

**Farncombe Initiative  
Notes  
Weds 20 March 2019**

**Apologies received:**

Martyn Sandford, Heather Hullah, Dan Davies and Nick Marshall

**In attendance:**

John Blade (JB), Steve Cosser(SC), Paul Devereaux(PD), Maria Farina(MF), Suzie Gortler(SG), Anne Gray(AG), Tom Hawksley(TH), Matthew O'Donaghue (MOD), Shirley Purchase(SP), Sheila Smith(SS), Damian Wheeler(DW),

SC welcomed introductions from all the group and new attendee Maria Farina

Notes from January 16 2019 meeting accepted by the Group

**1 Street Art Installation Project:**

- TH gave some background on this, SG, MS and TH identified some places initially.
- Exploratory meeting now held in March at Charterhouse School about how to progress this further for a street art installation if the group want to move this forward. Charterhouse in principle supportive of project. SC explained this wasn't a quick fix and maintenance and costs have to be discussed. Discussion ensued about what the installation could be.
- It was agreed TH would meet with Head of Design at Charterhouse School to discuss possible materials and cost of these, and in consultation with Charterhouse and Loseley Fields, put together a costed proposal for consideration at the next meeting.

**2 Farncombe Station**

**Art Project:**

- SWR in principle has come back and said SWR like project but in order to take it forward we need to get permission as listed building.
- ACorp adoption not in place yet as SWR not able to confirm when members from the FI can access the training
- SG to continue to pursue this

**3 Disability Access:**

- SG and MS met with Michael Adlington Disability Access Manager from SWR
- DW reported problems with Farncombe Station ticket office to SWR.

**4 Signal Box:**

- SG repeated note 5 from last meeting
- SG to pass details of other CRP's (Community Rail Partnership) to Sheila Smith who have used decommissioned Signal boxes for further investigation.

**5 Green Lane Weeding and Planting:**

AG gave an update

- Crocuses planted
- Weeding needs to be done again in the area
- Anne has spoken to 2 retail outlets in the area who are placing their pallets on the new planting and that the area has got some problems with litter. AG reported to the Landlord and he will make good these issues.
- Michael Le Conte has offered the volunteers working in Green Lane area, some hospitality to thank them for their time. AG to follow this up.
- Planter to be placed near Green Lane benches
- AG to ask if individuals will help with weeding when it is convenient for them
- AG is going to ask Farncombe Litter Pickers if they are happy to help with litter picking this area
- AG would like a final weeding and clear up event on 14 April at 10.00am

## **6 Broadwater Park**

### **Golf Club Fencing**

- MS concerns bought to group ref: fencing round the park etc. SC updated the group, SC has put in formal objection about the proposals. SC has read the officer's report he thinks the proposal will be accepted. SC suggested look up SCC planning permissions for 20 March date.
- SS suggested that a concern might be that the golf club could become private rather than a public concern.

### **Oak History Boards**

PD gave background Farncombe Cricketing history and his desire to capture the history. WBC officers now have his written history and photographs, waiting to hear the next actions. Thanks to PD for his input SG to speak to WBC Parks and Country side officers to check status.

## **7 Halow Project**

SC very supportive of Halow Project but considered, in terms of the Farncombe Initiative, priority should be working with local groups i.e. Charterhouse and others. The Group agreed that this would be "parked" for the moment.

## **8 Balconies**

- SG gave an update on balcony enforcement. There is an action going forward with WBC and its legal department. Outcome will be provided when received.

## **9 Youth Provision**

- SC explained that it is a complex area, SC reported that GTC is setting up a small working group, working/engaging with other statutory agencies to see if actions emerge to form meaningful outcomes
- SC said that after the election there was the opportunity to explore with Charterhouse options for their pupils to be more significantly involved in local community and political activity.

## **10 Matters Arising from last meeting**

- TH thanked AG for all she's done for Binscombe

### **Telephone Box**

- TH spoke about Telephone Box in Spring Grove in poor and sorry state
- TH wondered if it might be a project for Charterhouse Community group to possibly adopt the box?
- AG confirmed a discussion had been held with the Town Clerk. SC explained GTC has no policy for adopting phone boxes and that all 7 would need to be adopted if a policy was agreed
- MF (resident of Spring Grove) happy to work with TH to see if any mileage on working on this

## **11 AOB**

- DW Bus Shelter in Elizabeth Grove in being pulled down and new one being put up
- Ref: Street Art Project JB showed the group an image on a sculpture of a dragon which is also a seat
- JB asked if another bench could be put in at Barnes Road by Bus Stop as elderly people need to sit there. AG to speak to Town Clerk but confirmed a bus shelter is going in at Furze Lane.
- PD said Simran from Post Office looking for shop in Summers Road, SC said he would speak to Simran.
- MOD – explained that Community Engagement at the Co-op, contact the Manager Sean who will be happy to organise volunteers from the Co-op at Farncombe to assist.
- TH has met with Penny Rivers and an Engineer about Spring Grove pavements, difficult to do due to significant costs required.
- SS reported poor and dangerous pavements at Abby Flowers and Tottenham Road area and infirm pedestrians at risk. SS asked if it could be repaired? AG and SC

asked if SS has mentioned it to a SCC Councillor? SS to follow this up with the SCC Councillor.

- SS asked about the traffic survey being carried at the crossing in Farncombe and it was suggested that SS contact Surrey County Councillor for information.
- Thanks to SS for coming to the meeting despite current difficulties.
- Thanks to PD for attending the meeting on his birthday.

**Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday 5 June 2019 8.00pm, Godalming Tennis Club