NORTH WEST FARNHAM RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday 21st January at 8 pm

Present:

Stewart Edge (SE)
Dave King (DK)
Penny Marriott (PM)
Keith Miller (KM)
Julie Russ (JR)
John Williamson (JW)

Apologies: Dennis Banks, Stephen Spence

Action

Minutes of previous meeting:

Correction: Old Park Lane is **not** in the AGLV. This correction was noted and the minutes were agreed and signed as an accurate record.

Matters arising:

PM went to see Mandy Marshall. Some people have objected to the proposal but there is nothing that can be done about it because it is just turning a bungalow into a house.

The proposal for a house at the rear of 15 Crondall Lane has been turned down.

Development in Old Park Lane (Jeremy Ricketts)

Jeremy Ricketts' application has not been considered yet. JW said there has been an objection from Harvey because the proposed development is too close to Harvey's lambing sheds and therefore the proposal will not be considered until March at the earliest. JW has spoken to Tim Bryson who said that 2 letters of advice have been received, one from an agricultural consultant who picked up on the sustainability of Harvey's farm, eg, if he wanted to erect a pig sty on his land then any planning officer would want to stop it. Planning officers require further information, hence the delay. An analysis has been done to work out how much hazardous waste would have to be removed from the site and this has taken officers by surprise. It has been alleged that the waste includes asbestos.

Woolmead development: The application for the Woolmead has not been submitted yet.

Dunsfold:

SE suggested welcoming 1,800 houses but pointed out that there is an inconsistency in the application because it has future scenarios stating that 3,400 houses are possible, but it includes a country park which takes up a lot of the land. The park should not be accepted and the application should only be able to progress if it includes more houses. If house numbers were increased then more could probably be done to improve transport for places such as Bramley.

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JW stated that Waverley Borough Council are delaying the production of a proper local plan so that building takes place in Farnham and Cranleigh and they do not have to deal with unknowns such as Dunsfold. The Dunsfold plan is on Waverley's website and objections can be submitted to say that there should be more houses. SE said he will object to the plan on behalf of NWFRA to say that there should be more than 1,800 houses. The application is not due to be considered by WBC in March.

Matters outstanding:

SE has not yet contacted Guy re Facebook and PM has not written to Pat Frost.

SE, PM

Fields and the Local Plan (SE):

A Plans Summary (NWFRA 21 Jan) was circulated and is attached to these minutes. SE has asked Waverley about building 4,800 houses at Dunsfold and why they have not even considered doing this. Waverley say they will not assess this number. Farnham could have to build over 2,000 houses if there are only 1,800 built at Dunsfold. WBC claim they have not yet received a transport report based on 1,800 houses, despite the fact that it should have been received in June.

Neighbourhood Plan: The meeting on 14th January was only about the SANGS policy. Carole Cockburn's objective is to get a Neighbourhood Plan in place as soon as possible as it is better to have something in place for planning applications to be judged against, rather than nothing. She thinks the Plan needs to back away from having on-site SANGS. However, the number of houses which have to be built has been increased and therefore the basis of consultation for the Neighbourhood Plan is incorrect. Carole Cockburn is saying that the sites already in the pipeline and those in the Plan might add up to approximately what WBC is proposing. All is very uncertain at present.

The land north of the Hopfields is not protected in the NP and SE has asked Carole about it but has not had a reply. She has said it will be considered on 5th February.

Rachel Aves notice (attached to minutes): This was circulated and discussed. The boundary of the built up area needs to be re-drawn so that it does not include the field north of the Hopfields and the Three Stiles field and SE suggested writing to the Neighbourhood Plan group again requesting this. The final version of the NP has not been produced yet.

There is a meeting about the NP on 6th February, called by the NP team and JW pointed out that Carole Cockburn has stated that the proposed sites (including land to the rear of Three Stiles Road) are not up for discussion as they have already been approved, and it is the design only which is being considered. SE should make it clear at the meeting just how many people voted against the Hopfields development. The developer has already offered the top field as green space and the town boundary should not include it.

Additional protection for N W Farnham (attached to minutes): This was discussed. SE suggested that Map A should be changed so that it excludes the top field and the Three Stiles field from the built up area and discrepancies with the landscape designations, eg, AGLV, AONB, should be sorted out.

Coxbridge: a plan has been issued by Steve Thwaites which includes what Ken Kenward wants – the least valuable agricultural land to be developed whilst he improves the environmental quality of the rest and provides educational opportunities. It was pointed out that it is not possible to build anywhere in Farnham without increasing traffic problems and this proposed development will also increase pollution levels in the town. 200 houses are planned.

An answer to our question about landscape designations is needed before the consultation document is published and Carole Cockburn said that she will provide an answer at the meeting on 6th February which will be attended by PM, SE and JW.

Any Other Business:

Upper Old Park Lane (JW): A screening application has gone in for the field next to Upper Old Park Lane and there is increasing interest for a residents association to be formed for the area. The proposed field is in the AGLV and the residents want to protect it. Sheila Scott is behind the

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move to form an association and JW suggested that she should attend meetings of the NWFRA. JW will send Shelia's e-mail address to JR. Sue Farrow has mentioned the Royal Institute of British Architects meeting, "Recrafting Farnham",on Saturday 30 th January in the Barley Room at the Maltings and this is on the website.	PM/JR
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