

Mytchett, Frimley Green & Deepcut Society

MINUTES of Half-yearly MEETING MEETING 24 October 2014

1. WELCOME

President Sue Cartwright welcomed the Guest Speakers, Local Officers and approx. 50 members and visitors.

2. SPEAKER'S PRESENTATION

The topic concerned the work done by the Surrey Heath Clinical Commissioning Group (SHCCG) and was given jointly by Dr. Andy Brooks (Chief Officer) and Nicola Airey (Director of Planning and Delivery). A recording can be found at <https://audioboom.com/channel/SurreyResidents> (courtesy of Paul Deach & Paul Chapman). Although we think of the NHS as being free, at least for the patient, 'someone' has to pay for it. There was some surprise about how much certain things cost. The SHCCG controls the purse strings of certain aspects of our health as well as looking ahead to the future to ensure things are in place to give the residents their best chance of good health. The SHCCG has only been in existence for 18 months and a description of the group was given, what it is trying to do, what it has done, and what it is going to do. Their website (<http://www.surreyheathccg.nhs.uk/>) contains lots of useful information.

3. TEA & COFFEE BREAK

4. SURREY HEATH RESIDENTS NETWORK

Paul Deach gave a short talk on why and how he set up the this network (again available at <https://audioboom.com/channel/SurreyResidents>). He firstly illustrated the power of the network by saying that although only 50 people had heard first hand the presentation given by SHCCG that night, because it had been recorded, made into a 'PODCAST' and would be loaded out to the internet on the residents network site, it would be likely heard by 300-400 more people. He went on to say that the network started life in 2003 just as an email distribution list (still in existence today with over 7000 subscribers) but has since expanded onto the internet as a significant local media outlet. For example, last year in one day the site had over 63 thousand visitors when a message from the police concerning a missing girl was posted.

5. QUESTION TIME WITH JON CASTELL, SURREY HEATH NEIGHBOURHOOD SERGEANT AND LOCAL OFFICER, PAUL DEACH

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Jon described some of the cases he and his team had been involved in during the last few months; they included burglary, shop lifting, drugs, illegal immigrants and even a rape case. He mentioned a new PCSO in the team, Tom Kinnell, but even so, due to austerity measures, PCSOs have recently withdrawn from many community type work and have been drawn into response and investigative procedures. In answer to a question, he did say that 'Neighbourhood Watch' schemes were very important in minimising some aspects of crime, especially burglaries.

Asked about the different rolls played by Borough and County councillors, Paul explained that the borough dealt with parks, recreation facilities, refuse collection, environmental health and planning whereas county dealt with highways education and others.

6. RAFFLE and MEETING CLOSE.

Local Officers Present

Councillor Paul Deach Surrey Heath B.C. Mytchett/Deepcut
Councillor Chris Pitt Surrey C.C. Frimley Green & Mytchett & Surrey Heath B.C. Frimley Green

Local Officers NOT Present

Councillor Alan Whittart Surrey Heath B.C. Frimley Green (apologies sent)
Councillor David Allen Surrey Heath B.C. Frimley Green (apologies sent)
Councillor Joanne Potter Surrey Heath B.C. Mytchett/Deepcut (apologies sent)
Councillor Craig Fennell Surrey Heath B.C. Mytchett/Deepcut (apologies sent)

MFGD Committee Members Present

Sue Cartwright (President) Carol Drew (Treasurer) Sarah Kingsley (Publicity Officer)
Chris Main Howard Hyde Duncan Clark Jacques Olmo
Rod Carroll (Website Administrator) David Brown (Minutes Secretary)