

NORTH WEST FARNHAM RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 9th November 2010 at 8.00pm
at 20 Larkfield Road

Present: Dr Penny Marriott (Chairman)
Mr Barry Edwards (Treasurer)
Mrs Harriet Ellis (Secretary)
Mr David Hepper
Mr David King
Mr Graham Leach
Mr Keith Miller
Mr Tony Ostime

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Mr Mark deQuervain.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on 18th August 2010 were approved as a correct record. Chris Rudkin had cleared the drains and repaired some of the pot holes in Waynelete Lane to improve the drainage and the road surface.

3. Treasurer's Report

BE reported that he had now received £524 in subscriptions so far. This sum is up on last year's figures. He also reported that the Association took £68.00 at the gate for the Autumn Meeting.

4. Hellos and Goodbyes

PM thanked Mark de Quervain for his support for the Association and accepted his wish to retire from the committee. The committee welcomed Keith Miller onto the committee.

5. Website Update

KM had nothing new to report about the website. However, any autumnal photos or any photos at all would be very welcome for him to put on the site.

6. Communications from members and others.

PM reported that most of the communication had concerned The Fields. The Chairman had received a letter from Surrey County about the future specification and size of the Council. To be involved in this consultation, go to <http://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/south-east/surrey/surrey-county-council-fer>
The Chairman had also received the autumn newsletter from the CPRE.

7. Western Bypass

A member of the society had expressed great concern over the possibility of a Western Bypass. PM will email him and inform him that the matter was discussed by the committee and it was agreed that we should keep a watchful eye on the matter. It was generally felt not to be a threat at this time as there were no core funds available for such an undertaking.

8. Report on October Autumn Meeting

This was a successful evening with a very enjoyable talk from Kevin Tait. It was suggested that it may have been too busy with too much crammed into the one evening.

9. Spring Meeting

PM suggested the Association had a spring meeting in order to discuss The Fields. She explained that there were 2 more consultations due before the local election in May 2011 and the decision would be made after that date. The Chairman suggested that we might call a meeting once the draft consultation is published in order for the residents to express their opinions.

PM will endeavour to find out the dates of the draft consultation and will contact KM to put the information on our website.

It was also suggested that we email our contact list. (If we do not already have your address, please add your email address if you would like to be contacted about this.)

10 Dates of Meetings for 2011

The unconfirmed date for the AGM is 15.6.2011 and for the Autumn Meeting is either 5.10.2011 or 6.10.2011. These will be confirmed and the website updated as soon as possible.

11 Save our Fields Campaign

We are hoping to increase the numbers on our petition - the greater the number the greater the impact on the Council. At the moment we have approximately 700 names and we want to try to reach well over the 1000 mark. The Council will check all the addresses to ensure they are legitimately within the boundaries of the borough, and if the numbers are still over 1000, the petition is taken to the planning executive level who are obliged to respond. At the relevant council meeting our representative is then allowed 4 minutes in which to put forward our objections.

PM will ask members of the Association to canvas further houses and roads. Old and Upper Old Park Lane will be approached. PM will ask the Residents' Associations at a meeting in the Castle, for their support as well.

PM will also call in to ask the youth worker in The Chantrys.

KM will circulate the petition forms for printing and using.

12 Farnborough Airport

GL reported that no decisions had been reached. The latest update on the Airport website was in July 2010. Nothing further has appeared. There could be a change in policy with the new government, or the lack of action could be reflecting a downturn in the business.

13 Bishops Meadow

BE said that £65000 had been collected so far. Various fund raising events were still on-going in the local area and there still seemed to be active interest.

14 Other Planning Issues

BE reported there was an application for 4 new houses in 5-9 Beavers Road.

15 Green Issues

DH was delighted to say that there were now 50 'customers' involved in the Farnham Local Food project, growing and selling locally grown food in Runfold and Dippenhall. Please contact either David Hepper or look at <http://www.farnhamfood.com> for further information and pictures.

There is a rumour that there may be a resubmission for the Runfold composter application.

16 Speed Watch Update

There was little change to report. The volunteers were regularly doing two hour long sessions per week. It was felt that numbers of offending drivers may be declining, but as no exact records have been kept, it was hard to verify this. Chris Cleland is still a loyal volunteer and would welcome any help.

17 A.O.B.

DH wondered if we could ask for the bus shelter to be removed at the end of Three Stiles Road as it is no longer in use as a bus shelter with no bus service, and its removal would improve visibility for drivers as well. PM will ask the Town Council but she still hopes the bus service might be reinstated. Even so, it was felt that there would be little demand for a shelter.

GL thought that the lower end of Crondall Lane had never had the flyer delivered about the Residents' Association website. HE felt that Old and Upper Old Park Lanes had missed out as well. PM has a bagful that can be used.

18 Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting will be in January / February 2011.