

NORTH WEST FARNHAM RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday 23rd September 2025

Present:

Emma Heath (EH) (part)
Dave King (DK)
Penny Marriott (PM) (part)
Vivienne Miller (VM)
Sue Ostrom (SO)
Tony Rooth (AR)
Julie Russ

Apologies: Anne Pullinger and Richard Gunner	Action
Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising from them It was suggested that we should have a noticeboard and DK asked where we should locate it. AR suggested The Chantries. JR said her hairdresser lives at the Chantries and might know if there is a community group we could ask about the noticeboard. AR has asked the Town Council if we can display notices about our meetings on their notice boards. DK said that we regret the loss of Tony Ostime who threw himself into everything and we will miss him. A wonderful memorial service was held for him. Treasurer's Report: (RG) No report was sent in by the treasurer. Community Speedwatch: (EH) Community Speedwatch is carrying on but it is difficult for volunteers to find the time to do it and EH's spare time is very restricted. David Edwards is deputy Speedwatch co-ordinator and is helping to set up sessions. No sessions were carried out in August, partly because of the summer holidays. There were 2 sessions in June and 40 letters were sent out by the police. The 11th July was Community Speedwatch Day and 2 sessions were carried out back to back. From these 41 letters were sent out. The police joined sessions for part of the day and fined someone doing 37 mph. Another 2 sessions were held in July and in total 78 letters were sent out. The average speed was 27 to 29 mph and the maximum speed was 35-40. The traffic is being monitored both ways, up and down. Three sessions were carried out this month and 63 letters were sent out. Sessions need to be booked for October. Abuse is still being received from people, about one person per session. The first radar box was installed on lamp-post number 3. There were a lot of minimum speeds from this as cars were stationary, waiting to drive past parked cars. There was a second radar device installed for a week on lamp-post number 10 There is an exchange on WhatsApp between members of Speedwatch. There will be a second group and the monitoring device will be shared. The second session will be run separately and within the 30 mph speed limit. The summary of the results is that too many people are speeding. Crondall Lane is under investigation to see if we can have larger electronic signs installed and the matter is going to be discussed at a SCC meeting. VM asked if speeding is getting worse or better. EH replied that it is much the same. DK said we can look at the figures at the end of the year and see what they show.	JR

School Streets: (DK)

DK has seen posts being erected outside Potters Gate School and he asked councillors about it and what they had agreed. Stewart Edge picked up the message and he sent it to councillors and said there has to be an official consultation by SCC. DK has asked Andy Macleod to let him know whether the 21 day consultation is going to go ahead and is waiting for an answer. He thinks there should be some information about it in newspapers, Farnham Matters, or an e-mail. EH said that the latest information is that decisions have been made by the council and details of a local notice to go ahead will be published in due course.

Fields, Coxbridge and other Planning: (AR)**Old Park Development:**

AR had a meeting with the Abbey View Residents Association (AVRA). The appeal against the development behind Abbey View has been lost and the development will go ahead on an outline basis. It was suggested that Clare Upton-Brown should be contacted – WBC planning officer. We need to take an interest in what is proposed and local people should have a fair input into what is going on with council matters and developments. We need to engage with them as much as we can and as many people as possible need to be involved and engaged. Discussions have taken place with the Farnham Society and the developers. Waverley Borough Council will not be our planning authority after 1926/27. DK is on the steering committee, AR is not but will give advice. Trevor Free does not want to be chairman of the steering committee. Trevor Minto will be chairman and the committee will meet from time to time. It will cover such matters as water pressure.

Coxbridge:

There is not much more to say about the planning situation and it is now up to the developers to fulfil the conditions. AR is surprised how quickly the houses have been constructed. It is a good idea to keep a close watch on what is going on. The main difficulty is checking if the conditions are being complied with and the Council needs to monitor this.

Woolmead:

PM said the Woolmead development is not going ahead at present. Originally SCC did not like it because the developers would not provide parking as had been agreed. It is therefore in abeyance.

PM asked if we could put in a Freedom of Information request asking how many of the developments which have been approved are on brownfield or greyfield sites. AR will put in a request to WBC.

Website: (DK):

DK does not have information about how many people have visited the website as it varies from month to month. PM said it is worth keeping it going and there was a unanimous decision that the website should be kept. DK said it costs £150 per year. He has tried to get more e-mail addresses but has not been successful. It would be a good idea to get more addresses as most people communicate via e-mail and he asked for ideas as to how we can get more.

DK said that a lot of people pay their subs by standing order so we do not have to collect subs. SO said if there is something important to communicate she could put it on the Abbey View WhatsApp Group.

Footpath News: (AP)

AP has prepared a report on footpaths and will deliver it at the next meeting.

AR**SO**

AGM and Autumn Meeting: (DK)

The e-mail sent out before the AGM proved to be the most successful means of publicising it. DK asked the committee if they thought posters should still be displayed and the committee agreed that they should. The Farnham Herald's website can advertise meetings for free and so DK still advertises the AGM.

The AGM went well but some councillors did not attend. Andy Macleod and David Beaman attended. Graham White and George Hesse did not come because they were at a council meeting. We should therefore avoid holding the AGM on a Thursday in future, and also on a Tuesday.

DK had asked Anastasia Zavorina if she could give her talk on "How the Architecture in Farnham compares with the architecture in Kharkiv" at our Autumn Meeting and if she would like a donation made to a Ukrainian charity. He has also contacted Phyllis Tuckwell and asked if they could give a talk and we would give them a donation. SO suggested handing a bucket round for donations. The Committee decided to ask Anastasia to give a talk.

There is one other suggestion for a talk: DK asked Andy Macleod if someone from SCC Road Safety Department could give a talk.

DK will ask Anastasia Zavorina if she can give the talk and will find out which charity she would like a donation to go to. SO will get the drinks and nibbles for the meeting.

DK

Any Other Business:

PM said we should discuss Farnham traffic at some point.

Date of next meeting:

Tuesday 2nd December at 2.30 pm