#### NORTH WEST FARNHAM RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

### **COMMITTEE MEETING**

Thursday 14th April 2016 at 8 pm

#### Present:

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

**Apologies:** Dennis Banks, John Williamson (John arrived not long after the meeting started)

### **Action**

# Minutes of previous meeting:

SE made a correction to the first paragraph of "Fields and the Local Plan". This now reads: "SE had put a question to Waverley about building 4,800 houses at Dunsfold and why they have not even considered doing this. Waverley said they were not going to assess building 4,800 at Dunsfold."

## **Treasurer's Report: (PM)**

Dennis Banks has sent a resume of the current situation: the current account balance is £463.54 and the business account £4923.27. He has booked and paid for the hire of St Francis Hall for the AGM on 15<sup>th</sup> June and the Autumn Meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> October. PM will be giving DB the newsletter.

PM

Communications received: (PM): None have been received.

Website: (KM): There was nothing to report.

Planning Matters: (SE and DK)

DK, DB, SE and 4 neighbours attended the meeting which we requested with Taylor Wimpey following their presentation. TW have changed minor things in the plans:

- The attenuation pond has been made larger
- Certain areas near Beavers Close have been tweaked. A 5m strip of land seems to belong to the residents of Beavers Close and a boundary search has been requested from the Land Registry. It might be possible to move the boundaries 5m further towards the fields, meaning that the whole plan will shift which is a good outcome for the Beavers Close residents.

**Footpath:** SCC proposed that there should be a new public footpath from UCA across the bottom of the field to the existing footpath leading from Crondall Lane up the side of the field, with the route tracking along the back fences of Beavers Close properties. SCC said that after the path has been approved it will be measured in detail. The path at the UCA end is exactly what we want but it raises issues.

Officers have to identify where the path should go and it has not had final approval from the Council yet. It has to be advertised once the final route has been decided and people can object. Taylor Wimpey (TW) are very unlikely to do so because it could take a year to sort out. However, they have said they will propose a diversion, which is quicker. The path should go between the back boundary of Beavers Close and the back gardens of the TW development. However, TW do not like this as it will take part of the gardens of the new houses. TW will

probably try for a diversion which will go down the road. At the moment NWFRA has not taken a position on this issue one way or the other.

It has been suggested that some bungalows could be built instead of houses close to Beavers Close and DK's neighbours are trying to find potential buyers for them.

SE said that he and DK should keep in touch by e-mail about the footpath.

#### DK, SE

## TW follow up meeting: (SE)

TW are not providing play equipment for the play area. SE stated that Waverley Borough Council (WBC) would probably require some small scale play equipment. DK would prefer a "natural" play area, eq. with logs to clamber over.

There is disagreement about the design but mixed tile/brick, like Borelli Yard & St George's Yard, is the preferred option at present. SE asked if the Farnham Society had any comments on the Hopfields design but there have been none so far. Recrafting Farnham is an organisation which might fill that gap and comment on schemes such as the Hopfields.

## Neighbourhood Plan (NP): (SE)

Landscape designations for the AGLV: Nothing has been done in response to the proposal SE made about reinforcing landscape designations. Finally Carole Cockburn seemed to get the point about this. JW agreed that Carole had got the point and it was made in her objection to Jeremy Ricketts' planning application. It also applies to the Folly Hill application as this land should not be developed according to the AMEC study. The argument for reinforcing landscape designations will also be used in the Neighbourhood Plan.

Top field and Three Stiles field: SE phoned Carole about this. She has accepted that the top field should be outside the built up area and is moving towards the Three Stiles field being outside it also. The diagonal line across the top field, which was included in the NP, has now been removed. Carole mentioned that the legal agreement on the top field being permanent green space could be at risk as it could be amended by the 2 parties (TW and WBC) so that the area is not protected for the lifetime of the agreement. She suggested that a get out clause could be inserted into it. SE asked JW how we can check on this and follow it up. JW said he can ask if he can see the legal agreement and check it. Farnham Town Council (FTC) seem to be proceeding on the basis that there will be a legal agreement to protect the top field and therefore no access to the Three Stiles field. Carole said that the same number of houses need to be included in the Plan and therefore the number at Coxbridge has to be increased. Waverley have 350 houses at Coxbridge but the NP has 250 which would need increasing to 290. The density at present is 20 but Coxbridge Farm makes up part of the site and so it is closer to 23-24.

**Dunsfold:** WBC are not considering building 3,400 houses at Dunsfold and Carole Cockburn suggested that FTC have given up challenging this and are accepting 1,800 houses. SE would like to know WBC's reasons for not building more. SE mentioned 2,600 houses in his phone conversation with Carole. It is not clear how the numbers would stack up – all proposed sites would have to be used, including Folly Hill and Gardeners Hill Road. He questioned why 40 extra houses are required at Coxbridge as this could be avoided if FTC included 3,400 houses at Dunsfold.

JW stated at a Council meeting that the Local Plan is likely to fail because it goes against what the public want.

**Local Plan:** should be considered in the July cycle of meetings and out for consultation in August. The excuse for delay is that transport assessments have not been received yet. WBC are using the excuse that building in Waverley, in particular at Dunsfold, could cause problems on the A3, but Guildford's assessment states that work will be carried out on the A3 at Guildford

JW

and this would allow extra houses to be built in Waverley. Mott Macdonald have said that works could be done on the A281 which would cope with extra traffic generated by a development of 1,800 houses at Dunsfold.

## **Summary:**

- **1.** We do not need an extra 40 houses at Coxbridge because other greenfield sites are available.
- 2. We should aim for 3,400 houses at Dunsfold so that the extra 40 are definitely not required.

Our position on the Top field, Three Stiles Field and Coxbridge should be explained on the website and this should represent the views of those who live close to Coxbridge as well.

KM

## Planning applications and appeals:

The bungalow at the end of Three Stiles Road has been allowed on appeal.

The Pilgrims Way development has outline planning permission but there is much mitigation to be put in place and agreed for the badger sett on the site.

The Parfitts Close proposal has been re-submitted and SE has objected to it.

The Knowle Livery application has been unanimously rejected by WBC.

### **Folly Hill:**

There has not yet been an application for Folly Hill and we need to work on an objection to a future one. JW said we should be raising the AGLV issue and pressing hard on this, not only with FTC, but also WBC. WBC should not be silent on landscape designations as they commissioned the AMEC study. However, JW said we should not weaken our argument by attacking WBC at present, instead we should press Carole Cockburn to include the AGLV for North West Farnham in the NP.

### Football pitch:

The proposal to move the pitch to Brambleton was discussed and it was decided that we should object but it is too late to object to WBC as the matter will be decided by a committee on Tuesday. JW suggested putting a letter in the Herald.

PM?

**AGM:** will take place on 15<sup>th</sup> June and invitations have been sent to Pat Frost and Paddy, but Paddy is unwell at present. JW will also be invited. DK will purchase the drinks and nibbles. Committee members present at this meeting are willing to stand again but PM will check whether Dennis is happy to do so.

DK, PM

### Any other business:

SS asked whether there had been any attempt to remove Pat Frost from Surrey County Council. There have been attempts to get a non-Conservative councillor on to SCC but last time SE stood and there was an agreement that he would have no opposition from Independents, but Mike Bryant stood. It is very difficult to dissuade parties from putting forward candidates.

KM: A new bridle path sign is needed in Old Park Lane where it joins Castle Street as it has disappeared. JW suggested that KM should phone James Brown the SCC Rights of Way Officer.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July.