

North West Farnham Residents Association

Newsletter No. 47

Dear Member

The notice of the Annual General Meeting of the Association is being distributed with this Newsletter. The date is **Wednesday 17th June**. We will again be inviting a panel of local Councillors to deal with any questions you may wish to put to them after the formal business of the AGM. We are again expecting Cllr Pat Frost and Cllr Lucinda Fleming who, as well as being our local councillors, will be the Mayors of Waverley and Farnham respectively. So do please try to join us.

As ever we would welcome more committee members. Anyone who might be interested could telephone me on 721312 or Harriet Ellis on 714480.

Annual subscriptions of £2 per household are now due and where possible will be collected as these Newsletters are delivered. I am again most grateful to the volunteers who, in addition to the committee, help us with this.

Community Speed Watch

Our Speed Watch operation in Crondall Lane (by Larkfield Road) continues with 2 or 3 cases of excessive speed being recorded in a typical one hour session. We would still welcome more volunteers to spread the load. If you would like to help please let me know.
(Tel: 721312)

Waverley Local Plan

Waverley, like other local planning authorities, prepares a long term plan every 10 years or so. The next plan will be issued in a few years' time and a consultation process has started on what will be called the Local Development Framework. One of our primary aims as a Residents Association is to maintain, if possible, the protective designation of the fields behind Beavers Road and extending up to the Old Park area and we have responded accordingly to questionnaires dealing with landscape issues. The questions also covered matters such as housing density and where the additional housing required by central government should be located.

As part of this consultative process Farnham Town Council is preparing a Design Statement with a view to guiding local planning policy and we have attended a workshop to give our own input to the process. The meeting was very wide ranging, seeking views on several topics related to the planning system including what sort of place we would like Farnham to be and what parts need special protection. Our aim, apart from maintaining the designation of "the fields" is to preserve the character of the area generally with the Old Park area particularly in mind.

Farnborough Airport

A brochure and questionnaire has been issued by the operators of Farnborough Airport (TAG) who would like the maximum number of permitted flights to be increased from 28,000 to 50,000 per annum but they are not seeking an increase in the number of weekend flights. A questionnaire was also received from Rushmoor Borough Council. It is inevitable, for operational reasons, that many flights will pass over Farnham, with the higher ground around the north of Folly Hill being the most affected. We have responded to the questionnaires expressing opposition to expansion. Anyone who has any observations to make about the flights to and from Farnborough can contact our committee member Graham Leach on 722009.

Planning

In Old Park Lane an application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for buildings at Old Park Stables was turned down and in due course enforcement action was taken and a 4 unit accommodation block was demolished.

An application for conversion of a barn to residential use at Farnham Castle Stables was turned down and this decision was upheld on appeal.

Autumn Meeting

At last year's Autumn Meeting we enjoyed a most interesting talk by Philip Underwood, a retired veterinary surgeon about how he and his business partner had developed a vineyard on the Hogs Back.

This year's Autumn Meeting will be on **Thursday 15th October** and the speaker will be local journalist and historian Jean Parratt. She has spoken at one of our meetings before and is always in demand for one or other of her informative and amusing talks. So please make a note of the date in your diaries.

Tony Ostime

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