

NORTH WEST FARNHAM RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday 17th May 2023

Present:

Paul Grindley
Richard Gunner
Dave King (DK)
Penny Marriott (PM)
Vivienne Miller (VM)
Anne Pullinger (AP)
Julie Russ (JR)

	<u>Action</u>
<p>Apologies: There were none</p> <p>Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising:</p> <p>The minutes were approved.</p> <p>PM said we will send out the postcard after the AGM saying that we need more people to join the Association.</p> <p>VM asked how many residents associations NWFRA's area overlaps with. PM said that we overlap with Old Park Lane and Upper Old Park.</p> <p>Treasurer's report: (RG)</p> <p>There is £119 in the current account and £4,915 in the savings account and we are receiving slightly more interest now. Money has to be transferred to the current account as payments have to be made for the website.</p> <p>Planning, Fields and Other Matters: (DK)</p> <p>Coxbridge: There has been no change to Coxbridge which is still in the background and other applications are still pending. Planning permission was given some time ago for Coxbridge but the developers have not completed an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). They now have to do one.</p> <p>Fields behind Abbey View: Gleeson have sent information to residents about a proposed development of about 83 houses behind Abbey View. They asked for comments and residents have been advised by John Willacy of Old Park Lane Residents Association and by NWFRA not to reply in detail at this stage. PG has received an e-mail from a Farnham Residents Councillor saying that they would expect a planning application to be submitted from Gleeson before the end of the year. PM said the fact that the development would be outside the built-up area boundary weighs in our favour, but does not necessarily protect the site. At present we can only keep an eye on the situation and watch for the submission of the planning application. DK will submit an objection on behalf of NWFRA saying that the development would be outside of the built-up area of Farnham. PG said that Gleeson specialise in obtaining planning permission and Taylor Wimpey will be the builder. Taylor Wimpy gave the farmer permission to cut the tree down at Abbey View which was blocking access to the fields beyond. Taylor Wimpy own the roads at Abbey View as the original idea was to relieve pressure on the council. PM said that we need to get the names of all residents associations affected by this proposed development as we need to act together. We could contact the Farnham Society to find this out, or, possibly the Town Council. RG will find out where the list of residents associations is on the Farnham Society website and JR will look at the Town Council website. VM said that we need to express any objection carefully.</p>	<p></p> <p>PM</p> <p></p> <p>DK</p> <p>RG, JR</p>

Footpath News (AP):

AP has been in touch with the 3 Farnham Ramblers footpath secretaries and asked for comments on the footpaths featured on the Gleeson consultation map. She received an e-mail from David Ross, one of the secretaries, saying that the development would increase the number of paths and the amount of open green space accessible to the public but he wants to see the developers committing to dedicate the new paths as Rights of Way, rather than have them as permissive paths. From the developers perspective dedicating the paths moves liability to maintain the paths to SCC and also removes some liability issues if someone was injured using the paths. From the residents' perspective dedication of the paths prevents the developers from changing their mind and not implementing the paths.

The red path on the map is FP94, and it appears that the proposed development is not affecting its alignment. Its exit to Old Park Lane crosses land which is not part of the development site.

The blue path on the map is not a right of way but has to be used when sheep are in the field and the electric fencing is up.

AGM:

The AGM will take place on 28th June at 8 pm. PM said this will give new members the chance to put the date in their diaries. DK asked if he should add this date to the website now or do we need to check first that St Francis church hall is available on that date. PM will check on the hall and let DK know.

PM DK

Autumn Meeting: To be arranged.

Any Other Business:

DK reported that there have still not been many hits on the website. **DK has circulated his Neighbourhood Watch Group regarding Gleeson and also the Friends of Crondall Lane; he said that they can get more information if they come to the AGM.** We should try to contact people who are not in the Association and ask them to join. DK has the e-mail addresses of people in the Neighbourhood Watch.

RG asked if NWFRA has a Facebook page but it was felt that not everyone has Facebook, but everyone has an e-mail address. PG said we need to get a quick means of communication so we can alert people to information on the website.

AP said she could put a poster up at the end of her road and JR said she could put one on the public footpath sign at the Crondall Lane end of Larkfield Road, outside her house.

AP JR

John Willacy, chairman of Old Park Lane Residents Association (OPLRA) said he would contact DK re Gleeson.

JR asked how we can gather e-mail addresses and PM said we could ask in the mailshot before the AGM.

PM

PM will contact the councillors about the AGM.

PM

Date of next meeting: Not decided.