FRENSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly Frensham held via zoom on Wednesday 5th May 2021 7pm and at Marindin Hall

# Present

Cllr Willis (Chairman) Cllr Billings (Vice-Chairman)

Cllr Turner-Mumford Cllr Howard

Cllr Lamb

Mrs Audsley (Clerk)

Also present: C.Cllr David Harmer, B.Cllr Julia Potts 3 other members of the public.

# Apologies:

The Chairman welcomed all present. The Annual Assembly is for the Electors of the civil parish of Frensham as constituted by the Local Government Act of 1972 and as such is a meeting for the electors of the parish to debate and discuss issues of their choosing.

He went on to explain the running procedure for the evening and said that he would give a resume of his Annual Report, available to take home and will be on the web.

## Approve Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the 18th April 2020 having been circulated were approved and signed.

**Chairman’s Report 2020/21**

Available to view on the website ([www.frensham-pc.gov.uk](http://www.frensham-pc.gov.uk)) and attached to Record Minutes.

The Chairman explained this meeting will be a little different to how we wanted to organise it. We had organised two interesting talks and would have laid on refreshments for you all to enjoy. Because we could not be sure on the attendance, due to the fact we are on Zoom, we felt it unfair on the speakers as they could have been presenting to a very limited audience. We therefore don’t have speakers today due to the limitations of Zoom meetings. We will however endeavour to make up for it in the future and definitely at our Annual Assembly next year if not before.

He went onto explain the structure of tonight’s meeting starting with introductions of the Councillors and Clerk. This followed with the Chair giving an overview of the last 12 months of activities and plans for the next 12.

He gave thanks to several people who work on behalf of the parish council, the councillors and the clerk, Guy Olden and Pam Andrews with planning expertise and Colin Hall CPRE, Glen Plant with correspondence, Neil Mumford Open Spaces, Janet Caiger and Jo Gayton for their work on Shortfield Common, Chris Bonner for his work on the rec, Philippa Hall for the butterflies and open spaces, Pam Watmore for neighbourhood watch, Harry Glover for cutting the paths on Shortfield and litter picking, Nick Houston for Open Spaces, Anton Kleiven for work on the trees, Robert Gordon for litter picking, Simon Bleach, Tim and Mayonne Coldicott, Alan Mason and Mr and Mrs Poulsom allowing us access to the Old Chapel.

He thanked the Borough and County Councillors for their consistent support.

Cllr Billings gave a brief financial summary to include background of an inherited budget, big ticket items, impact of covid pandemic and the introduction of internet banking and a computerised accounting system that will allow robust future budgeting and financial management going forward.

Questions from the floor/public discussion forum

Pam Watmore raised concerns over rumours that signage on Hollowdene Recreation ground were to be removed particularly those pertaining to dogs on leads.

Cllr Billings assured these were just rumours and no plans are made to remove signage, however there would be new signage and repaired signage in the coming months.

Guy Olden asked if the Council had plans to request CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) funds for capital projects.

The Chair noted the council had some projects in mind, however a firm proposal needs to be drawn up before funding could be bid on. This is something we are working on going forward.

Harry Glover commented on the good job of the Southern Boundary fencing on Hollowdene. Cllrs Willis and Billings gave their thanks.

He had concern over the weeds appearing on the disabled ramp. Cllr Billings assured this was in hand.

He also asked if litter picking would commence. Cllr Willis assured him that it would in the coming weeks, however planned activities were postponed previously due to covid.

Harry asked if the council wish for him to continue cutting paths through Shortfield Common. Cllr Willis confirmed the council would be delighted for this to continue.

The Chairman closed the meeting, thanked those for coming.

**There being no further business the meeting closed at: 8.00pm**

**Signed………………………………………………………..Date………………**

**NB.** These minutes will be signed and approved at the Annual Assembly 2022.