FRENSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Wednesday

19th July 2023 at 7.30pm in the Parish Office

# Present

**\***Cllr Billings (Chairman) \* Cllr Pickering

**\*** Cllr Scimone aCllr Davis

aCllr Lamb aCllr Rouse

\*Cllr Rowlatt 7.40

\* Mrs Audsley (Clerk)

Cllr James Staunton (WBC) 8.30

Cllr David Munro (WBC)

\*aCllr Harmer (SCC).

**\*** = present **a** = apologies received

**37/23 Apologies for absence**

Cllr Davis and Lamb of which reasons were accepted and Cllr Rouse, SCC Harmer

**38/23 Disclosure of Pecuniary and Other Interests.**

To receive from members, in relation to any items included on the agenda for this meeting, disclosure of any interests which are required to be disclosed by Section 94(1) of the Local Government Act 1972; and in accordance with The Parish Councils (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2001. (2012)

None.

**39/23 Questions from Members of Public**

None

**40/23 Approval of Council Minutes**

To note and approve (previously circulated) Council minutes of 14th June 2023 and all recommendations therein.

The minutes of the council meeting of 14th June 2023 were approved and signed.

**41/23** **Approval of Planning, Environment & Highways Committee.**

To note and approve (previously circulated) Planning, Environment and Highways minutes of 12th July 2023 and all recommendations therein.

The minutes of the planning, environment and highways committee meeting of 12th July 2023 were approved and signed.

**42/23 Approval of Open Spaces Committee.**

To note and approve (previously circulated) Open Spaces minutes of 5th July 2023 and all recommendations therein.

The minutes of the open spaces committee meeting of 5th July 2023 were approved and signed.

**43/23 Reports : Surrey County Councillor and Waverley Borough Councillors**

CIL 9 Community Infrastructure Levy bid funding is open until 16th October. This is open to anyone for any capital spend. Full criteria is available on WBC website.

An update on Guildford BC and Waverley BC financial situation was noted.

The Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) consultation was completed and recommendations approved at WBC Meeting. This included the removal of Dogs on Leads directive for Hollowdene Recreation Ground. Dogs prohibited would remain for the cricket square, tennis and bowls club and playground.

The National Trust is taking steps to manage the Little Pond. It has revamped its website and signage and has recruited extra enforcements over the weekends. This is a work in progress but a positive step in the right direction.

BOAT 520 meeting due to take place on 3rd August with key stakeholders.

There have been some changes to the planning regime. Ward Councillors are no longer able to sit on the committee of which applications are presented within their ward. The number of objections has raised from 5 to 10 in order to apply an automatic call in of an application.

Efforts are being taken in order to keep The Edge open.

**44/23 Finance Matters**

a.To review and sign bank reconciliation accounts for year to June 2023 (previously circulated)

The bank reconciliation was noted and approved.

b.To approve and sign list of cheques and other payment for June 2023 (previously circulated)

The cheque and payment listing consisting of 18 transactions totalling £5668.70 was noted and approved.

c.To note and agree patio railing quotation.

Cllr Billing presented the quotation for the railings identified as an insurance requirement. It was agreed to top up the shortfall using reserves.

d.To note expenditure made outside of meeting but in accordance with Standing Orders.

None.

**45/23 Strategy and Financial Planning**

Cllr Pickering presented a scope and rationale for defining our strategy for the next four year term. As part of this, it was agreed that a working party Cllr Pickering, Rowlatt and Billings would be set up to explore options and questions for community engagement by way of a survey in order to move the strategy forward.

**46/23 To review current and consider proposed council projects and process.**

Cllr Billings gave an overview of the project template and the proposed projects put forward. ALL are encouraged to consider projects to put forward, however large and small at the next meeting so that they could be considered and noted and form part of the strategy and financial planning sessions.

**47/23 Council Committees membership**

Deferred to next meeting.

**48/23 To note RoSPA safety inspection report for Hollowdene Recreation Ground Playground**

The Clerk noted the recent RoSPA inspection. There were minor recommendations made with regards to surfacing. The ‘hut’ requires some remedial repairs, but may require removal if it continues to deteriorate.

**49/23 To consider updating noticeboards and website with Ukrainian welcome**

It was agreed that Cllr Scimone would produce a small poster of information with local events such as art classes would be published in Ukrainian and Russian and the Clerk would publish on the website and noticeboards.

**50/23 To note and consider CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) bid funding**

It was agreed that for the projects currently put forward to apply for CIL funding subject to criteria. Any additional projects would be brought to the next council meeting and CIL funding would be sought before the 16th October deadline.

The current CIL fund of £1,831 would be put towards the Sweet Chestnut bench carving as per the December 22 minutes.

**51/23 Encampment Policy**

The Clerk advised that an Encampment Policy was being put together and was in the final stages, and would be circulated for review and comment.

**52/23 Grant Policy**

Clerk to send a couple of examples and add to the next meeting agenda.

**53/23 Items for the next agenda**

Councillors are reminded that they should be prepared, when requesting an item for the next agenda, to provide and circulate relevant paperwork outlining their item prior to the meeting, in accordance with Standing Orders.

Meeting ended at: 9.35pm