

## **Minutes of Normandy Action Group (NAG) Annual General Meeting 26th November 2018 at 19:30 Normandy Village Hall**

Present: Mike Aaronson (Chair), Paul Hart (Treasurer), Nick Norton (Steering Group Member), Gill Woolfson (Steering Group Member)

Alan Cheeseman (Chair, Normandy Parish Council (NPC)), Ian Rose, Mike Dean. Brian Oliver, Liz Oliver, John Stiff.

Apologies: Martin Sweeting (Steering Group Member), Keith Witham (SCC) and Tim Harrold (CPRE)

1. Mike Aaronson opened the meeting by welcoming the attendees.
2. The minutes of the NAG AGM of 21st November 2017 were approved.
3. Mike Aaronson outlined the transition of NAG from a paper and membership based organisation to a free virtual one. Data Protection Policies and Procedures have been put in place. Communication is via email to those who have signed up for the service. The website has been redesigned. @NormandyAG, our Twitter account, has been used to connect to like minded organisations.

There are 150 members who receive NAG newsletters and planning alerts. 11 of each have been sent this year. In addition, NAG has blogged on Nextdoor Normandy, which goes out to over 300 people.

The main topic this year has been the Guildford Borough Council (GBC) Local Plan, especially the proposal to build 105 houses on the edge of Flexford (A64). Together with Normandy Parish Council NAG printed and distributed leaflets urging residents to attend a public meeting at the Village Hall and providing information to allow them to respond to the proposal. NAG has also spoken out against the proposal to run a fuel pipe through our village and campaigned to protect Wanborough Fields.

NAG has built a good relationship with Normandy Parish Council, including hosting the joint meeting in the Village Hall, and has nurtured our relationships with CPRE and Guildford Residents Association (GRA), of which it is a member. NAG contributed £150 to GRA to enable them to obtain expert advice on housing numbers in the Local Plan.

The question of whether Normandy should have a Neighbourhood Plan was raised by Liz Oliver. Alan Cheeseman replied that NPC were considering this matter, but that progress could not be made until the GBC Local Plan was finalised.

Mike concluded by thanking members who had helped with leafleting and who responded to the public consultation, and also the Steering Group for their work during the year.

4. Paul Hart (Treasurer). Our current balance is £512, down from £730 this time last year. Paul notified the meeting that he had not reconciled the petty cash balance to physical cash. He asked that this outstanding action be noted in the minutes so that he could report back to the Steering Group. Post Meeting addendum: Paul confirmed to the Steering Group by email that the petty cash had been reconciled and the balance of £50.44 is correct. NAG has spent £104 on website hosting and domain registration, £15 sub to GRA and a one off donation of £150 to GRA. We received a gift in kind from Martin Sweeting for leaflet printing. We have enough money to cover predicted expenses in 2018 -2019, so the recommendation is to continue to provided a free- to- user service.

5. Nick Norton gave an overview of development in Normandy. The Local Plan has dominated again this year. Strategic Site A46 was withdrawn, but following the Inspector's request for early building, a new site A64, of 105 houses was put forward.

Forecasting future population growth has been given to ONS, who have revised forecasts downwards. The impact on Guildford has been severe, but we wait to see the outcome. Following changes to the NPPF, it will be easier to build on the Green Belt.

There have been a number of small schemes for housing in Normandy put forward. 5 new properties on Vaglefield Farm have been approved, and an application has been made for 4 detached houses on the Palm Nurseries site. A replacement scheme at Seven Acres has been approved, and an there is an outline application for affordable housing in Beech Lane.

A proposal for 30 dwellings at Elms Gardens and another for 25 at Little Flexford were rejected.

Normandy remains a place of interest for developers.

6. Mike Aaronson asked the meeting for their views on whether they were content that NAG should be a provider of information with active action only in respect of major threats. Liz Oliver replied that she welcomed advice from NAG on what points to make when responding to a proposal.

He went on to ask if anyone was willing to join the Steering Group. Mike Dean offered to join and was proposed by Mike Aaronson, seconded by Nick Norton. The current Steering Group were re-elected, Mike Aaronson (proposer Nick Norton, seconded by Liz Oliver), Paul Hart (proposer Gill Woolfson, seconded by Mike Dean), Nick Norton (proposer John Stiff, seconded by Alan Cheeseman), Martin Sweeting (proposer Paul Hart, seconded by Nick Norton, Gill Woolfson, (proposer Mike Aaronson, seconded by Brian Oliver)

Paul Hart thanked Mike Aaronson for his work during this year. Mike Aaronson thanked Alan Cheeseman for attending the NAG AGM.

The meeting closed at 20:45.