

Minutes of the Half Yearly meeting held on Friday 1th October at St Andrews Church Hall.

Unfortunately the advertised speaker had to cancel at short notice but Mary Bennett, local historian and author, stepped in and gave us an illustrated talk on 'The Fabulous 50s in Surrey Heath'. Our thanks were expressed to her.

Refreshments were served; Christmas cards with a snowy photograph of the church were on sale.

For the forum: those present were Michael Gove, Chris Pitt, Duncan Clark, Mike Drew, Craig Fennell, Alan Whittart, PC Stuart Brant. Apologies from Anji Patterson, David Whitcroft.

1. David Parsons asked if the minutes of this and other six monthly meetings could be circulated to those members on email. The committee (on 19.10.09) agreed to do this.
2. Sue Cartwright informed the meeting that a new plan for the use of school grounds at the Frimley C of E School had been submitted and said the local residents of Henley Drive were asking for a solution that was safe. MG suggested that another meeting could be arranged between the school and local residents to bring about a better understanding. One had already been arranged for the following Thursday. CP also said that visibility out of Henley Drive was being improved by taking away 2 parking places.
3. Alan Barnett asked about roads, potholes and the rebuilding of the pavement towards Heatherside. CP confirmed this was part of the works of the development of Dettingen Park (Barratt homes were paying) aiming to widen the footpath to 'double buggy size'.
4. Len Barwick commented on the sad state of the FG village sign. The other 2 were done by a firm in Shere and were in a much better state. Tony Moore said the Carnival Committee were investigating and hoping to have it redone to a better quality.
5. Terry Henderson asked MG if there could be meetings/surgeries in the 'Town Hall'. MG said he held surgeries each fortnight on Friday afternoons around the borough, in Ash, Windlesham, Camberley and West End, but if there was an urgent matter please email him. CP offered more local venues.
6. TH also referred to Camberley Mosque and their planning application. MG wants a private meeting of interested parties, eg Camberley Society, Southwell Park Residents Association, to discuss for the good of community relations. Sarah Kingsley asked if she could object as a resident living in Worsley Rd; Answer is 'yes' but use planning grounds.
7. Eric Harcourt asked about the high hedges in White Acres Rd, with concerns about sight lines near the back entrance of the school. CP will get Highways to examine. SB referred to the Travel Plan group and their work for safety on local roads. Police Surgeries for local input were held each month, Frimley Green on 1st Monday, Mytchett on 1st Tuesday, and Deepcut on 2nd Thursday all at 7 pm.
8. TH asked if Craig Fennell could have a land line as a contact number; will be arranged.
9. David Parsons asked for a long term solution for Pirbright Bends. CP said the real problems occur in Guildford Borough but Asst Chief Constable is very aware of the problem. CP also talked of advantages in having a Parish Council, extra grants, suggested Tim Price of Windlesham PC to give a talk; DC said PCs were good and beneficial to the locality. CP also spoke about problem of establishing usage of the path around The Hatches lake, Angela Connell has the application forms. For regular users a key to the gate is available for £10 for life.

10. Mike Drew said about the theft of drain cover and edges in Hazel Road and danger of large hole left behind, now got bollards as a warning. SB said there had been a spate of these last year, price of metal made it worthwhile!
11. DC asked for comment re the new recycling collection scheme. Howard Hyde said that flats were not yet catered for and it was a backward step for them. Kevin Daly said it was working well. James Fergus Smith was very pleased with it.
12. John Cracknell asked about the gas works causing the 3 way traffic lights at Hamesmoor Rd, there is a start date but no end date. AW had asked and was told 'it would take as long as it took!' CF would speak to County Engineer. Police would look into timing of lights as there always appeared to be more traffic heading north to south, and exit from Miners Arms car park was inside the controlled area.

Meeting ended, after the drawing of the raffle and thanks to all for their attendance and contributions, at 10.15pm.

Date of next meeting would be Friday 16th April.