

## **Newsletter No. 51**

### **Annual General Meeting**

**Wednesday June 15<sup>th</sup> 8 pm  
St Francis Hall (off Three Stiles Road)**

**Followed by**

### **Local Councillors' Forum**

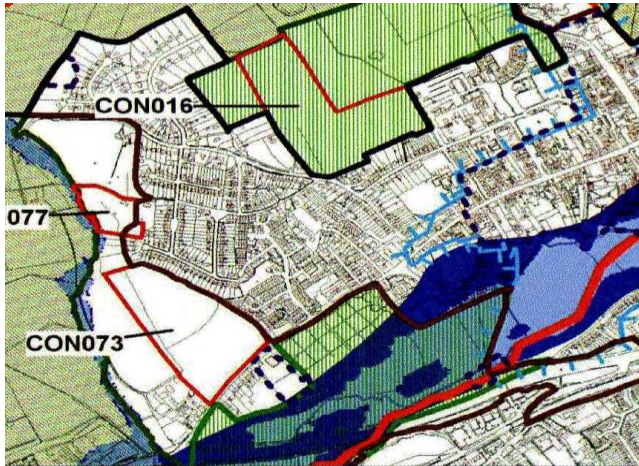
Dear Member

#### **Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> of June and we will be welcoming the Town Mayor, Mrs. Jill Hargreaves and our local councillor Mrs. Pat Frost (Surrey County Council). Hopefully Mr. Patrick Blagden and Mr. Ian Sampson who are our new Borough Councillors and Mr. Graham Parlett who is our new Town Councillor will be able to attend. In any case I am sure that we shall have the usual lively and informative debate. Anyone who would like to come but needs some extra help or transport can phone our secretary, Harriet Ellis, on 01252 714480.

#### **Chair and Committee Report**

Our website has been running for over a year now and has been very useful in communicating changes and developments as we hear of them. We are really keen to provide a good service to you all and we would like to tackle issues that are important to you so please log on either at home, at the Library or in the locality office in South Street, and tell us what they are. The site address is **[www.nwfarnham.org.uk](http://www.nwfarnham.org.uk)**. There have been several developments during the last few months which will require monitoring over the coming year. Waverley is in the process of producing a Local Development Framework or LDF which will be the basis for planning and development in Farnham and the rest of Waverley in the next years. As previously reported the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment included several sites within North West Farnham which have been identified as shown in their consultation report. We were very pleased that the Draft LDF specifically states that '*The Council's preferred approach in terms of the location of housing is that the main settlements should continue to be the main focus for development. Development in villages will be confined to small scale development within existing settlement boundaries as defined in the Local Plan*' and the areas of contention, CON016 and CON73 and 77 are outside the present settlement boundary as shown below. We won't know until the publication of the LDF what their designation will finally be but even if their development is not policy it does not mean that developers cannot put in



applications so we will have to watch the planning applications very closely over the next few years. We would like to thank all the hard work put in by our members in organizing the field walk and collecting signatures for the petition especially Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Elliott and Mike Franklin. We are hoping that we can present the petition to our new councillors at the meeting.

### **Planning Matters**

There is a great deal of Greenfield Space in our Area and we would like to keep it that way so we need to be aware of any planned developments in sensitive areas. The website provides a link to the planning applications in Waverley and if you click on the Castle Ward applications it will give you a list of all the applications in our area. For those of you without a computer, word of mouth works just as well so if you have any information about an application near to you, please contact any member of the committee and let us know and then we can circulate it more widely to other members who may wish to be involved.

The Farnham Herald reported on 17th February that the appeal by T A G, operators of the Airport had won their appeal against the Rushmoor Borough Council refusal to allow an increase in Air Traffic Movements. The number of Air Traffic Movements may be increased from 28,000 per annum to 50,000 per annum but equally important is the increase at weekends from 5,000 per annum to 8,900. The appeal was allowed by the Transport Minister, Philip Hammond and the Local Government Minister, Eric Pickles. The announcement was made on 10th February by the Department of Transport. The reports to the Secretaries of State were prepared by the Planning Inspectorate, based in Bristol and the Secretaries of State accepted and agreed with all the reports from the Inspector who conducted the hearing which started in May 2010. The appeal was allowed on the basis that 'The economic benefits it would bring to the area outweighed the environmental disadvantages of noise, pollution and safety'. The increased movements will be phased in over a period until 2019 but there is no indication at what rate. The approval also states that 'No more than 270 aircraft shall be allowed to Take Off or Land at weekends. They are to be part of the 1,500 movements per annum for the 50,000kg to 80,000kg classes. The implication of this could be that Boeing 737 800 Series aircraft, maximum Takeoff Weight of 79,002kg, could use the Airport. Charter Flights are therefore feasible. Further Details are available on the Rushmoor Borough Council Planning web

site. If you have any questions or further observations to make, please contact our website or the Airport committee member Graham Leach on 01252 722009.

### **Bishops Meadow**

A group of Farnham residents have got together to buy some of the Water Meadow Land in an area called Bishops Meadow. The Committee felt that the Association could donate some money to this worthy cause especially since the meadow is very close to our area. At the last AGM it was agreed that the association would make a donation and we have received a letter of thanks. If you have a view on this please contact our committee member Barry Edwards on 01252 721834 or come along to the AGM meeting and have your say there.

### **Community Speed Watch and Traffic Matters**

There is always a problem with traffic in Farnham, as was said in the previous newsletter it is either going too fast or not going at all. There has been yet another accident at the top of Crondall Lane and Speed Watch is still in operation in that area. They continue to record two or three cases an hour of excessive speed. Hopefully our presence there helps to keep some of the speed down. We are hoping to review this activity since the police cutbacks have meant that they can no longer follow up on speeding motorists but if we decide that it should continue in some form we will need more volunteers to help spread the load. The new speed indicator signs remain erratic but the one sign is still working at the time of going to press. Please contact the Speed Watch coordinator, Chris Cleland on 01252 733134 if you have any views to express or feel you can spare some time.

Two of our committee, Mark de Quervain and David Hepper, have stood down in the last year and we would like to thank them very much for all their hard work. We have one new committee member, Keith Miller, from the Old Park area and we have one vacancy so if you are interested please contact us or come along to the AGM and make yourself known.

If you have any matters you would like to raise at the meeting please let us know and I am looking forward to seeing you all on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Penny Marriott**

**May 2010.**