

NORTH WEST FARNHAM RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 30th August 2011 at 8.00pm
at 20 Larkfield Road

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

Dennis Banks was welcomed as a new committee member.

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Mr Graham Leach.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on 7th April 2011 were approved as a correct record.

3. Treasurer's Report

BE reported that there were 5 new members and therefore an increase of £10 in subs from 2010. He thought that Marston Road had not had any collection for some reason. **BE** will chase this.

4. Communications from members and others.

PM reported that there had been many emails from members concerning the Travellers. PM had replied and informed them of the involvement of Pat Frost and Paddy Blagden and local MP Jeremy Hunt.

There had been emails re the overgrown footpath. PM contacted SCC who replied that footpaths are only mown once a year now. WBC are responsible for the maintenance of Waynflete Road.

PM contacted WBC about the trees in the Waitrose Car Park and was told that this culling was done to allow the remaining trees to grow to their full height and width and splendour!

5. Website Update

KM thanked residents for sending him their photos – the more the merrier! Please could members let him know of any local activities - Christmas sales or school fund raising events, or anything of interest that's going on which he'll include on the website.

The site was going on steadily with regular visits – these obviously peaked over the Travellers and Fields issues.

PM will send KM the draft AGM minutes to be put on the site.

KM will add the approved April Minutes.

6. Dates and Speaker for Autumn Meeting 2011

We will be having a speaker from The Castle for our Autumn Meeting on Wednesday 5th October 2011 in St Francis Hall. The subject would be covering some of the history of The Castle but also present day issues as well. **PM** will get details from the Speaker in time for the Newsletter and in time for printing the flyers.

HE will organise the wine and nibbles. **HE** will print 350 copies of the Newsletter for **BE** to distribute to the distributors. **TO** will open up. **BE** will collect the admission fee. He will also pay Mrs Pearman for the rental of the Hall. **DK** gave his apologies.

7. Dates for 2012 AGM and Autumn Meetings

It was agreed that the AGM will be held on Wednesday 13th June 2012 and the Autumn Meeting will be held on Wednesday 10th October 2012. **HE** will book St Francis Hall through St Andrew's Church office.

8. Bishops Meadow

BE read out a letter from the Trust. This was about their experiences with the Travellers going into the Meadow and how Alex Scriven was the man of the moment with great negotiation skills which had resulted in such a successful outcome. He maintained calm and earned all their respect for the week they remained on the Meadows, visiting them daily and making sure they also kept to their side of the bargain. In consequence no incidents were reported. Since their departure the gate has been reinforced and is now a stronger barrier.

The next fund raising event is to be held in 10 days with KidFest.

9. The Fields

DK briefly outlined the events of the Travellers. He and **KM** were very grateful for the community support in clearing up after they'd departed and burning unpleasant detritus left behind. 'There was a huge community effort and it was wonderful.'

PM thanked **DK** very much for his involvement with the travellers and with all the people he'd contacted in order to resolve the problem.

Now large tree trunks have blocked any weak entrance points to the Field. **DK** and local residents will keep alert.

John Plympton had given **DK** a map indicating the long established footpaths of the area. **PM** will check whether the Field qualifies for Village Green status as its usage had been unchanged for at least 20 years.

10. A.O.B.

KM suggested that a kissing gate could be installed at the entrance to the Field (off Crondall Lane) instead of the gate. **PM** will ask **Pat Frost** again about this and include **Paddy Blagden** the communications.

TO said he will write to **Jeremy Hunt** re the Localisation Planning Bill.

DK reported that a resident needs council help with cutting the overhanging hedge from the Art College. **DK** will send **PM** **John Plympton's** email. **PM** will contact the Ramblers and ask whether it is **SCC** or **WBC** who have responsibility for the hedge.

HE reported that the Appeal of Planning Application **WA/2010/1926** had been 'lodged'. There was no further outcome yet.

12. Date of next meeting

The date of the next committee meeting is Thursday 3rd November 2011.