

## Furzehill Residents Association

### Minutes of meeting held on Monday 30 September 2019 at The Rookery

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

Apologies: Nigel Allman (NA), Keith Baker (KB, Secretary), Matthew Merritt (MM)

No	Subject	Act
1	<b>Previous Minutes</b> Minutes of previous meeting (15/07/19) reviewed and agreed.	
2	<b>Matters Arising</b> <b>a. Holt Parish Council</b> Richard Lonsdale (Appletree Cottage, Furzehill) is now a councillor	
	<b>b. Traffic-calming subcommittee</b> GC joined soon after our last meeting.	
	<b>c. Verge planting of wild flowers</b> AWC has submitted a proposal, with photos, to Dorset Council (DC) that the verge opposite the Stocks Inn, at the corner between Furzehill and Smugglers Lane, is considered for wild flower planting as part of the 'Conservation Verge Trials' in progress.	
	<b>e. FRA group interest</b> NA has registered FRA with DC as an interested party with regard to the DC Local Plan.	
3	<b>Social Calendar - the following plans were agreed:</b> <b>a. Saturday 16 November 2019 Quiz Night at Holt Village Hall</b> (Hall already booked for committee's preference of Friday 15 November) Celia has kindly agreed to organise with Anne again. She is confident our previous quizmaster will agree to return. JWC will produce a flyer and distribute it via email and the website, as well as hard copies for committee members to distribute to their areas. SM will promote through Facebook. Table size will be six adults. Children will be supernumerary. Those not part of a full table will be allocated a table. Ticket price will again be £8 per person (to include fish 'n' chips or vegetarian alternative) but children under age 16 (previously £3 per ticket) will not be charged. Attendance to be booked with a committee member or through the website. Payment to be made through any committee member and (as a last resort) on the door.	AWC JWC MB SM
	<b>b. Wednesday 1 January 2020 New Year's Day Walk</b> SM will host the walk again, following the success of the inaugural event this year. He and Jackie will provide a BBQ brunch at 1100 hrs and then from about 1200 hrs lead the walk along the same route as last year - finishing at The Horns Inn. JWC and AWC will help SM with preparation and clearing up, as necessary. Ticket price to remain unchanged at £3.00. Profit to be donated to Wimborne Food Bank.	SM
	<b>c. Saturday 8 February 2020 AGM at Hot Village Hall</b> (Hall already booked for committee's preference of Friday 7 February) Same format as previous years, including free pasta supper.	
	<b>d. ?? March 2020 Event at Holt Village Hall</b> Agreed to decide date and nature of event at AGM. 'Knock out' skittles and 'Killer' skittles are two suggestions. Other ideas welcome.	
	<b>e. 21 June 2020 Summer Solstice Evening Walk</b> Perhaps starting and ending at The Stocks Inn. Route not discussed.	

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4	<b>Treasurer's Report</b> <b>a. Funds held</b> Bank balance = £1,169. 59. Held as cash = £10.	
5	<b>Council Matters Update, including Planning</b> <b>a. Council offices site</b> JC has tried to make contact with Cllr Ray Bryan to discuss the current situation with DC and PennyFarthing (and other potential bidders), but Cllr Bryan has not responded. JC has now contacted Cllr Janet Dover and is waiting for her response.	
	<b>b. List of planning applications, filtered for our locality</b> GC reports that his source for this list is no longer willing to supply it, citing issues of confidentiality. He is trying to find an alternative source.	GC
	<b>c. Grange Farm</b> Planning application for four dwellings, to be converted from agricultural buildings.	
	<b>d. Neighbourhood plan</b> The timescale for an area to take up the option to submit such a plan is 3+ years. Colehill and Wimborne will cooperate but may well submit separate plans. Furzehill can submit its own plan, ratified by a referendum of residents, either freestanding or as a contribution to Colehill's plan. The Colehill / Holt parish split in the village would pose a problem. The majority view is that the committee should delay further consideration until Colehill's and Holt's intentions become more clear. However, GC will consider whether to undertake some preliminary work, perhaps starting with the proposals in the existing local plan produced by EDDC (now superseded by DC).	GC
6	<b>Communications Update</b> <b>a. Newsletter</b> Work has started but it will still be a little while before the first issue.	SM NA JWC
	<b>b. Email list reconciliation</b> KB and JWC have reconciled the email database.	
	<b>c. Website</b> The alternative website presented by JWC was approved in principle. It should replace the existing site once those changes discussed and agreed have been made. In particular, it should not be used to promote local businesses.	JWC
	<b>d. Social media</b> Facebook site now has 22 members. Number growing very slowly. The committee hopes membership and use will grow due to links from the website, and vice versa. The idea of incorporating additional platforms was discussed but the meeting decided against exploring these further for now.	
7	<b>Any other business</b> <b>a. New Headmaster for Dumpton School: Christian Saenger</b> AWC and JWC have met Christian but not yet his wife, Hattie. He displayed an interest in attending our functions.	
	<b>b. Road closure</b> The section of Burts Hill between Allenvie Road and Cranborne Road will be closed from 4/11/19 to 27/3/19 for construction of a school crossing. This is likely to increase significantly the traffic using Furzehill.	
8	<b>Next meeting</b> Monday 2 December: 1930 hrs at Iona, Smugglers Lane (Anne & Jonathan)	