

Furzehill Residents Association

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on Friday 26th April 2019 at Holt Village Hall

Committee Attendees

John Cardwell, Andy Hine, Keith Baker, Anne Wilson-Croome, Jonathan Wilson- Croome, Matthew Merritt, Mike Bysh.

Apologies

Nigel Allman, Rob Bowley, Geoff Chopping, Stefan Morawiec

Member Attendees = 29 (approximately)

- 1 Introduction by Andy Hine, not as Chairman as we currently have no one in the chair.
- 2 Treasurers report – attached
Highlights: we are £300 up than this time last year. Subs are down but income from events is up. Subs will be payable by BACS or standing order.
- 3 Council Offices development
Currently understood to be still negotiating. A public consultation was held on 7 September but the sale is believed to be held up by several reasons – the death of the farmer who owns part of the proposed development land, drainage issues, rights of way to be resolved and covenants to settle.
- 4 Traffic through the village
It was pointed out that the proposed developer of the Council offices had no legal requirement to fund any traffic calming although it was hoped that a donation would be made. A 40 mph limit in Smugglers Lane has been proposed and supported by Colehill PC and Holt PC. Funds still have to be made available by Dorset Council to enable the provision.

It was noted that the Council offices development would likely bring more families into the area thus increasing the need for safe routes to school and traffic calming.
- 5 Cessation of EDDC and the introduction of the new Dorset Unified Council
£5m had been transferred from EDDC to the new Council with the remainder of the EDDC monies being set aside for local parish/town Council provisions.
- 6 Social events
Past events included a Bingo Evening in November, a New Years Day walk and a Quiz Night. The proposition for a summer event was voted down with the members preference for social events in the autumn and winter.
A skittles evening was suggested and a skittles league team was suggested.
- 7 It was agreed that the AGM should be held in January/ February in future and the financial year would run 1 January to 31 December starting from 2020.