

**NORTH WEST FARNHAM RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

**COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

**Present:**

Dave King (DK) (via Zoom)  
Penny Marriott (PM)  
Vivienne Miller (VM)  
Anne Pullinger (AP)  
Julie Russ (JR)

**Apologies:** Richard Gunner, Paul Grindley

**Action**

**Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising:**

We have not heard yet from George Hess about whether he can join the Committee or not. AP said it would be good if he could attend once or twice, it would not be necessary for him to attend every meeting.

Corrections to the minutes:

AP (not VM) suggested moving the Farnham Museum to the new development as their current building is in a poor state.

Under footpath news: David Ross, the Footpath Secretary of Farnham Ramblers, sent AP's report to SCC, not DK. A reply has not yet been received.

Alan Keeley will ask SCC to send a chainsaw gang to clear the fallen tree over the footpath as volunteers do not carry out this work.

AP said the Museum might be having repairs carried out to the roof and so, hopefully, will be able to stay in its existing premises.

The Museum is applying to charity for funds to carry out this work and DK asked what it would cost. PM said it would cost thousands. Waverley Borough Council have started the application for a grant and will provide matched funding. PM thought the charity is called MEND. The Museum is run through the Maltings.

Paying subs through the NWFRA website:

DK has spoken to Tom Seyers who runs the website and he said that paying subscriptions through the website could be a security issue so he decided not to go down that route. PM has spoken to someone who said it is possible for existing members to pay their subscriptions through the website but new members could not. PayPal make a charge for making payments. We could tell existing members how to pay their subscriptions but cannot tell anyone to join NWFRA through the website and pay their subscriptions on-line.

PM said the farmer has cleared the area at the end of Old Park Lane where the tree was felled illegally, ready for replanting with a new tree.

**Treasurer's report: (RG)**

There was no report.

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

The Knowle Farm planning application has been turned down by Waverley Borough Council with a very damning report stating it is a dubious application. The application was for a certificate of lawfulness to use the area for industrial storage. AP asked if Jeremy Ricketts would object to this decision. DK said he does not think he will.

Abbey View: DK said that a fence has been erected around the swale and Waverley Borough Council has acknowledged this.

Bishop's Square: On the 12<sup>th</sup> May there was a strongly worded objection by David Howell to the application and nothing has happened since.

44 Beavers Road: Permission has been granted but building regulation approval has not yet been given. The neighbours will be concerned as there are no foundations to speak of.

Coxbridge: Nothing is happening at present and progress will be held up by Thames Water as the existing infrastructure can only cope with 160 houses. JR said the land at Coxbridge is up for sale and there is a notice beside the road stating this. Nothing is likely to happen any time soon and outline permission has been given for only 160 houses.

AP mentioned Northbrook and PM said it is likely to go ahead. The land is in East Hampshire so the application will be dealt with by East Hampshire Council and not Waverley.

**Farnham Infrastructure Project:** DK went to the Infrastructure meeting and it looks unlikely that the underpass at Hickley's Corner will go ahead. He thought that the proposed new one way system would work.

AP asked about Brightwells and PM said that parts of it will be open by the end of the year. JR said there should be a theatre and there is no need for a 6 screen cinema, 3 screens would be enough.

Holly bushes have been planted at the end of the footpath leading from Crondall Lane to Three Stiles Road. PM said they could cause problems for footpath users if they are not pruned back.

### **Deliverers and Collectors: (PM)**

PM said that we need to resolve the issue of paying subs using the website before sending out a postcard, via the Royal Mail, to try and get more volunteers. The postcard should be delivered to every house in Castle Ward with the objectives of getting volunteers, encouraging people to join NWFRA and obtaining e-mail addresses. DK will ask Tom Seyers if it is possible for registered members of the Association to pay their subscriptions through the website. PM said that we still need to reach people who do not use a computer. She will design a postcard and circulate it to the Committee for our views.

### **Website: (DK)**

The statistics for website use are disappointing as it is not used very much. We have a lovely website but people are not using it and he does not know how to improve things. VM asked if DK would advocate abandoning the website and he replied that he would not but would like to increase usage as a lot of work has gone into it.

### **Any Other Business:**

Autumn meeting: PM said it was a shame that not many people attended the meeting but felt it was her fault as she was going to issue a newsletter before the meeting but did not manage to do so.

Dates for the next AGM and Autumn Meeting: AGM 14<sup>th</sup> June 2023, Autumn Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> October 2023. These are indicative dates. Councillors will be invited to attend the AGM, as usual.

DK  
PM

DK said that we need an agenda and reminder about a week before meetings take place. JR apologised as she forgot to send out the agenda in good time for the present meeting but will do so in future. DK suggested setting dates in advance which people could save in their diaries and contacting absentees so they could help in determining meeting dates. JR said she would notify absentees of the date of the next meeting and get back to the Committee if they could not attend.

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**Date of next meeting:** Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 2.30 pm at PM's house