

**NORTH WEST FARNHAM RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

**COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2022**

**Present:**

Richard Gunner (RG)  
Penny Marriott (PM)  
Vivienne Miller (VM)  
Anne Pullinger (AP)  
Julie Russ (JR)

	<b><u>Action</u></b>
<p><b>Apologies:</b> Dave King, Paul Grindley</p> <p><b>Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising:</b></p> <p>Correction to the minutes: John Willacy is Chairman of the Old Park Lane Residents Association, not the Old Park Residents Association.</p> <p>George Hesse has not yet said if he will join the Committee or not.</p> <p>JR asked if committee members could send her corrections to the minutes and she will make a note of them then mention them under Matters Arising at the next meeting, rather than making the corrections straight away.</p> <p><b>Treasurer's report: (RG)</b></p> <p>The balance of the current account is £280.54 and the business account balance is £5,000.29. RG spoke to senior staff at Lloyds Bank about putting our bank accounts on the website. If the accounts were available to anyone this would be a problem, but if they are open to members of the Association only then this should be safe. Members would need to be registered on the website. DK is looking at how to get members registered on the website. VM said that Old Park Lane Residents Association's newsletter mentions putting the paying of subscriptions on-line.</p> <p><b>Deliverers and Collectors: (PM)</b></p> <p>The difficulty with recruiting new deliverers and collectors is that people do not mind delivering but do not like collecting subs. PM would like to check whether people living within the Association's area are members by knocking on doors and asking as the newsletter should go to members only and we do not have a list of members. RG suggested doing a mail shot rather than knocking on doors. PM would include her e-mail as the receiving e-mail. VM said the postal communication would have to be carefully worded and we must make sure we cover everything we need to. The objective is to collect e-mail addresses of members and possibly obtain some new members. The question was posed: "Once we have a list of members should we say that now is the time to join/renew and pay a subscription?" Normally we would ask for subscriptions for the next calendar year which is 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December, but this year things will be more fluid. It was suggested that we might need something on the website to tell people how to join the Association if they wish. RG suggested putting something in the Farnham Town Council publication which is published once a year. This could mention the Residents Association and how to join it. Some websites have an application form so that people can pay subscriptions, etc, but this costs extra because there is a transaction fee. VM said the U3A's on-line system is complicated. A standing order would be easier to set up than a direct debit.</p> <p>It was decided that a mail shot would be sent to everyone in the Association's area to collect existing members' e-mail addresses and hopefully obtain new members and their e-mail addresses.</p>	<p></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>JR</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>DK</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>PM</b></p>

## **Planning and Other Matters: (PM)**

**Farnham Infrastructure Project:** People need to submit comments by the end of September and these can be submitted on the website. It is possible to visit one of the exhibitions or go on-line. M & S are now not taking up an outlet at Brightwells and Tesco was suggested as a replacement. Waverley Borough Council withdrew from funding the retail element of the development which is now the responsibility of Surrey County Council. Steven Spence had suggested having craft outlets and a theatre at Brightwells. VM suggested moving Farnham Museum to the development as their current building needs a lot of maintenance work.

### **Footpath News (AP):**

AP contacted David Ross, Secretary of Farnham Ramblers, about a footpath which runs diagonally across one of fields and sheep fencing has been left there, although there are no sheep present now and about 3 trees that have been felled in the middle field behind Abbey View which would enable access from the estate for further development. David Ross's reply states that "the legal status of the diagonal path will not change due to trees being taken down. Any planning application for land over which there is a footpath has to take it into account. One of the tests that is used to decide if a footpath can be closed or diverted is that the alternative arrangements must be "substantially as convenient". Thus a realignment would probably be accepted but changing from a diagonal path to one around a field perimeter should be rejected." DK sent AP's report to Surrey County Council and their reply states that the footpath will not change if development takes place. Even though there is a footpath at the top of the field the diagonal path would have to be reinstated. A realignment would be accepted, but a path around the perimeter would not.

AP also contacted Alan Keeley of Farnham Ramblers about 2 fallen trees, one on the path from Three Stiles Road to the fields and one on the path parallel to Crondall Lane. He has had a look at them and will send a chainsaw gang to clear the paths.

PM said that a tree has been felled by a farmer at the end of Old Park Lane. Waverley Tree Officers involved the Forestry Commission who stated that this is illegal felling and the farmer has to replant, then 2 or 3 days later they put a Woodland Preservation Order on the new tree. Tree Protection Orders have been placed on the rest of the trees in the area.

### **Autumn Meeting (PM):**

Roy Waight has now put the date of the meeting in his diary and it is 13<sup>th</sup> October. He gives a very interesting talk which is called "Art in the Community".

**Action:** PM will make sure that the hall is booked. We need to obtain the keys to the shed as there are extra chairs stored in there.

### **AOB**

PM stated that when the consultation on the Farnham Infrastructure Project has finished Waverley Borough Council will produce a summary of what people want and do not want. The Woolmead development is still at stalemate.

**Date of next meeting:** Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October at 2.30 pm at PM's house

**PM**