

# NORTH WEST FARNHAM RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

## COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 8 pm

**Present:**

Dennis Banks (DB)  
Stewart Edge (SE)  
David King (DK)  
Penny Marriott (PM)  
Keith Miller (KM)  
Julie Russ (JR)

**Apologies:** Stephen Spence, John Williamson

**Minutes of previous meeting:**

The minutes of the last committee meeting were passed as an accurate record.

**Autumn Social Meeting:** This went well with an interesting presentation from the Air Ambulance.

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

DB has prepared an interim report up to 30<sup>th</sup> November. The balance of the business account is £5,438.19 and that of the treasurer's account is £189.88. Nibbles for the Autumn Meeting and the AGM were £31 for each event. DB gave Air Ambulance a cheque for £200 which consists of a £150 donation from himself, and a £50 donation from NWFRA.

**Website news (KM)**

KM handed round a spreadsheet showing the numbers of unique and first time visits to the site each month for 2017. The website is currently insecure and will in the future need an SSL (Secure Socket Layer) Certificate, which is not available under the existing hosting contract. The other websites KM looks after are all in the same position, so he will move them all (including NWFRA) to one contract which allows the purchase of SSL certificates as and when required. This will cost slightly more but is not necessary yet. KM will do it when it is.

**Communications received (PM)**

A notification about a planning application for a building in Three Stiles Road on the downside of the hill has been sent by Rachel Kellas. SE said that both the planning applications for Three Stiles Road have gone to appeal, the second one on a technicality.

**Planning Matters (SE)**

SE contacted Rachel Kellas about the Hop Fields planning application and she said there is a meeting in March. Rachel mentioned future consultations for this application and asked if she could pass SE's details to the applicants. It is not obvious why further consultations are necessary when amendments have already been made. As far as the existing plan is concerned, when the officers have written their report we can raise any queries we have. In September alterations were made to do with "properties overlooking others" etc, but then the landscaping was re-established which SE commented on and these were his latest comments. He stated that there are not enough trees near UCA and there is insufficient screening on the northern side. A property in Beavers Close queried the boundary and this query has been accepted. SE said that a meeting is needed on the Beavers Close issue. There are also issues concerning flooding which have not been settled. DK stated that the plans being used for drainage are based on a

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2014 plan which has been superseded by a 2016 plan. The original plan was for 160 houses and the 2016 plan is for 120 houses. DK passed round a letter which he sent to Thames Water concerning this. Thames Water would have liked to start work in November but there will be a delay until at least March. DK said the drainage is a worry.

JR sent an e-mail to Rachel Kellas concerning the totally inadequate reptile survey of the Hop Fields, but has not received a reply.

Nothing is happening re the Pilgrims Way application at present as the owner has died.

There is an application to change the old shop in Marston Road to 5 bedsits which will involve 2.5 storeys at the back. SE thought it was acceptable but should be smaller with one less bedsit and storeys reduced from 2.5.

### **Neighbourhood Plan and Waverley Plan**

The inspector has asked more questions about the situation. Waverley are allocating 450 more houses to Farnham and have said that the Neighbourhood Plan should be amended to include these extra houses, which has undermined it. However, Natural England have stated that there is insufficient SANG for these extra homes in Farnham. The 450 houses could be built at Dunsfold but Waverley do not want to do this as it could involve a judicial review. The Waverley Plan is unlikely to be published before the end of the year.

Waverley have 900 houses on appeal and may go over the 10% level of planning applications on appeal. If this happens the Government could take over planning matters. Waverley may want the appeals to succeed so that they can accommodate the extra 450 houses.

### **Brightwells**

A non-material amendment has been submitted to increase the footprint of the café side of the Brightwells site. SCC have still not signed the covenant because it is dependent on a minimum amount of rent income.

SE said he would like to resign from NWFRA as he has lost his energy and enthusiasm – he is disappointed that the North Hop Fields are not protected by AGLV or ASVI as he fought hard for it. However, he will continue to engage with the Hop Fields application for now, at least until a detailed application appears (hopefully in March), but not if a completely new application is submitted and will continue to attend committee meetings on this basis. He has handed in his notice to the Farnham Society that he will no longer be the NWFRA representative. The Farnham Society discuss the Neighbourhood and Local Plans and other local matters, so it would be useful to keep up-to-date with what is happening. Someone should therefore replace SE. SE's resignation means there is no-one dealing with the larger planning applications and the question of whether NWFRA could continue without this was raised. The role could be split into large planning applications for developments such as the Hop Fields and smaller applications. DK said he could go through applications (which he does already) and alert the Committee to anything relevant. Committee members can object individually or, if there is something more major, an objection should be sent on behalf of the whole Committee.

### **New distributors, collectors and committee members**

PM will produce a card to be distributed in the NWFRA area and will send a draft to committee members. It will mention the need for more collectors and distributors and the vacancies for the treasurer and committee members (JW and SE). It should state that the Association will not be able to continue unless it acquires some new members. Unfortunately only 2 people added their e-mail address to the website which is not helpful.

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**Dates for future meetings:**

**AGM:** 14<sup>th</sup> June 2018. DB will book St Francis Hall.

**October Meeting:** Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2018

**Date of next meeting:** 15<sup>th</sup> March at PM's house.