



Fountainhead Village Residents' Association

Inaugural Meeting

Wednesday 17th January 2018 6pm Long Can Hall

Minutes

Attendees listed in Annex 1

Acting Chair: Martin Dower

- 1) The Acting Chair opened the meeting and welcomed people. The aims of the Fountainhead Village Residents' Association (FHVRA) were outlined as follows:
 - To bring together the residents and community members of Fountainhead Village for the betterment of the local community by helping to improve living conditions, community facilities and services for residents.
 - To collectively represent the views of the members of FHVRA with outside bodies including, but not limited to, the appointed land management company and the local council.
 - To work together with local residents to ensure the safety and security of our community.
 - To work collectively to bring improvements to Fountainhead Village for the benefit of residents as may be decided from time to time by members.
- 2) The Constitution of FHVRA was presented to the meeting for approval and put to the vote. Accepted with no amendments. Residents can find the Constitution at <https://fhvramail.wixsite.com/fhvra> (we will have a more friendly URL shortly!)
- 3) The Acting Chair noted that as part of the Constitution it was necessary to nominate and elect a Committee to represent the interests of FHVRA. Attendees were asked if they wished to stand for nomination.
- 4) The following nominees were elected by show of hands:
 - a. Chair- Martin Dower
 - b. Joint Secretaries- Jennie Green Rolls/ Melanie McKeown
 - c. Committee Members
 - i. Sean Kelly
 - ii. Scott Roberts
 - iii. John Taylor
- 5) The Chair thanked the meeting for accepting the Constitution and voting in the Committee members and moved the meeting to an open discussion of issues that FHVRA should address. The Chair said that whilst there would be lots of issues of concern raised by residents, that FHVRA should also look to do positive things for residents, such as the continuation of events such as the Easter egg hunt and Christmas parties.

- 6) The following issues were recorded as being of interest to attendees and should be examined by the Committee:
- a. **Meadfleet**- it was agreed that this was of prime concern to residents and a wide-ranging discussion took place over the specific points of concern. It was agreed that the Committee should arrange a meeting with the managing director of Meadfleet to address the concerns of residents. The Chair did caution that it was unlikely that there would be quick solution to the Meadfleet issues and that initially, the goal should be to manage the relationship with Meadfleet and to ensure that they were fulfilling their duties as outlined in the contract.
 - b. **Road adoptions and speed measures**. Some concerns over when the Council would adopt the roads in the village and if speed measures were to be installed. The Committee agreed to take this up with the Council and to get more information on the situation.
 - c. **Wood Lane junction with Ovenden Wood Road**. Several residents expressed concerns over this junction and the number of near misses. The Committee agreed to raise this with the Council.
 - d. **Lighting**. Concern was expressed over the lack of lighting in certain areas of the Village. The Committee agreed to raise this with the Council.
 - e. **Bat House**. Concern was raised that the bat house was being continuously vandalised and then being repaired by Meadfleet at a cost to residents. It was unclear if the bat house was still fit for purpose, as no bats used it. The Committee agreed to look into this issue with Meadfleet and the Council to see if the bat house could be removed from planning to avoid an increase in residents' bills.
 - f. **The 'ghost site'**. On the corner of Fountainhead Road with Bramling Cross Court there remained an area that was due to be developed but to date had been left empty. It was unclear if it was intended to be built upon or indeed, if David Wilson was seeking to change planning to leave this area undeveloped. The Committee agreed to seek clarification on this from DWH and the Council.
 - g. **Proposed Traveller Site**. The Council's proposal to locate a site for travellers on Shroggs Road next to B&Q was raised as a concern. The Committee agreed to discuss this with our local Councillors.
 - h. **Drainage in the park**. Poor drainage in the park has been of concern since it was built. DWH has claimed that it had handed over the site in good order to Meadfleet, whilst Meadfleet had charged residents for repairing the drainage. The repairs had not solved the issue and there was concern that this would become a charge again on residents. The Committee agreed to raise this with Meadfleet.
 - i. **Grit Bins**. The lack of grit bins and indeed lack of grit in the bins that were in place was raised as a concern with the recent bad weather. The Committee agreed to raise this with the Council.
 - j. **Weeds in car parks and on pavements**. This was raised as a concern that Meadfleet or the management company tasked with managing the car park areas were not clearing the weeds up. The possibility of residents holding village clean-up days was discussed. The Committee agreed to raise this with the relevant management companies and to look at the possibility of holding resident clean-up days.
 - k. **Dog mess**. This was raised as an issue of concern in several areas of the Village and the park. The lack of bins was raised, as was the necessity of ensuring that dog owners cleaned up after their own dogs. The Committee agreed to discuss this issue with the Council and to look for other potential solutions to this problem.

- I. **Crime.** Concern was raised over some recent crime s that has taken place in the Village, including attempted break-ins and crimes against vehicles. The Committee agreed to look at this issue and discuss the possibility of introducing new Neighbourhood Watch areas to the Village.
- 7) The Chair thanked people for attending the meeting and raising a number of initial areas of concern that could be looked at by the FHVRA. It was agreed that the Committee would start to action the above issues and would prioritise the meeting with the MD of Meadfleet. The Chair also told the meeting of the FHVRA website that had been established and could be found at <https://fhvramail.wixsite.com/fhvra>
- 8) The Chair closed the meeting.

Annex 1

Residents Present

Martin & Stella Dower
John Taylor
Jacqui George
Graham & Sam Dobson
Tony Naylor
Scott Roberts
Craig Collins & Chris Wolfenden
Nick Lowcock
Michelle Morrill
Seam Kelly
Carly O'Connor & Paul Hegarty
Steve Baumeister
Stu Greenwood
Jennie Rolls
Dr John Barraclough & Mr Joe Elenas-Marti
Sam & will Melnyk
James & Victoria Harrop
Alan & Jill Jenkin