

Farncombe Initiative 12 September 2018.

Attendance

Damian Wheeler, Matt O'Donoghue, Anne Gray, Martyn Sandford, Shirley Purchase), Dan Davies, Suzie Gortler Sheila Smith, Steve Cosser in the Chair

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

John Blades, Nick Marshall, Nick Williams, Tom Hawksley, John Petty, Sue Petty, Paul Devereux

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING 25TH JULY 2018. Agreed

3. GREEN LANE SHOPPING PARADE: PLANTING

Work was in progress on site: the land had been sprayed, there was a tree stump to be removed..

Site clearance and preparation - 22 September 2018

Planting - 29 September 2018

It was noted that Charterhouse school had expressed a wish to help in this community effort and would be in touch. Follow-up required - AG

Volunteers scarce for 22nd - Anne and Brian Gray; Damian Wheeler, Steve Cosser, Shirley Purchase, Jason Hunter.

For the 22nd the following would be required:

Forks

Spades

Watering cans (water supply?)

Suzie (SG) would do a risk assessment and Anne Gray to pick up the litter pickers.

There were a few more volunteers for the 29th. Equipment would again be required.

There was a suggestion that the local school might be asked if they would like to help with the watering, and the Spar Shop and Charterhouse.

On 29th it was agreed that we would plant and also do a litter pick.

Martyn had prepared a promotional leaflet for community distribution asking for help with the watering of plants* see attached.

Plants will be from V. Arnhem nurseries; Jason Hunter would provide details of costs and he will pick up and deliver. (Anne to prompt)

Suzie asked that someone would take photos on phone and send to her of the work in action.

The matter of the provision of bench(es) was not clear with Waverley/Town Council. The Town Clerk has not yet been notified of details on funding. The funds would be from the 106 funding from the Council. Anne has cleared with the Town Clerk on the matter of the licence; she would follow up and clarify back what is actually agreed.

Suzie needs to be told when the bench is to be inaugurated (Anne).

Involvement of Youth Service and/or Trinity Trust (TTT) from the 106 funds with the Town Council if they are involved in this community activity: This was suggested but needs to be clarified re accountability etc. if so.

4. RAILWAY PROJECT and ACCESS PROBLEMS FOR DISABLED AT FARNCOMBE STATION

Disability access

This is a long process to achieve. Martyn had been in contact with the Disability Facility Representative of SWT and would contact again. Until viability of the access was clarified we cannot move forward; we may get some additional funding from the railway.

Maintenance of the area adjacent to the station

A contributor to Facebook had identified that there had been a pavement along the railway side between the front doors of the Station; We might be willing to redress the situation ourselves but would be required to have training before we could use strimming etc equipment on Railway property

5. FARNCOMBE STATION ART PROJECT

Richard Kempton - our original SWT contact - had left his job and we need to identify a new contact. A new appointment was expected. Suzie and Martyn would follow up; the Property Department had not seemed convinced of our project but David Willby the Development Director for SWR would let us know the new appointee.

A further meeting with the Property Dept was planned for Friday 14th between Martyn, Suzie and Alison Pattison from the Godalming Museum who had some archival material for the railway. It was possible that with the appointment of a new Manager of the Property Department on the railway, they might be open to our involvement, but of course we need to contact the appropriate level if we are to make progress.

We awaiting briefing on safety training at Farncombe Station from AcORP. There is the point that they have a need to have 50 stations adopted and currently have only four!

Chairman asked if Suzie could find out the date of the new appointment.

6 ISSUES RAISED BY TOM HAWKSLEY

a. Bus stop at Spring Grove - could there be seating supplied?

b. Was there funding available for maintenance?

There was some discussion; the Chair pointed out that none of the local Councils have direct responsibility for shelters etc. But Tom should approach the relevant local Councillor (Penny Rivers) to see if she has any discretionary funds available.

The Town Council have a little funding available but mostly allocated. Not the Ward or County. The Town Council was writing to all to enable collaboration.

