

Furzehill Residents Association

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 15 October at Chapel Cottage

Present: Andy Hine (AH, Chairman), Stefan Morawiec (SM), Michael Bysh (MB), Geoff Chopping (GC), John Cardwell (JC), Anne Wilson-Croome (AWC), Matthew Merritt (MM), Jonathan Wilson-Croome (JWC, Secretary for this meeting)

Apologies: Keith Baker (KB, Secretary), Becky Dalglish (BD), Rob Bowley (RB), Nigel Allman (NA)

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1	Previous Minutes Minutes of previous meeting (20/8/18) reviewed and agreed.	
2	Matters Arising a. Facebook Page SM confirms he has set up a Facebook page for FRA. Its virtues include the ease of posting information. To access, one: (a) needs an individual Facebook account; and (b) needs to be accepted by a FRA Facebook Administrator (Stefan only at present). Application for access is made through Facebook or by sending one's email address to an administrator.	
	b. General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) & Data Protection Act (DPA) JWC has studied the current advice provided by the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). It is clear that FRA, as a small not-for-profit voluntary organisation, is not required to pay a fee or even register with the ICO. FRA is however obliged to comply with the terms of the GDPR and DPA. JWC holds a database of FRA households and their resident members. RB holds another database, run separately. JWC has drafted a letter to be sent to each member, alerting him to his rights with regard to the information held about him. Suggestions were made on how to improve the letter. JWC will finalise the text in consultation with AH.	JWC AH
3	Social Update a. Bingo at Holt Village Hall, Saturday 24/11/18 MB has printed A5 flyers (which can also be used as tickets) for us to distribute and sell at £5 per adult, £2.50 per child. Where possible, names of ticket holders should be passed to JWC along with the funds. The committee members who generally collect subs from their respective zones have undertaken to distribute the Bingo flyers, with the addition that MB has offered to take responsibility for Bothenwood. It is understood that Celia Batten (CB) is willing to cover Grange. Proceeds will be donated to Wimborne Food Bank. FRA will be buying a stock of mince pies. As it is difficult to predict the number required, SM suggests each committee member brings an additional packet or two of his own but keeps them in reserve in the car. This is agreed.	JC KB AH MB AWC JWC SM CB
	b. New Year's Day Walk SM's suggestion made at our last meeting, is agreed. The Social Committee will finalise arrangements but one idea is to meet in the driveway at Iona at 1100 hrs for a short BBQ Brunch with a hot drink or mulled wine; then to embark on a 2-3 mile ramble along footpaths north of Smugglers Lane to Furzehill crossroads, with perhaps a stopover at the Stocks Inn; and then a return ramble via Dogdean and the footpath behind Dumpton School and the Horns Inn to Deans Grove; then back to Iona. There should be sufficient parking for the numbers expected along Smugglers Lane and Deans Grove (if done sensibly), and in perhaps in MM's drive. SM will lend the BBQ equipment and source the food. AWC & JWC will provide electricity, hot water via kettles (or an urn if one is available), cover (if necessary!) and emergency washroom facilities! Presumably there will be a small charge for food, but this was not discussed. The event will be promoted by email, Facebook and the FRA website.	SM AWC JWC

