

Minutes of the Farncombe Initiative meeting

24th April 2018

1. **Present:** Matthew O'Donoghue, Michael Peacock, Diana Whitney, Heather Hullah, Graham Kimber, Mary Baker, Penny Knight, Ian Pickering, Sheila Smith, Paul Derereux, Martyn Sandford, Joe Parsons, Steve Cosser, Ross Welland, Anne Gray.
Apologies from: Suzie Gortler, Damian Wheeler, Ton Hawksley, John and Sue Petty, Dan Davies, Nick Marshall, John Blades Nick Williams.
2. **Minutes of 7th March:** these were agreed as correct.
3. **Presentation by Godalming Dementia Alliance:**
 - Talk given by Mary Baker and Graham Kimber
 - The DAA have worked with the Chamber of Commerce and several shops and businesses have signed up
 - Hoping to sign up Farncombe shops and businesses
 - Individuals can do the training and help – look on the DAA website
 - Busbridge church do training every other month – Penny Naylor
 - Help for carers available - Queens St, Jubilee House and BW Lodge
 - Social care office at WBC can help
4. **Joe Parsons, WBC waste management officer:**
 - Local shops and businesses and reminding them of their duty of care re litter and tidiness
 - Dog fouling is a problem and signs will be erected If anyone needs to get a sign, contact Joe at waste@waverley.gov.uk
 - Joe works with the police sometimes on anti-social behaviour
 - The Premier shop in Binscombe has had a warning
 - The bins by the kebab shop are a problem
 - WBC do regular litter picks, including around the public toilets
 - Any problems with waste etc, contact Joe
 - The Oak bins in BW Park need repairing. These are the responsibility of parks and Countryside not WBC

Action Ross and Suzie to find out what level of resource WBC will have for these fines and enforcing them. report back to the next meeting
5. **Binscombe shopping parade planting:**
 - Due to the Royal wedding and Cup Final on 19th May it was agreed to postpone this to June 9th, 16th or 23rd. TBA
 - Volunteers still needed to help prepare the ground and late do the planting and a litter pick. Email Anne Gray on annebriangray@hotmail.com

- Cotoneasters were recommended
- Publicity via social media and fliers in the shops at the end of May.

Action Suzie for SM and Martyn for fliers

- Approval from GTC has been given for two benches and a planter on the wide section of pavement outside the Premier shop

6. Update on railway group:

- Martyn explained about the project for the newcomers
- It was agreed to wait until Network rail respond to some of the requests on Martyn's list. Tidiness issues and disability issues need to be looked at. **Action MS to find out if they have someone who specialises in disability**
- Priority will be planting and Artwork
- Steven Goddard has some ideas and will be discussing these with Steve and Suzie. A meeting with another artist has been arranged for 2nd May
- An update of the original list composed by Martyn and the group would be useful **Action Martyn**
- PD asked if information on Frederick Marshall can be displayed at the station
- Information boards on both sides of the station would be useful
- Link with the museum for local information
- Signs at the level crossing have been approved re engine exhausts
- A survey on closures of the crossing is being undertaken

7. Update on Guildford to Godalming Greenway:

- Martyn explained what the project was
- It was well received by GTC and now a business plan is needed to be produced. **Action Martyn**
- Witley are interested in this project and the Guildford group too
- Cycling UK might be interested and a source of funding

8. Update on Balconies:

- Steve has discussed the whole situation with the Town Clerk and they are now going to ask WBC if there are any enforcement actions that can be taken, images to be sent to WBC showing poor state of balconies.

9. Swifts in the church:

- Swifts are in decline and it was agreed that we should try and arrange and awareness raising exercise, one Saturday, with coffee and a talk. **Action Sheila Smith to talk to James at the church**
- Nesting boxes could be fitted to encourage breeding

10. Park Run:

- Steve explained that this had been cancelled due to concerns about safety and shared users. WBC are looking into these.

11. Stall at FDC fete on 14th July:

- John Petty had asked if there was support for this and there was agreement that we should have a stall to publicise what FI does.

Action John to liaise with Suzie

12.A.O.B:

- Noisy cars are a real problem. Report this to the police and WBC
- Paul said that the two trees that he paid for had died and they had not been replaced. **Action Ross to chase WBC and report back to the next meeting**
- Martyn asked if the space at Farncombe toilets could become a man shed. **Action Martyn to send the details electronically to Steve and Andy, the Town Clerk**

13.Dates of meetings for the rest of the year:

All on Wednesdays at 8.00pm at the Tennis Club, Broadwater.

23rd May

14th November

12th December 25th June

25th July

12th September

3rd October