This is essentially a Binscombe issue.

c. Nightingale Road access from Farncombe Street. This was a difficult turning, and often blocked by drivers queueing to get through past the Cricketers' public house. Sheila made the point that the road there had always been so difficult with the parking that in order to walk safely on the opposite side with small children it had been necessary to get the Highways Dept to put bollards along the pavement to protect pedestrians from being pursued by domestic traffic driving along the

pavement. The 'school' type barrier had been put in to prevent accidents to BT workers at the junction box and many of the parked cars opposite were commuters.

Chair remarked that it is a County Council responsibility, which was the approach made when they made the Summers Road 'passing places' arrangement.

c. 'Red' telephone box near Spring Grove. The meeting suggested Tom get in touch with BT to see if it was possible to take it over. He might need to do a Community survey or petition and ask the local Councillors to approach BT.

d. Loseley Road street sign 'tipsy'. This is the responsibility of the Highways via the local County Councillor.

The Chair pointed out that there were things that the FI could not do themselves, but it was useful to know if we could give guidance on how to achieve improvements.

Martyn suggested we might target a few roads and be able to help move things along but would need discussions re liability and maintenance issues.

Chairman said that inter-collaboration between councils and devolvement exists, but the current round of cuts was not helpful. Engagement with Youth Officers might be of considerable value.

7. OTHER MATTERS FROM JULY MEETING NOT COVERED

Alison Pattison has a large amount of donated material related to Farncombe which might be of considerable interest to the group; we might ask her to address a meeting.

Swift boxes: John Petty and Suze were discussing the development of swift boxes. Martyn would write a couple of lines to Suzie about how to get information on them for public use.

Map under Perspex at Broadwater Park: Suzie to follow up

Funding for TTT The Youth Social Work team should be contacted re discretionary funds and accountability. Waverley local committee at surrey.cc.gov.uk

Balconies: John Shepherd (Waverley BC) sent an email which was partially successful but it was feared that a Section 215 Ordinance might be needed. An update was needed from the new Officer. Waverley Planning Enforcement to be contacted by Suzie.

Section 106 funding is money from developers who apply for permissions etc. Some is general but must be spent on Farncombe and Binscombe. There was some concern expressed that delays on our projects might dilute availability.

Golf course area this would restrict access to the park which was a public area. There was some discussion of 'Herras' fencing round the compound. Discussion ensued potentially where soil was being built up to reduce risk from pollution from previous landfill. Martyn would talk to Nick Williams about whether there was a planning application in place.

Article for The Villager – This was published thank you Damian Wheeler and yielded a few new potential members for the group.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Farncombe Cricket Club had been promoted.
- b. 'Floral Godalming' sponsorship: Suzie has details for businesses who would like to sponsor displays.
- c. Fireworks: these would be held on 2 November. Themed : 'Best of British'.
- d. Christmas Lights switch on: 24 November Godalming; Friday 7th December for Farncombe.
- e. Godalming: Phyllis Tuckwell Run Run Saturday 8th December, Blessing of Crib and a Santa run.
- f. Waverley Borough Council had held a public meeting re Volunteers for membership of the Council -' What does it involve?'

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

There was some discussion; it was felt that monthly was excessive so perhaps 2 monthly would be better. So there would be no meeting in October. Next meeting NOVEMBER 14TH

A GREENER LOOK FOR GREEN LANE SHOPS

A fresh look is coming to Green Lane Shops. Since the shops were first built, the green areas surrounding the car parks have become tired and most of the trees and shrubs have died. Local residents have asked if anything can be done to smarten things up.



Now

The Farncombe Initiative is a volunteer group dedicated to making improvements and building a sense of community in Farncombe and Binscombe. It is pleased to be involved in this project.

If you would like to be part of the action, there will be two opportunities to join others in planting new flowers and shrubs.

Saturday 22 September - Preparation

Saturday 29 September – Planting and litter-pick

Both will run from 10am to 12pm and if you would like to join in, let us know.

We are also looking for some very special people who live or work close by to water the new plants while they settle in!

To find out more or to join in contact Councillor Anne Gray:
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