

NORTH WEST FARNHAM RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, 12th January 2023

Present:

Dave King (DK)
Penny Marriott (PM)
Vivienne Miller (VM) (via Zoom)
Anne Pullinger (AP)
Julie Russ (JR)

	<u>Action</u>
<p>Apologies: Richard Gunner, Paul Grindley</p> <p>Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising:</p> <p>PM has persuaded George Hesse to join the Committee but he did not have enough notice for this meeting. JR will inform George of the date of the next meeting, giving him plenty of notice.</p> <p>PM asked if there were any dates when JR could not attend committee meetings and she replied that Wednesday afternoons are the best time for her.</p> <p>PM signed the minutes as a correct record.</p>	
<p>Treasurer's report: (RG)</p> <p>The report has been received and will be circulated to committee members. The balances are £163.36 and £5,002.38.</p> <p>Planning and Other Matters: (DK)</p> <p>There has been no change to Coxbridge.</p>	
<p>Knowle Farm: There has been no change following the ecological report, which was submitted last year. The situation is in limbo. Application WA/202101668 was refused.</p> <p>Bishops Square: Planning permission for this has now been granted. DK has printed the relevant information concerning the planning permission which he circulated and which is attached to these minutes. DK stated, on behalf of this committee, that vehicles should not be parked on the road and this has been taken into account as it is stipulated that a parking area must be provided within the site which will ensure the free flow of traffic and ensure that highway safety is not prejudiced. DK said it will be necessary to monitor the situation and asked VM if she could do so. The planning application number is WA/2023/00003. PM expressed concern that the application has been allowed despite the fact that it is 400m outside of the town boundary.</p>	JR
<p>44 Beavers Road: DK searched for the application on the Waverley website but could not find it. He found details on Google but no details about building regulations. There is nothing which indicates that building regulation approval is required.</p>	
<p>VM asked if there has been any progress on 12 Old Park Lane but DK said he had no information. He said he would look into the matter and let VM know. Jenny Staple raised the matter with VM.</p>	VM
<p>Footpath News (AP):</p> <p>AP sent a footpath report to David Ross about the diagonal path going across the field from the corner where the path from Three Stiles Road emerges from the hedges to the other side of the field. AP was not happy that the electric fencing had not been removed, but now it has so it is</p>	DK

possible to walk on the path across the field again. David Ross has assured AP that it is a designated footpath and therefore, even if it has not been used for a while, it has to be taken into account. AP considers it is important for the farmer to be aware that people recognise there is a footpath. The tree which has fallen across the Three Stiles Road footpath has still not been removed.

PM asked whose duty it is to look after the sides of footpaths as someone has planted a holly hedge beside the path which runs from Three Stiles Road to Crondall Lane and it is growing out into the path.

Autumn Meeting (PM):

PM will get in touch with the councillors once she knows who they are following the elections. The Borough Ward boundaries have changed and PM thinks we are in North West Farnham Ward. Waverley Borough Council has agreed that the Town Council and Ward boundaries should be the same but it now has to go before the Government and there has been discussion about how to propose this. PM said we should ask councillors from Castle Ward and North West Farnham to our committee meetings as the residents association will cover the 2 wards, whereas it used to cover just Castle Ward.

PM asked the committee to come up with suggestions for a speaker for the meeting. AP suggested that Roy Waight could come again as not many people attended last year's meeting. JR said we must publish and circulate the date of the meeting well in advance this year.

Deliverers and Collectors: (PM)

PM said that sending out a postcard would be a good idea. She would like to arrange the collection of subs through the website as people do not like knocking on doors to collect money. DK was not very keen on collecting subs through the website and thought it should be done by other means. PM has investigated the security of putting banking details on-line and discovered that other associations do this. DK thought that a standing order would be the best way to pay as once it is set up people do not require a reminder to pay. PM said it will not cost a lot for the Royal Mail to deliver the postcard but we need to decide where it should be delivered. PM suggested central and Western Farnham, including Castle Street and Dippenhall, but not Upper Hale. AP asked how we can work out how many postcards are needed. PM said it is possible to click on a road on the Royal Mail website and it will give the number of dwellings. A postcard should be delivered through every door for this one shot and we need to make it eye-catching. DK said the postcard should state we need deliverers in the NWFRA area, promote the website, encourage people to join and pay their subs by standing order. PM said bullet points would convey the information concisely. DK asked when the postcard would be sent out and PM replied, by the end of February. DK suggested sending draft postcard text to committee members. AP offered to take some photos once the weather improves as 1 or 2 could appear on one side of the postcard. PM said she will get the text down to 5 or 6 bullet points.

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PM asked DK to ask the web master (Juliette) about how we can promote NWFRA as a society where people can find out more about their local area.

Any Other Business:

DK said the 30 mph flashing sign has not been working for some time. DK has sent emails to Surrey County Council who replied that the sign is inoperable and will have to be replaced, but gave no date for the replacement. It has taken them over a year to decide that it is inoperable.

DK asked if there is still a Speedwatch. PM said it is not happening at present as nobody has offered to do it. Chris Welland used to but has given up.

AP reported on the repairs to Farnham Museum. Waverley Borough Council are expected to bid for £638,553 from MEND towards the restoration of the 300 year old building. There will be a shortfall of £200,000 to make up. Farnham Town Council has pledged £10,000. She wondered

about a Crowdfunding appeal to raise the outstanding £190,000. DK pointed out that the cost of the scaffolding must be very high and it has been up for a long time.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 29th March 2023 at 2.30 pm at PM's house