

Mytchett, Frimley Green & Deepcut Society

MINUTES of Half-yearly MEETING 14 October 2016

1. WELCOME

President Sue Cartwright welcomed the Guest Speakers, Local Officers and in excess of 50 members and visitors.

2. SPEAKER'S PRESENTATION

Courtesy of Paul Deach, an hour long video of the proceedings can be found at:

<http://surreyresidents.co.uk/2016/10/14/princess-royal-barracks-development-deepcut-developers-update-local-residents-public-meeting-video/>

Some salient points are as follows:

Sean Murphy (operations manager) and Ina Ling from SKANSKA gave an update on the new development at Deepcut which is to be called Mindenhurst. Removal of Japanese knotwood from the area will be one of the first projects to be started – mostly being dug out to a sufficient depth and then transported carefully to Oxford to be destroyed although less severe infestations will be sprayed regularly until it is dead. Then there will be some tree removal, especially in the vicinity of the new roundabout which marks the northern entrance to Mindenhurst; and following on from that tree removal along the new 'spine road' that snakes through the new village. Then some land near SPAR needs to be decontaminated. He gave a general timeline of certain projects through the next 6 months. He then took some questions from the floor, including concerns about the traffic lights, the war memorial, the old theatre, bus pull-ins along the spine road; what will happen to the church;

3. TEA & COFFEE BREAK

4. QUESTION TIME WITH LOCAL OFFICERS, PAUL DEACH & JON CASTELL

Courtesy of Paul Chapman, a 30 min MP3 audio file can be found at:

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/vf14v9wmlgsy3bp/AABQwt_Y_rR-z6Fj6Z-AddBa?dl=0

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Jon Castell introduced Anna Whiteside, a Neighbourhood Specialist officer for the villages. He gave some statistics comparing the number of cases this year with the previous year. For instance, burglary cases went UP from 56 to 80; violence with injury went UP from 221 to 249 and violence without injury went UP from 316 to 471 but there was a different accounting scheme; serious sexual assaults went DOWN from 53 to 46; rape cases went DOWN from 23 to 18; domestic crimes with injury went down from 93 to 65 whereas domestic crime without injury went UP from 111 to 133. One piece of advice given was to lock away your power tools. He said a main focus was on drugs as this tended to fuel committing crimes. As usual, he made the point that there was not enough people to do everything. He fielded question from the floor concerning the imminent Halloween celebrations, gypsy incursions, clowns suddenly appearing and frightening people, the police crime commissioner.

Next, Paul Deach fielded questions from the floor concerning communication to and from the council and local residents concerning the proposed traffic lights at Frimley Green; planning enforcement officers ... only one due to budget cuts; there will be a ward boundary review/consultation due to the proposed cut of the number of councillors from 40 to 34.

5. RAFFLE and MEETING CLOSE.

£42 was collected for subs; £62 on the raffle and £20.10 for sundries.