

# NORTH WEST FARNHAM RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

## COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 8 pm

**Present:**

Stewart Edge (SE)  
Richard Gunner (RG)  
David King (DK)  
Penny Marriott (PM)  
Julie Russ (JR)

	<u>Action</u>
<p><b>Apologies:</b> Stephen Spence, John Williamson, Keith Miller, Dennis Banks</p>	
<p><b>Minutes of previous meeting:</b></p>	
<p>The minutes of the last committee meeting require one correction to the Treasurer's Report. It was not made clear that the cheque for £200 given to Air Ambulance consisted of a personal donation of £150 from Dennis Banks and £50 from the Residents Association. The correction will be made and the minutes signed at the next committee meeting.</p>	JR
<p><b>Treasurer's report:</b></p>	
<p>DB prepared an income and expenditure report for the year ending 30.04.18 which JR brought to and distributed at the meeting. No queries were raised on the report.</p>	
<p>Richard Gunner (RG) will take over the treasurer's position. He will cover the paperwork but does not want to collect subscriptions and therefore the Committee needs to ask Dennis if he is willing to continue with this. Dennis also organises the collection process and might be willing to continue collecting himself if he could get rid of this responsibility. RG suggested that members could pay by bank transfer and SE agreed that it would be a good idea to ask people to pay on-line. However, DK said that the personal contact is valuable. To cope with people who are out when he calls he puts a message, newsletter, etc, in an envelope which has his home address on it and requests that the subscription is put through his door. It might be possible to do a mix of pay on-line and collecting.</p>	
<p><b>Communications received (PM)</b></p>	
<p>PM has received notification of a planning application for a shed in Three Stiles Road. SE said he had objected to the application in a personal capacity but not on behalf of the Residents Association. The only access to the shed is through the housing plots. SE said he would not be surprised if the long term aim was to sell the field where the proposed shed is to be sited for development. The shed is outside the built up area and the AGLV and JR explained that if the field is developed it will impact upon ancient woodland and priority habitat deciduous woodland next to it. At present the field provides a buffer between the woodland and the houses in Three Stiles Road. SE said he would write an objection on behalf of the Residents Association and other committee members will object individually.</p>	SE Committee members
<p>PM said that the application at 15 Crondall Lane has been granted at appeal. The owners keep putting different applications in and PM will e-mail what she has received to the committee. SE said the owners are relentless and despite the fact that they have permission they have put in a new application.</p>	PM
<p><b>Planning Matters (SE)</b></p>	
<p>SE circulated the latest comments he submitted to Waverley on the Hopfields application.</p>	

## Layout and Design

The architects have not agreed to the suggestions made by the Farnham Society. SE trusts Michael Blower the most and he thought the new design was better. The design has been changed to be less standard and more in keeping with existing Farnham styles. We have probably reached the end of the road as far as changes resulting from comments are concerned. The carriageway has been widened at the site entrance but has not been widened elsewhere where the Farnham Society requested this. SE will keep pressing for materials samples. The bricks seem to be good with 3 different types. The tiles are a mixture of grey and red, mostly grey at the entrance and red elsewhere. The Farnham Society suggested slate tiles for the grey and clay tiles for red instead of the proposed machine-made tiles.

SE

## Flooding

DK wants assurance that the drainage will be adequate as his house and others in Beavers Close could be flooded. He will install his own drainage if necessary. He is also concerned about what will happen if there is a power failure at the pumping station.

## Landscaping and Trees

Di Kirkwood has successfully negotiated access from her back garden to the site – she has always had such access to the field.

The buffer between Beavers Close and the development site is satisfactory except for the omission of mature trees – 2 trees have been missed out at each end, one end being behind DK's property.

The public footpath at the UCA end was not open but is now and the route of the new path will be outside the development. The formality of getting the path re-routed still has to be gone through.

## Traffic and Air Quality

Comments on this were included because Waverley have been brought to account over their figures for air pollution which are not correct. Charging points for electric cars may be added to the plans for this development but SE needs to check.

SE

## Conditions

**Design:** Two of the houses overlooking Beavers Close are 2.5 storeys high and were not this high originally. This has only just been noticed and DK has complained on-line about it. More amendments were issued about 10 days ago and SE plans to phone Tom Rumble, the contact in the planning organisation, to find out why these houses are sited behind Beavers Close. SE thinks someone has done the amendment without thinking about the effect on properties here.

SE

**Trees:** SE will write to the correct department to request that TPOs are put on significant existing trees.

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**Traffic:** A Section 106 Agreement has already been agreed. DK and JR wondered why a Puffin crossing is needed. SE agreed that it is not required and will say that greater priority should be given to something else. SE will talk to Andy McLeod and ask him to contact Surrey Highways to see what they will do regarding the Section 106 and try to persuade them to drop the Puffin Crossing and install a mini roundabout or traffic lights at the Crondall Lane/West Street junction instead.

**Environmental and Footpath Improvements:** We need to ensure that the £25,000 for these improvements do not go into the general pot for Farnham but is used in this area. John Plympton is one of DK's neighbours and is secretary of the Ramblers Association. He is

concerned about the footpaths and SE will contact him to see if he has any ideas about how some of the money should be spent, possibly on the gate at the UCA end of the footpath. DK pointed out that the litter bin at the end of Wayneflete Lane is always full and needs emptying more regularly. SE will ask Waverley if more bins could be provided and emptied regularly and bins should also be provided on the development site, especially close to the footpath.

SE

**Open Space:** The top field is protected for the lifetime of the development but the land to the western side is not protected Rachel Kellas sent an e-mail to SE saying that it would not be impossible to put an extra condition on this land to reinforce the protection. SE will write to Rachel to ask if this can be done.

SE

**School Places:** SE asked why no more money has been allocated for primary schools. Potters Gate is full in its entry year. SE will ask Andy McLeod about this and how places can be made available nearby for children from the new development.

SE

**Changes to final amendments:** Another type of brick has been added to the 3 types already proposed. Some trees have been added to help form a screen between the lower field and the top field.

Rachel Kellas said the likely date for the Planning Committee to consider the final planning permission is 9<sup>th</sup> April, but this deadline is very tight.

SE raised the question of the 4 minute slot to make comments on/object to the application, or parts of it. He could accept a slot but does not necessarily have to take it. If the 2.5 storey houses close to Beavers Close are not changed then this should be challenged and the slot could be filled with comments on the conditions.

#### **Archaeological Dig:**

Trenches will be dug across the field and Cotswold Archaeologists will come and investigate them. If anything of consequence is found further investigations will take place. However, even if something interesting is found it will not prevent the development going ahead, but a request might be made for a house to be moved and green space left there instead. This would delay things.

#### **UCA:**

David Beaman sent SE some information on the new student accommodation which will be situated on the car park at the rear. The question is where will the car parking be provided for people who will be living in the new accommodation and for the displaced cars? A presentation will take place in the foyer at UCA and SE will send the dates to the committee.

SE

#### **AGM, 14<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

DB has booked St Francis Hall. When he returns from holiday we need to check whether he will send details to each collector.

PM

JR said Martin Angel gives talks about wildlife such as butterflies, insects and flowers and might be able to give a talk about the fauna and flora of the local area at the Autumn Meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> October. JR will try and contact him.

JR

#### **Date of Next Meeting:**

If something comes up concerning the Hopfields then another committee meeting may be necessary, otherwise the next meeting will be the AGM.

Provisional date for next meeting: 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

