

North West Farnham Residents Association

Autumn Meeting and Talk

‘Policing and Crime Prevention in Farnham Today’

By PCSO Teresa Matthews

**Thursday 24th October 2013 at 8 pm
St Francis Hall (off Three Stiles Road)**

Dear Members and Local Residents

This year the talk at our October meeting is given by our local community police officer and is about policing in Farnham today. There have been many changes in the way Britain is policed in the past years so do come along and find out how they affect us here in North West Farnham and enjoy what should be a very interesting talk. As usual there will be an open session afterwards so that we can hear your views on other matters and discuss the latest news. This should start at around 8.45 – 9.00 pm. The cost is £2.00 per head including refreshments.

Anyone who would like to come but needs some extra help or transport can phone the chairman, Penny Marriott, on 01252 714489.

Chair and Committee Report

As you know the new Localism Bill is now in place alongside the National Planning Policy Framework. It is impossible to overestimate the impact that this will have on development in this area and especially for the green field sites such as the Beavers Road Hop fields.

The situation continues to be that at present **the presumption for every planning application that goes into Waverley will be to allow development unless the plans produced by our local Councils specifically protects an area.**

As previously reported the sites within North West Farnham which have been put forward by the landowners for development include the Beavers Road Hop fields and the entrance to Farnham by the Coxbridge Roundabout. This year we have the added complication that the overall planning guidance put forward by the planning authority, Waverley Borough Council, has been rejected by the planning inspectorate because it didn't include enough housing and at the time of writing this there is no final neighbourhood plan from Farnham Town Council yet in place to protect vulnerable areas. The committee is continuing to be vigilant about the final development plan from Waverley Borough Council, the Town Council's Neighbourhood Plan and for any future planning applications but we won't know until the publication of the final documents what the policy of both Councils will

be to development of their green field sites as a whole and particularly those in our area. It is also the case that even if the policy is that an area should not be developed it does not mean that the developers cannot put in applications so we will have to watch for future the planning applications. It is still the case that lack of infra structure is not a bar to development if the council deem that the development is 'sustainable' whatever that means. Anyone who has tried to get a child into a local school or travelled along the overcrowded and potholed roads or been involved in the daily traffic queues in our area will not need telling that almost any new housing in or near the town centre will put an intolerable strain on the already creaking infrastructure of the town and **is not sustainable**. We need to continue to put forward the idea that development **should not** take precedence in planning matters. The more people who write stating their views the more ammunition it will give to your representatives to put these views forward in the council and parliament.

I would like encourage all members continue our local government representatives to urge them to place some protection on the areas of North West Farnham that are under threat under these new conditions. Our historic green spaces make Farnham a green and pleasant town and we must fight to keep it that way. The addresses are shown below.

It continues to be important to make your feelings known to those you chose to represent you.

If you have any other matters you would like to raise at the meeting please let us know and I am looking forward to seeing you all on October 24th.

Penny Marriott

September 2013.

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