

**North West Farnham Residents Association  
Notice of Annual General Meeting**

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at 8pm in St Francis Church Hall, Three Stiles Road, Farnham.

Nominations are invited for Officers and Committee members which should be sent to the Chairman, Dr Penny Marriott, 20 Larkfield Rd., Farnham GU9 7DB (01252 714489) to reach her before the date of the meeting.

The current list of committee members is as follows:

Chair:	Dr Penny Marriott
Treasurer:	Mr Richard Gunner
Secretary:	Mrs Julie Russ
	Mrs Vivienne Miller
	Mr Dave King
	Mr Stephen Spence
	Mr John Plympton

Any resolution to be moved at the meeting requires notice in writing of at least one day to the chair as above.

**1. AGENDA**

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held on Thursday June 19<sup>th</sup> 2018
3. Chair's Report
4. Treasurer's Report and Accounts for 2018/2019
5. Election of Officers and Committee
6. Any other business

Followed by refreshments and Local Councillors' Forum

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June and will be followed by our usual Councillor Forum. We will be welcoming Councillors Andy McCloud, Stephen Spence, (County Council), George Hesse and David Beaman (for Waverley and Town). 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 me on 01252 714489.

## **Chair and Committee Report**

### **The Green Fields in NW Farnham**

We were extremely lucky here in the North of Farnham in that the green areas of Farnham Park and the fields of the 'Old Park' had remained largely untouched. This gave Farnham a distinct Northern boundary which preserved the green space around the Castle and provided a green lung for the centre of Farnham. Unfortunately, their closeness to the centre makes these green spaces very attractive to developers and gradually, one by one, these have fallen to housing development.

The Planning procedure continues to be heavily weighted towards development. It seems totally wrong that the Planning Inspectorate can overturn decisions made by democratically elected members in order to build on green fields. This is made worse by Waverley's slowness in getting their local plan in place and all our greenfield sites remain under threat. Waverley's acceptance of extra housing from Woking has also made the Neighbourhood Plan in Farnham Town Council out of date and so at present there is no protection from either plan. Development can thus proceed without any legal ability to challenge it and decisions are then made by the inspectorate with the consequence that the green old park region around Farnham Castle has been breached and housing allowed in the Folly Hill area. It seems doubly difficult to understand the planner's decision given that the centre of Farnham is amongst the most polluted areas in Britain that they effectively remove the green areas that help improve air quality. You would expect that on average half of the traffic from the Folly Hill development will exit onto Castle street where it is forced to move through the Borough. Added to this there are at least two other large developments being built in the area of the Borough with total unit numbers greater than 400. With the already very high levels of pollution there you cannot understand how this can be allowed to happen. I haven't even mentioned the proposed Coxbridge development of over 300 houses.

With all this activity we need to be aware of any other planned developments in our Ward. Follow the link to the planning applications on the Waverley website 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 at home please look at this on your publicly available computers in the library and in the Town Council building, but 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**

We would like to repeat our thanks to all the Speed Watch volunteers, who can be seen operating in the area, whatever the weather. We are hoping to continue this activity and as usual we need more volunteers to help spread the load. The remaining speed indicator sign is still working at the time of going to press. As usual help is needed so 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.

## **Other Matters**

# Please Help us and Join NWFRA

Together we can make a difference!

**As you can see from the newsletter, we are now under threat in planning terms almost as never before both from the Borough Council Planning department and the developers.**

**We need help with the delivery of notices twice a year and collection of subs once a year and as is usually, the case, the more people that can help the less work there is for each individual.**

**If you feel can help, if only for an hour or if you would like to help with the committee, please contact me directly by telephone as above. Any development anywhere in the area will affect us all in one way or another so as many people as possible are needed to help.**

If you have any matters that you would like to raise at the meeting, please let us know and I am looking forward to seeing you all on June 19<sup>th</sup>.

If you are a member, may I remind you that **this year's subs are due** and your friendly neighbourhood collector will be around to collect soon. They remain at £2.00 a household.

**Penny Marriott**

**May 2019**