

# North West Farnham Residents Association

## Annual General Meeting

Wednesday June 13<sup>th</sup> 8 pm  
St Francis Hall (off Three Stiles Road)

Followed by

## Local Councillors' Forum

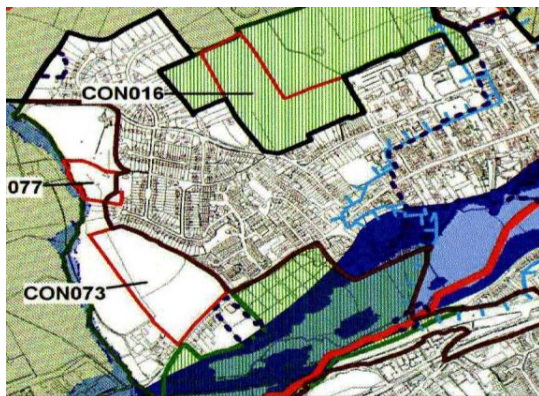
Dear Member

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> of June and we will be welcoming the Town Mayor and our local councillors Mrs. Pat Frost (Surrey County Council) and Mr. Patrick Blagden (Borough and Town Councillor). 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

#### The Fields in NW Farnham

Once again the fields in North West Farnham are under threat. The whole structure of planning has changed with the passing of the Localism Bill and the publication of the



National Planning Policy Guidelines. As you may be aware this Bill states that a developer who applies for planning permission has the presumption of approval unless it is against the policy of the planning authority and against the community plan.

There have been several developments during the last few months. 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. They have finished the

consultation so thank all of you who sent in comments to this. We won't know until the publication of the LDF what it will say but although the LDF will state how many houses are to be built in Farnham, it is the community plan, which is being drawn up by Farnham Town Council, which will specify where these houses can and cannot be built. It is the last chance to put protection in for the fields so it is very important that we get our views expressed to our Town Councillors and look out for the publication of the draft community or neighbourhood plan when it is published. It will be put onto the website as soon as it is public. We seem to have spent the last year chasing one plan or other but changes in Government policy have made some of the previous work redundant. It is now time to chase that final neighbourhood plan and to make sure that it contains the right protection for our precious Green Space.

### **Other Planning Matters**

We still need to be aware of any planned developments in other parts of our Ward. 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.

### **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 have been yet more accidents at the top of Crondall Lane and the traffic there as elsewhere seems to be increasing. We would like to say thank you to all the Speed Watch volunteers, who are still in operation in the area, whatever the weather. They continue to record cases of excessive speed but hopefully our presence there helps to keep some of the speed down. We are hoping to continue this activity and as usual we need more volunteers to help spread the load. The speed indicator signs remain erratic and one has disappeared altogether but the remaining 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.

### **The Website**

Our website has been running for over two years now and one of our committee, Mr. Keith Miller, is the 'webmaster'. It is well visited at over a hundred hits per week and it 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).

### **Other Matters**

One of our longest serving committee members, Barry Edwards, is moving home soon and so standing down from the committee at this meeting. We will miss his input both as a member and treasurer and would like to thank him very much for all his hard work. Another member of the committee, Dennis Banks, is taking his place as treasurer. We have one vacancy on the committee so if you are interested please contact us before the AGM so that we know who wishes to stand. Finally may I remind that this years subs are due and your friendly neighbourhood collector will be around soon to collect them. They remain at £2.00 a household.

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 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Penny Marriott**

**May 2012.**