

NORTH WEST FARNHAM RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday 9th June 2026

Present:

Sarah Burt (SB)
Emma Heath (EH) (part)
Dave King (DK)
Sue Ostrom (SO)
Anne Pullinger (AP)
Julie Russ (JR)

Apologies: Vivienne Miller, Tony Rooth

Emma Heath said she was sorry but due to job and other commitments she is short of time and will have to resign from the Committee but is willing to design posters, etc, if we need them. Vivienne Miller has also said that, after serving on the Committee for many years in different capacities, she will be resigning.

Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising from them:

Information about NWFRA has appeared in the Chantry Newsletter and a poster advertising the AGM is displayed on the Chantry noticeboard. Bishops Meadow would not display a poster on their noticeboard however.

Community Speedwatch: (EH)

EH has trained Theresa Gecim for the second Speedwatch group and another lady who has volunteered. The group now has the equipment and can train the rest of the group. This second group was going to carry out the Speedwatch sessions at the end of Larkfield Road but EH thought it would be better to site the sessions at the junction of Hillview Road and Crondall Lane as it is possible to see along Crondall Lane in both directions. The group will not be there at the same time as the group near Beavers Road as the police will not allow 2 groups to function on the same stretch of road at the same time. EH has asked the Beavers Road group if someone else can run it as she no longer has the time and Amy has agreed to take on the co-ordinator's role. They will be meeting this Thursday to discuss it. EH will remain in the group and take part when she can. DK has been in touch with Theresa but thinks the group will not be running yet as some people have not received training. EH will put Amy in touch with Theresa and will let Brenda Gough, the Surrey County Council Speedwatch Co-ordinator, know about the change of group co-ordinator.

School Streets: (DK)

DK has heard that some drivers were caught speeding during the half term holiday because the Council forgot to turn the cameras off. Nothing has been heard about another consultation and DK will find out what the current situation is.

Treasurer's Report: (SB)

SB has been looking through past statements and can see there have been regular subscriptions and outgoings for refreshments for the Autumn Meeting and for last year's AGM. There is £167 in cash, £137 in the current account and £3,761 in the deposit account. The total amounts to just under £4,000.

With some persistence SB and DK completed forms for Lloyds Bank at the Farnborough Branch as there is no longer a branch in Farnham. The forms have been submitted to get DK and SB as signatories, get the accounts on-line and remove Richard Gunner's name as a signatory. SB does not have access to the accounts yet but can pay people in cash if needed. SB originally

Action

EH

DK

suggested switching our account to a community account which does not have any bank charges. Lloyds currently charge £50 per year for our account. However, on reflection, she feels that people may not switch their standing orders over to a new account, or just not pay. Therefore she considers it best to keep our existing account at Lloyds. SB has sent draft accounts to the Committee and will re-send them. The accounts will be presented for approval at the AGM. SB has had a lot of work to do and the Committee thanked her.

SB

Fields, Coxbridge and other planning: (AR)

AR sent an e-mail to say there have been no new developments concerning the Old Park development or Coxbridge.

Farnham Infrastructure Plan (FIP):

SB has heard that the FIP works should be finished by the end of this year.

Website: (DK)

DK tries to make the front page as interesting as possible with news that will be of concern to the general population. He will try and cover matters appropriate to our local area. At the AGM e-mail addresses must be collected and attendees must sign in. He asked JR to bring an attendance sheet, as usual.

JR

Footpath News: (AP)

The broken finger post which points diagonally across the field has been replaced with a new 2 finger post. The kissing gate close to Clay Pit Wood (but not the one directly beside it) has not been repaired yet. The post has rotted and the gate, with Kathleen Smith's name on it, is propped up next to the fence. AP sent an e-mail to Alan Keeley of Farnham Ramblers about the gate, but has not received a reply. SB said that the Ramblers have money for kissing gates and she will suggest that Kathleen Smith's wooden kissing gate is replaced with a metal one. The footbridge on footpath number 302, Borelli Walk, has still not been repaired and the path is not open.

SB

Autumn Meeting:

The meeting will take place on Wednesday 14th October. DK has sent an e-mail to Surrey Police asking if they can give a presentation about fraud during the evening. JR will contact the Parish Office and book St Francis Hall.

JR

AGM:

JR will get the key code for the door to the hall and let DK know. People are needed to help put the chairs out. SO has ordered the refreshments and will provide them on the night. DK met Tony Fairclough and Richard Weijger, recently elected councillors for the new Unitary Authority, and they will be attending the AGM. Graham White will not be attending as he is now Mayor and is busy with other duties. DK asked the Committee to think of some questions to ask the councillors as he wants to engage the new councillors, in particular, and have a lively meeting. If questions are sent to him he will ask them if committee members do not want to.

JR
SO

ALL

AOB:

AP suggested that the Committee offer to pay SB's car parking charges as she has been to Lloyds Bank in Farnborough 3 times. SB said she was happy to pay and declined the offer with thanks.

JR recently sent a letter to the Farnham Herald complaining about the very bright lighting which illuminates all sides of a building at UCA. This gives an urban feel to a rural area and the lighting will disturb bats which forage in the trees next to the footpath. As pointed out in a recent edition of the Herald, UCA is short of money and is making staff redundant. They could save money by not illuminating a building unnecessarily. The building is fairly new, about 2 years old, and JR

has never liked the lighting but was prompted into action as her son, walking back home at night, noticed how bad the effects were, with the light illuminating the fields for a long distance away. The lighting can be seen from as far away as the first field as one exits the footpath from Three Stiles Road. JR's letter was not published and she complained. Marcus McQuilton of the Herald sent her an e-mail and said he would like to do a story about it. He arranged to meet JR at UCA to look at the building but this was during the day and JR pointed out that he should return and see it at night. He said he would speak to UCA about the matter to get their point of view but agreed that it seemed wasteful to light up a building in this way when UCA was losing valuable staff. The building in question is not near student accommodation and there are lights in the car park. Therefore safety is not an issue. Marcus said he would like to hear the views of NWFRA and so JR raised the matter. DK said he would bring the matter up at the AGM.

DK

SO asked if we will be putting up posters advertising the AGM. DK has prepared some and give one to each committee member present.

DK said there have been comments about how difficult it is to exit from Three Stiles Road and there has been a request for a mirror. DK has responded to the person who requested it.

SB said there has been an attempt to make High Park Road one way with a cycle path on one side of it. The cycle way would go nowhere, people objected and the proposal has been dropped. It is possible to cycle through Farnham Park, parallel to High Park Road, and so a cycle way is not needed.

DK sent an e-mail in February to Mark Porter of SCC Highways about the lack of progress repairing Crondall Lane where the traffic lights have been in position for over a year. Mark replied to the e-mail but still nothing has happened and DK chased the matter up in March but received no reply. He spoke to Andy McLeod who advised putting in a Freedom of Information request to SCC. DK has done so and mentioned that maintaining the traffic lights must be costly.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday, 22nd September

JR