

**NORTH WEST FARNHAM RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

**COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2014 at 8 pm**

**Present:**

Dennis Banks (DB)  
Stewart Edge (SE) (part)  
Dave King (DK)  
Penny Marriott (PM) in the Chair  
Keith Miller (KM)  
Tony Ostime (TO)

**Apologies:** Julie Russ (JR)

**Action**

**Minutes of the previous meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2014:**

The minutes were approved, subject to an amended version of the first paragraph under AOB drafted by KM now incorporated in a revised version which he would send to JR.

**KM**

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting**

These were approved.

**Treasurer's Report: (DB)**

DB reported that there was £250 in current account after expenditure of £60 on hall hire and £63 printing. The deposit account balance was £7702. £348 had been collected in subscriptions, somewhat down on the previous year. DB had considered other options for deposit account money but little improvement in interest income could be achieved.

We need 2 new collectors to replace Graham Leach and David Hepper. PM said she would ask Peter Brown to cover lower Crondall Lane.

**PM**

**Website: (KM)**

There was nothing to report.

**Waverley Draft Local Plan**

SE reported that all residents would soon be mailed on 4 options for the location of housing development in the Borough and the opportunity to suggest an alternative. The options relate to 4 scenarios for housing development at Dunsfold Aerodrome ranging from no dwellings to 3400 with corresponding Greenfield development in Farnham ranging from 2700 down to 700 dwellings over the Plan period from 2013 to 2031. The overall requirement for the Borough has been put at 8450 (an average of 470 per annum). In all 4 scenarios more housing than before has been allocated to the villages. The consultation period runs to mid October.

Farnham residents should vote for the option offering the maximum number of dwellings at Dunsfold Aerodrome but even 700 Greenfield homes for Farnham seems to be too high and should be no more than 500 (the Neighbourhood Plan suggests 454). We should encourage residents to vote and SE will draft something for the website. As the consultation asks for all 4 options to be ranked it is uncertain how Waverley will count the votes! **SE**

### **Farnham Neighbourhood Plan**

Prompted by Councillor Carole Cockburn, SE had written in July to Matthew Ellis at Waverley raising questions about Waverley Special Protection Areas (SPAs). He had asked whether Waverley would be taking note of the Neighbourhood Plans with respect to where houses should go but the non-committal answer was not encouraging. There was also the question of SANGS "credits" with respect to Farnham Park as they are supposed to assess whether actions so far have made any difference. The SANGS "credits" for Farnham Park are supposedly equivalent to the total dwellings on Brownfield sites but the situation is obscure. It seems that Waverley are not likely to pay much heed to the Neighbourhood Plan but planning inspectors might so it is important to get it finalised. Further consultation on the Plan, asking for preferences, will be in November.

Regarding the hop fields, SE said that he would beef up the traffic arguments. **SE**

### **Autumn Meeting**

PM confirmed that she and John Negus would be giving a talk on the Victoria Garden. The contribution from members would remain at £2. TO would open the hall and DK would arrange for the drinks and nibbles. **TO, DK**

PM would write a Newsletter by mid September for DB to copy. **PM**

### **Other Business**

KM drew attention to the application by Mr Jeremy Ricketts for the development of 11 houses on the site of Old Park Stables. This had been the subject of feasibility discussions with the Council and consultants had been employed. Access is, however, extremely difficult and earlier applications for other development on the site have been turned down in the past.

PM expressed appreciation for the work of the Speedwatch team.

SE referred to previous discussions about a 20 mph speed limit for Beavers Road and PM agreed to further pursue this. **PM**

TO produced some copies of the ecological survey conducted in 1993 in connection with the proposed Western Bypass and these were distributed.

### **Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting was fixed for Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November