

Notes from Farncombe Initiative Meeting
Weds 23 May 2018, 8.00pm

Welcome:

In attendance Anne Gray (AG) Ann Lister (AL), Dan Davies (DD) Martyn Sandford (MS) Sheila Smith(SS), Damian Wheeler (DW), John Petty (JP), John Blade (JB) Mathew O'Donoghue (MO'D), Paul Devereaux (PD), Ann Lister (AL), (DW) Suzie Gortler (SG)

Apologies:

Steve Cosser, Chris Early, Tom Hawksley, Nick Marshall, Sue Petty, Nick Williams, Ross Welland

Welcome

Notes from the last meeting – AG asked if the notes were an accurate record. This was agreed by all present

Binscombe Shopping Parade Project

The Prep and planting day is now put back to September

Dates for your Diary

Sat 22 September making ready preparation day

Sat 29 September is the planting day.

Michel Le Conte is possibly willing to provide an assistant. Mr Le Conte has filled in the pot holes at the site.

Professional Landscape Gardener Jason Hunter has kindly agreed to help on the day.

Bench will be sited (waiting for the date tbc).

AG and DD to meet 23 July to visit Van Arnhem's to get a quote for the planting material. DD and AG to bring back quote for plants etc.

The Coop said they would be very happy to assist with litter pick/planting etc. MO'D confirmed Coop Manager Dan would be very happy. SG to make list of what we need help with and visit Dan Manager to put it forward.

Swifts Event

Sheila Smith reported James Rattue agreeable to FI to use the Church for the Swifts event if necessary. Discussion ensued about an awareness raising exercise i.e. a come and go event on a Sat where there will be an exhibition about swifts and one or two nest boxes – and an opportunity to go outside to see the swifts.

It was agreed this is something the group would like to do before the Swifts arrive next year. Swift boxes however would need to be in place by middle to end of April. JB said we could support Guildford Swift Group. MS said we do have Farncombe Swifts and we should support our swift colony here. JP asked who would fit the boxes. MS really wanted to raise public awareness and the hope that residents would like to fit their own swift boxes and that future building developers would fit swift boxes as standard.

It was agreed that an awareness raising event stall should be tried at Farncombe Day Centre fete on 14th July. MS to contact Guildford Swift Group and to ask them to pay for the stall. MS to apply via FDC and GTC (Gazebo)

Railway Focus Group

MS on-going discussions with NWR have confirmed that the 6 items have been logged with the Community Relations Team about tidying up and NWR can provide staff to volunteer on the "wrong side of the fence". Waiting to hear from NWR

Disability issues were discussed MS has asked for their Disability Advisor to meet FI on site to look at no ticket machine, no toilets etc. Waiting to hear from NWR

MS reported artists have taken measurements and been to visit the station, ref: interpretation boards. MS reported that Steve Goddard and Kevin Gorton have been to measure the station apertures where they could have artwork designed and we're waiting for quotes. Quote has been received but SG need to check quotes for aluminium panels. SG confirmed might be more funding from SWR waiting to hear.

Godalming-Guildford Greenway Proposal

MS reported initiative received warmly. Guildford similar group Guildford Cllr Matt Furness very keen and there is a meeting with him. MS and a few others spoke to Witley Parish Council. MS reported enthusiasm, SCC are looking at landownership to see whether land can be made available for the Greenway. Watch this space.

Balconies

SG said GTC have exhausted their role in getting the benches and the pics have been sent to planning at WBC with copies to WBC Councillors to see if they can hold any more weight.

PD said a petition should be got up to name and shame
SG to chase WBC to see if they can enforce/take action

Bench audit

AG reported that there is funding available for possibly more benches.

JP said there is a demand for more benches as buses breaking down.

In addition to location where Marshal Road bench is, other potential sites could be:

X-roads between St Johns Street and Lower Manor Road (opp the Freeholders)

1 facing Church, 1 outside Coop, Binscombe Lane shops bench

PD identified another location

28 locations were located for benches originally and FI had selected top top 5)

Benches to have plaques saying Farncombe Initiative – SG to get quotes for plaques to go onto FI items.

DW asked if someone doesn't email to AG we might miss the opportunity. DW asked couldn't we go back to 2nd location for bench.

Action: MS to send bench audit

Action: AG asked members to send an email to her to ask for bench etc. DW volunteered to email AG with request for bench.

Farncombe Day Centre Fete – 14th July 12-3pm

Pitch booked and paid for

SG to confirm where GTC Gazebo and table can be collected from for the Day.

Volunteers:

Dan

Damian

Matt

Sue and John

Paul

Chris Early

JP to set up volunteers rota

SG to give MS's display material

Action DW to ask NM if we can get display boards to put MS's display material on.

Farncombe Village flag to be provided by the Petty's

Need to bring pens and leave behind material available for the day.

Neighbourhood Plan

AG said GTC website – NP is on there and there are hard copies in the Museum and the Library too

AOB PD asked if any news on cricket history project for Farncombe – SG said WBC had taken it on board and it had been discussed. SG to raise again with WBC.

AL mentioned lots of people have concerns about the last house in Farncombe.

DW asked about Signal box Action DW to contact WBC about checking if building of interest and if not to register

SG Compete on the street 9 businesses from Farncombe received awards Action: SG to report back who.

MS, TH, SG outside Binscombe Surgery good location for art sculpture in Garden and PD suggested lake area.

Loseley Infants Sculpture exhibition in Birtley – MS and TH hoping to attend.

Next meeting 27 June Dr Martin Brunet to attend 8.00 Godalming Tennis Club.

9.30pm meeting closed.