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4	Treasurer's Report a. Funds held JWC reports that FRA's cash accounts show a total debit balance of £1,026.51, comprised of £1,021.51 in the NatWest current account and £5.00 held as cash.											
	b. Internet payments of modest sums FRA currently requires the treasurer to obtain authorisation from the chairman or secretary for all internet payments from the bank account, as well as two signatures on a cheque. JWC asks for a modest threshold sum below which he can make internet payments without additional authorisation. This was agreed and the threshold figure set at £50. JWC will, however, seek authorisation for a payment below this figure if he feels it may be open to question.											
	c. Collection of subscriptions JWC reports that it seems to be becoming more laborious to collect subs by the door-to-door method. In four years, starting in 2015/16, we have collected subs from 104 households, then 95, then 83, and then 66 so far in 2018/19. He suggests: (a) including a request in the GDPR letter (see 2b above) that households pay by standing order; and (b) sending a further such invitation in April each year. JWC also agreed, at AH's suggestion, to man the entrance to social events to request outstanding subs in cash. Depending on the success of these strategies, we may be able to scale back the more demanding task of calling (sometimes repeatedly) on individual households. Notwithstanding the above, those responsible for collecting subscriptions are currently as follows: <table><tr><td>Grange</td><td>Celia Batten (kindly agrees to continue)</td></tr><tr><td>Lower Furzehill and ? Bothenwood</td><td>MB</td></tr><tr><td>Middle Furzehill</td><td>AH & KB</td></tr><tr><td>Upper Furzehill, incl Smugglers Lane West</td><td>JC</td></tr><tr><td>Smugglers Lane East, Long Lane, Dogdean</td><td>SM, AWC, JWC</td></tr></table> JWC has the data on subs paid. He will generate a printout of households in each of these areas, showing which have subscribed in each year, to help collectors discover those likely to wish to continue subscribing.	Grange	Celia Batten (kindly agrees to continue)	Lower Furzehill and ? Bothenwood	MB	Middle Furzehill	AH & KB	Upper Furzehill, incl Smugglers Lane West	JC	Smugglers Lane East, Long Lane, Dogdean	SM, AWC, JWC	JWC JWC <
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5	<p>Response to EDDC on traffic calming and Pennyfarthing development</p> <p>a. Letters from Jane Lynch and Robin Cook in response to FRA letter of 26/9/18</p> <p>It was agreed that the responses to our letter of 26/9/18 from Jane Lynch (Head of Planning, EDDC) and Robin Cook (Cllr EDDC : Planning) are disappointing.</p> <p>The committee finds it particularly galling to find that clear commitments made in the existing Structure Plan, the East Dorset Local Plan Review and the Planning & Development Brief for the Woodleaze site (clarified for us by GC) are regarded as only “aspirational” by Robin Cook.</p> <p>Some thought was given to emailing FRA members to suggest they write individually to both Jane Lynch and Robin Cook, but the discussion moved on without reaching a conclusion on this.</p> <p>MB, MM and others expressed the view that repeatedly pushing our interpretation of the draft policy at Jane Lynch and at representatives of Robin Cook’s persuasion was unlikely to be rewarding. Instead, they advised a more personal approach to representatives likely to be sympathetic.</p> <p>SM and MB suggest we must be careful to avoid giving the impression of ‘nimbyism’ and that it may be more productive to talk about our traffic calming ambitions as part of an overall plan to tackle traffic problems in the wider area; indeed to ask for EDDC’s traffic plan for the area.</p> <p>AWC asked whether there is scope for Bloor Homes to contribute. However, the committee understands that all public contributions due from Bloor Homes have already been committed to other projects, including improvements to Cranborne Road.</p> <p>SM suggests we make common cause with Colehill itself as it shares some of our problems, especially on Middlehill Road, and as it has more clout by virtue of its population. With this in mind, SM and AWC brought our attention to the forthcoming Colehill Public Meeting.</p>	Act
	<p>b. Approach to Pennyfarthing</p> <p>MB suggests we make another approach to Ben Arnold, Planning Manager for Pennyfarthing - who grew up and went to school locally - taking the tack of wanting to work with the company rather than challenging it. AH will contact him with the intention of arranging a meeting. JWC is happy to accompany AH if it will help.</p>	AH
	<p>c. Approaches to individual elected representatives</p> <p>We discussed how best to influence the final decision-takers and to make them aware that the Local Plan does not require an increase in traffic from the EDDC site to make provision for traffic calming mandatory, and that its use of imperatives such as ‘should’ and ‘must’ in making this point cannot be interpreted as “aspirational” (Robin Cook’s interpretation). We now have the prospect of the second development that does not comply with published policy and commitments, so we should question the abandonment of public accountability in the planning process.</p> <p>It was agreed that it would be helpful to talk to Shane Bartlett. He lives in Wimborne and is a councillor with Wimborne Town, EDDC and DC. Apparently he also carries responsibility for Highways under one of his ‘hats’ but he is not on the Planning Committee. Mike Dyer (Chairman of EDDC Planning Committee), Janet Dover, Andy Skeats, Alex Clark, David Shortell and Steve Butler were also mentioned by GC & JC as perhaps worth talking to in person.</p> <p>JC and AH agreed to arrange a meeting with Shane Bartlett.</p> <p>AWC and JWC hope to arrange a meeting with Janet Dover, who has declared herself previously to be sympathetic.</p>	JC AH AWC JWC

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6	<p>Update on council meetings</p> <p>Covered under item 5d</p>									
7	<p>Website update</p> <p>No progress reported</p> <p>See item 2a regarding Facebook page</p>									
8	<p>Any other business</p> <p>a. Telephone box - straightening</p> <p>AWC reports that she has discussed this further with Ben Arnold of Pennyfarthing Homes. He is open to the suggestion that the company will straighten the telephone box free-of-charge. However, he does not want to consider this further until work on the EDDC site starts and his engineer has inspected the telephone box. AWC will keep in touch with Ben Arnold.</p>	<p>AWC</p>								
	<p>b. Telephone box - painting</p> <p>On hold at present</p>									
	<p>c. Subscription collectors</p>									
9	<p>Next meeting</p> <p>Date, time and place of next meeting not discussed.</p> <p>AWC and JWC happy to host if no other suggestion</p>	<p>?</p>								
+	<p>Plus</p> <p>We are all grateful to Stefan and Jackie for their hospitality, and in particular for the range of beers, wine, coffee (and water apparently!) on offer. They have certainly raised the bar for future meetings.</p>									