

NORTH WEST FARNHAM RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 25th January 2012 at 8.00pm
at 20 Larkfield Road

Present: Mr Dennis Banks
Mrs Harriet Ellis
Mr David King
Mr Graham Leach
Dr Penny Marriott (Chair)
Mr Keith Miller

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Mr Barry Edwards and Mr Tony Ostime.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on 3rd November 2011 were approved as a correct record with the following amendment: delete '... radar gun' and include '...new police reporting system.'

3. Treasurers Report

As BE was absent, there was no report.

4. Communications from members and others

There were no communications from members.

PM had received a newsletter from CPRE together with our new membership card. KM will add further information about the organisation to the website.

In the Farnham Town Council Plan entitled Developing our Community there was no reference made to the Fields.

PM has received an invitation to the Mayor's coffee morning in February which she will attend.

5. Website Update

KM had nothing new to report.

PM reported that Farnham Town Council were happy to add our website to theirs as a link. This has been promised before but DB will follow this through.

KM would as always welcome any new seasonal photos and also any items of local interest and news that you would like him to add.

6. AGM and Autumn Meetings in 2012

PM contacted all the Councillors inviting them to the AGM on 13th June and to put the date in their diaries. Cllr Pat Frost was pleased to accept. PM will be send a further reminder to the other councillors – Paddy Blagden and Ian Sampson - and encourage them to attend.

HE will confirm the hall is booked for both 13.6.12 and 10.10.12, the Autumn Meeting.

PM will approach both the Neighbourhood Watch policemen about being our speaker for the Autumn meeting.

7. Fields

Footpaths across the Fields.

DB has received a letter from Surrey County Council explaining that there are two departments involved: 'a' looks after the footpaths once they are authorised and 'b' looks at proposals for amendments and new footpaths.

A councillor from the 'b' section came to walk over the area with DB and was surprised he hadn't been involved earlier / many years ago on the matter of footpaths and rights of way across the Fields. He noticed there was a lot of activity in the area and a lot of footpaths were being generated.

He has sent forms to DB for residents to complete.

If it can be verified and confirmed there were no fences or notices over a period of 20 years he felt we had a good chance.

He suggested we draw up plans with two 'sensible' footpaths and these may be successful.

There was a lot of discussion around these points. We need 20 people to agree to a couple of suggested paths and we need to hear about people who have been walking the fields over the years. KM suggested that the 20 year period could be made up of various people who have walked the Fields so long as the time spanned the requisite number of years.

It was agreed to have a multi-pronged attack with Dennis Banks covering the footpaths and Mark Constable and PM covering the village green angle.

KM will put a message on the website to ask whether anyone feels they can help as they've used and known the Fields for many years.

8. AOB

GL said the Hart Male Voice Choir would be doing a concert in St Andrews Church in aid of Bishops Meadow funds on 26.2.2012.

PM is still hoping for the go-ahead on a new Notice board in Waitrose car park.

SCC were asked about a new kissing gate at the bottom of the Field onto Crondall Lane but we have heard nothing further. PM will chase this with Pat Frost. KM will investigate the cost of a gate.

KM has received various complaints from walkers and locals about the mess, obstacles of heavy vehicles and general mud along the verges by Old Park Lane and Falcon House footpath. It is all but impassable as things are at present.

DK asked why the speed sign for Crondall Lane is now down at the bottom so making it virtually ineffective. PM will contact Pat Frost.

There was a draft letter about the Electoral Boundaries Review SCC – it was suggested there would be 81 councillors.

9. Date of Next meeting

The next meeting will be held at 20 Larkfield Road at 8 pm on Thursday 26th April 2012.