NORTH WEST FARNHAM RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday 11th July 2023

Present:

Paul Grindley Richard Gunner Dave King (DK) Anne Pullinger (AP) Julie Russ (JR)

Apologies: Vivienne Miller	Action
Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising:	
The minutes were approved.	
Treasurer's report: (RG)	
There is £119 in the current account and \pounds 4,918 in the savings account and we are receiving interest of £3 per month, which used to be £3 per year.	
Planning, Fields and Other Matters: (DK)	
Old Park Lane Development:	
PG said that Trevor Tree, one of his neighbours, is a member of the Abbey View Residents Association (AVRA) and is an ex structural engineer who also specialised in financial matters and banking. We need thousands of objections to the proposed Old Park Lane Development and Trevor is planning to circulate leaflets concerning it to Abbey View residents. There is one AVRA member per road on the Abbey View estate. AP suggested targeting people who will be affected by the development, but people elsewhere can also be contacted. The deadline for receipt of objections is 4 th August and Trevor Tree is going to ask WBC for an extension of time. PG suggested a 6 month extension. Only 2 people on the estate have been notified about the development and no notices have been put up. PG received a notification. He is trying to get more people to join AVRA and will circulate residents with information about the development. PG said that Gleesons have been incorrect on the application form as they were asked if they had started work on the development and said no. However, Taylor Wimpey asked the farmer to remove the trees which were felled next to the Abbey View Estate. This is where they intend to access the proposed development site. They have both been incorrect, therefore, as they have started work on the project without informing Waverley. The pile of brush from the felled trees is now good habitat for birds, mammals, etc, and Trevor will be applying to Waverley for an order for the brash to be kept as a habitat pile which it would be illegal to disturb.	PG
We need a list of residents associations and RG offered to obtain this, possibly from the Farnham Society as their website has a list of them, although the information is out of date.	RG
Once we have a document listing points for objection to the proposed development it can be sent out to the members/secretaries of residents associations and it could also be sent to the Herald. PG suggested taking out a full page advert in the Herald as it would reach about 11,000	DK
people. David Howell writes a column called Bricks and Mortar and the advert could appear there or on the front page. He will go into the Herald office and ask if we can take out an advert about the proposed development in the Herald.	PG

DK has looked at the Old Park Lane application and found it difficult to see the woods from the trees, it appears that they are trying to disguise things. PG pointed out that many people walk through the Abbey View estate, including children with their parents going to school, etc. They would be threatened by construction traffic accessing the new development. DK said there could be access via Old Park Lane and this should also be challenged.	
DK has an article which appeared in the Sunday Telegraph about how developers get round planning regulations and will send it to the committee.	DK
An e-mail has been received from Sue Carter regarding the Old Park Lane development, objecting and drawing the Association's attention to it.	
Bishop's Square:	
There is another, revised, planning application, WA/2023/0142, for the erection of a new dwelling with associated landscaping which is mentioned in the Herald. Instead of single storey this will now be a double storey and is in the middle of a green area. Therefore there will be a lot of lorries using the road, creating noise and dust. David Howell has laid into this application. The floor area has increased massively and DK said we need to object to it now.	DK
The Wates development at Waverley Lane has been passed by the inspector, this is the fifth time that Wates have submitted the application.	
Footpath News (AP):	
Tim Devis, Footpath Secretary of the Ramblers visited the proposed development site with AP as he wanted to get a feel for the footpaths – where the existing ones are and where the new ones will be. He asked AP to notify him when the planning application is on the Waverley website. Waverley has sent him documents and he will let AP have feedback when he has studied the plans. David Ross has also been informed and he and Tim are in the loop. Tim will look at footpaths and any new paths must be definitive, not permissive. If they are permissive they can be closed. AP will be keeping an eye on the situation and if the development goes ahead the footpaths must be designated as proper footpaths.	АР
AGM (19 th October 2023):	
JR has notified the councillors, David Beaman, Graham White and George Hesse about the AGM but so far they have not confirmed in writing that they will be attending. George Hesse and Heather McClean are councillors for Castle Ward and this no longer falls within the NWFRA area. George has already been invited and it was decided that Heather should also be invited but it should be pointed out to them that, as they are no longer councillors for the NWFRA area, they will be sitting with the residents, rather than on the panel. AP pointed out that they may have different knowledge and it will be useful to have them at the meeting, especially if other councillors cannot attend. DK will get the wine, fruit juice and nibbles and AP and JR will bring some bowls and hand round the nibbles. DK will buy the wine from Majestic as they also offer glass hire. JR will obtain the key code from the Parish Secretary. RG will get the ice from Waitrose.	JR DK,AP, JR, RG
Future of the NWFRA;	
JR will make an attendees list for the AGM which will have to be signed and will include a column for entering e-mail addresses. At the meeting DK will mention that subs need to be paid by standing order, or they can be paid at the AGM. RG said that, in theory, anyone within the Residents Association area can belong and do not need to pay subs. However, the Association	JR DK

requires income. We receive, approximately, £200 to £300 per year from subs. It was decided that a minimum sub of £5 should be made per household for membership of the Association.	
RG will obtain the list of residents included within the North West Farnham Ward from the council and then we can decide which houses the Post Office should deliver the postcard to.	RG
DK said that our website should not include our bank details. However, after discussion, if was decided that bank details of the Association can appear on the website as the Farnham Society have bank details on their website.	
We are not producing a newsletter at present as the postcard will be sent out which will inform people about the date of the AGM and the Association's bank details.	
Postcard: Once RG has obtained information on the area we need to cover DK will start preparing it. It will need to be eye catching, to the point (bullet points) and grab people's attention. The committee should send suggestions for content to DK. JR will send out the minutes so that PG and VM can contribute.	RG, DK Comm. JR
Any Other Business:	
DK sent a letter to the Herald about NWFRA and this resulted in 2 people joining the Association. We need to keep up the momentum and sending information to the Herald about proposed developments, etc, is a good idea.	
There have not been many hits on our website.	
Date of next meeting: Wednesday 6 th September, 2.30 pm at DK's house, 34B Crondall Lane.	