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Minutes of the Spring General Meeting of the Mytchett, Frimley Green and Deepcut Society held on 25th April 2008 at 8pm in the Mytchett Primary School in Hamesmoor Road.

1. The Chairman Susan Cartwright opened the meeting at 8:10 and introduced Emma Greenwood the guest speaker for the evening.
2. Emma speaking on 'Adopting to climate change' gave an interesting and informative overview of climate change and post peak oil and what we can all do right now. She provided a summary sheet of her talk and leaflets were made available on a variety of related topics during the following tea break.
3. Tea
4. Apologies for absence- Diane Carroll
5. Minutes of previous meeting: Alan Barnett proposed that these be adopted; this was seconded by Cllr. Alan Whittard and agreed by those present.
6. Chairman's report: Susan Cartwright mentioned future proposals for Deepcut Barracks, a local chemist's planning application and the effects on the Doctors' surgery and stated that the local MP would be talking on that topic. She then mentioned a specific topic in detail affecting a local resident Mr. Watkins who was complaining about a neighbour's sewer pipe leaking on his land and affecting his property. Mr. Lawrence Spiller who owns the pipe also attended the meeting and stated that it used to service a pig farm, now an industrial complex. He also stated that he was proposing to put the pipe under the canal and pump the sewage. The overflowing manhole was being rectified. Mr. Watkins asked if there was any danger of polluting the canal and Mr. Spiller agreed to look into it.
7. Treasurer's report: Carol Drew presented the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2008. Copies of the balance sheet were made available to all those present. She asked for members to take up a standing order for payment of membership fees and also to provide their e-mail addresses to reduce the workload for committee members and administration costs in future. She also mentioned that the School had provided the room for the meeting and any donations to the School at the end of the meeting in the collection box would be gratefully accepted. Cllr. Craig Fennell proposed adoption of the Society accounts and this was seconded by Cllr. Chris Pitt and agreed by those present.
8. Election of Committee: Tony Eusden took the chair and Susan Cartwright stood down as Chairman. Tony Eusden proposed that Susan be re-elected as Chairman and this was seconded by Cathie Whitcroft. The Society did not have a Vice Chairman in post, and Cathie Whitcroft was appointed to take up this committee position. There were no new nominations over and above the existing members of the committee who were all willing to continue.
9. Motions : nil
10. Question time with MP and Councillors:

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Q1. Clewborough School housing development: Cllr Whitcroft stated that the SPA may halt or slow the progress; one developer is offering the field opposite for use by residents as a mitigation measure.

Q2. Road signs obscured with vegetation: Mr. Musgrove said that the pedestrian walkway across the railway bridge at Mytchett and Sturt Roads was overgrown with vegetation; forcing pedestrians to walk in the road, and that repairs were needed to the railway sleepers being used as a crash barrier. Chris Pitt had a meeting with County Cllrs. and there was a manpower shortage. He agreed to look at the problem and to try to sort it out.

Q3. Deepcut Barracks proposals: Michael Gove MP has had some problems gaining access to discussions with the Brigadier this has now been resolved. He is recommending limited development reflecting the character of the site, and has registered a shopping list of demands. Cllr. Whitcroft was asked for the terms of reference of his local committee involvement, he said he wants input from local people and their involvement at an early stage.

Q4. Chemists and dispensing from local GP's surgery: Michael Gove MP stated that chemists are open more often which could be advantageous. Cllr. Whitcroft did not wish to get involved as the proposed dispensing chemist did not need planning permission. Concerns can be expressed at the doctors' surgery, or on line.

Q5. Speeding traffic on Deepcut Bridge: PC Jarrett suggested a meter as a first step to measuring speeds. Cllr. Pitt took an action to organize the signs.

Q6. The road signs are obscured by the bus stop at Johnson's Wax: Cllr. Pitt agreed to organise making them visible.

Q7. Speeding needs more traffic calming: Howard Hyde. PC Jarrett said the Wheatsheaf Rd narrowing had helped. Parking at the school would be helped buy using the existing tennis court for parking for the swimming pool.

Q8. The gas main work in Frimley Green Rd. had left debris. Contractors should be made to clear the site. It was suggested that Southern Gas should be contacted and informed.

Q7. Signs on Blackdown Rd. not visible: Howard Hyde asked for this to be added to the list of highway problems for Cllr. Pitt.

11. AOB: Cllr. Drew mentioned that TAG aviation the operators of Farnborough Airport would be sending out a consultation document to private residencies and local businesses in the near future.

12. The Chairman thanked everyone present. She also announced that PC Jarret is retiring. Cllr. Fennell mentioned the Surrey Heath Show. The raffle was held and the meeting was closed.

Signeddated.....

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