Miller	Action
Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising from them	
<p>JR has not asked her hairdresser about a noticeboard yet, but will do so before the next meeting. AR has not received an answer about displaying our notices on the Town Council noticeboards, but will chase it up. He will also ask the Town Council about what is happening with the Woolmead site.</p>	JR AR AR
<p>AP felt there was some confusion re the speaker at the Autumn Meeting because the minutes state that the Committee decided to ask Anastasia to speak but, in the event, the speaker was from Phyllis Tuckwell. DK said that Phyllis Tuckwell was more responsive and it was decided, after a straw poll of the Committee, that we should invite Phyllis Tuckwell to speak as this would also be more popular.</p>	
<p>AP suggested moving Community Speedwatch up the Agenda as EH has to leave before the end of the meeting. JR said she would switch the order so that it appears before the Treasurer's Report in future.</p>	JR
Community Speedwatch: (EH)	
<p>Community Speedwatch is nearly a year old as it started on 25th January 2025. 27 sessions have been carried out, an average of 2 per month. 440 letters have been sent out and 70 drivers were speeding excessively, over 1.5 times the speed limit. The maximum speed recorded was 40 mph and the average speed was 28 mph. There were 8 repeat offenders, 17 vehicles without MOT and 13 vehicles without tax. The police officer has said that our Speedwatch group is out far more than other groups. New equipment was given to our group by the police officer, Ollie, in December 2025. EH is trying to sort out this month's sessions now and each session has reduced in time from 1 hour to 30 mins. A co-ordinator for the Speedwatch group at the top of Crondall Lane might have to be found. Teresa Gocim was approached by DK as she had expressed interest in the co-ordinator role, but she has not got back to him.</p>	EH
<p>AR asked if drivers who did not have an MOT and tax are prosecuted. DK said he will ask Brenda Gough, who is the Community Speedwatch Co-ordinator for Surrey and works for the police.</p>	DK
Treasurer's Report: (RG)	
<p>There is £177.51 in the current account and £3,761.17 in the savings account. There is a maintenance charge of £4.25 per month. We made a payment to Phyllis Tuckwell after the Autumn Meeting. We receive some interest on the savings account, but it is starting to drop. The standing orders are starting to pay off and there are less people who have not paid their subs for the year. There are 40 standing orders and 6 individuals who have paid up to 5th</p>	

<p>January. AP asked what the income is per month but RG did not know. DK does not want to raise subscriptions at present and he would rather get more people paying by standing order.</p> <p>RG said we are paying Square Zone, our webmasters and we paid to join the National Association of Residents Associations.</p> <p>AR wondered if residents know about NWFRA, how many residents live in our area and whether we should publicise ourselves by placing something in Roundabout and Vantage Point. RG said that we have carried out publicity runs for various events in the past and are part of a list of associations mentioned by the Farnham Society. One mailshot was carried out when hundreds of leaflets were delivered by hand, but there was not a good rate of return from this. DK said the Farnham Herald is good if we have a story to tell as we can highlight NWFRA. The committee discussed whether we could advertise ourselves on Facebook and EH said she could prepare something. DK said he would have a look at it when she has done so.</p> <p>School Streets: (DK)</p> <p>The School Streets Scheme has gone ahead. AP said people have been driving along Falkner Road and have been turning around as they think the Scheme is in operation all the time and DK has had some feedback from people who have seen motorists enter the street without realising that it applies to term time only. DK has suggested that there should be orange flashing lights when the Scheme is in operation. It is a 6 months trial and consultation and any comments will be taken note of. At present, during the consultation period, drivers will receive a warning letter for their first offence and a fine for the second one. After the consultation period a fine will be imposed for the first offence. DK does not know if any action to change things will be taken before the end of the consultation period and he will ask when any necessary changes will happen. AP has made a comment and asked whether there has been an answer to it but DK said it will not be answered until the consultation period has ended.</p> <p>Fields, Coxbridge and other Planning: (AR)</p> <p>Old Park Development:</p> <p>AR has heard no more about the development but he is not on the steering committee. The applicants have applied for a change in the access arrangements to restore the existing parking spaces along Cascade Way and to keep the trees much more as they are, rather than change them a lot. AP asked if any trees would be removed. AR said that this is not specified, but the outlook is more positive than it was.</p> <p>The way the plans are laid out mean that traffic travelling out of the Old Park Lane development would be shining their headlights straight into the front windows of residents living on the Abbey View estate. It has been suggested that the road should be at an angle to prevent this occurring.</p> <p>Coxbridge:</p> <p>The developers have stopped work because they have problems selling the houses. A one bedroom flat is advertised at £615,000 and the cheapest 3 bedroom house is around £800,000. Cala Homes are waiting for the market to recover.</p> <p>The Woolmead:</p> <p>AR will chase Clare Upton-Brown of WBC to try and find out what is happening. DK said that it has been mentioned that someone has to make a decision on the Woolmead by April of this year. AR said he would check this and said that there is a time limit before which building must commence.</p> <p>Brightwells:</p>	<p>EH DK</p> <p>DK</p> <p>AR AR</p>
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There are still properties to sell as it is not possible to shift them. Retail space is a problem as most of it is not being used. Unless retail is re-developed as housing it is difficult to know what the solution is.

Beavers Road outside the Old Kiln:

DK contacted someone at Surrey County Council about Beavers Road and they sent him an e-mail which stated that it is a complex situation and is being looked into. We are trying to find out if SCC should maintain this stretch of the road or not.

Website: (DK):

DK has nothing to report.

Footpath News: (AP)

AP said there was some news about footpaths outside of Farnham which may be of interest. The ford on BOAT 52 (Byway Open to All Traffic) at Frensham has been redesigned and improved and a new footbridge has been built which means a walk from Tilford to Frensham Little Pond, or vice versa, is now possible without getting wet feet or having to walk over an obstacle course of logs. This is a huge improvement for walkers and well worth using. This project has been 2 years in the planning while SCC obtained the necessary planning permission from the Environment Agency and landowners to change the course of the stream, etc. It is well worth a walk there to see what has been done.

Runfold: the local ramblers were notified of a proposed new route across the old sand pit for FP 121. This path runs southwards from a kissing gate near the Princess Royal pub on the old A31 to meet FP 208 on the North Downs Way.

Borelli Walk: there are great improvements on Borelli Walk, FP302, running eastwards next to the river from South Street.

Wrecclesham: FP 16, which runs from Wrecclesham recreation ground past the allotments to reach the railway line, is still closed. SCC has still not repaired the bridge. This is ongoing.

JR reported that there is a broken gate (which is now lying on the ground) on the footpath which goes from the corner of the field with the diagonal footpath, up hill, to reach a small grassy area in front of the entrance to Claypit Wood. AP asked if JR could report this to SCC and said she would send her the contact details. JR agreed to do so and will take a grid reference for the gate.

Communication with members and deliverers:

DK pointed out that we do not have deliverers any more.

AOB:

DK asked JR to check with the Parish Office which dates St Francis Hall is free on Wednesdays in June for the AGM and also which Wednesdays are free in October for the Autumn Meeting.

Date of next meeting:

Wednesday 8th April at 2.30 pm

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