FRENSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Wednesday

21st February 2024 at 7.30pm in the Parish Office

# Present

**\***Cllr Billings \*Cllr Pickering

\*Cllr Scimone (Chair) \*Cllr Davis

aCllr Lamb

aCllr Rowlatt

\* Mrs Audsley (Clerk)

aCllr James Staunton (WBC)

\*Cllr David Munro (WBC)

\*Cllr Harmer (SCC) via zoom

1 Members of Public (MoP)

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

**134/23 Apologies for absence**

Cllr Lamb of which reasons were accepted. Cllr Rowlatt

**135/23 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.

**136/23 Questions from Members of Public**

None.

**137/23 Approval of Council Minutes**

To note and approve (previously circulated) Council minutes of 17th January 2024 and all recommendations therein.

The minutes of the council meeting of 17th January 2024 were approved by all those present and signed.

**138/23 Approval of Hollowdene Users Minutes**

To note and approve (previously circulated) Hollowdene Users Group minutes of 24th January 2024 and all recommendations therein.

The minutes of the Hollowdene Users Group of 26th January 2024 were approved by all those present and signed.

**139/23 Reports : Surrey County Councillor and Waverley Borough Councillors**

Cllr Munro gave an overview of current issues within WBC including car parking charges, rent increases and a 2.99% council tax rise. He also confirmed that the More House School application to be heard at committee is delayed due to further information being sought.

Cllr Harmer gave an update on local SCC issues which will see a 4.99% increase in council tax and local road update.

**140/23 Presentation by Frensham Cricket Club**

Deferred to next meeting.

**141/23 To consider FPC response to SCC Rights of Way Survey (previously circulated)**

It was agreed by those present that the Clerk would complete and circulate response for comment.

**142/23 To consider FPC response to SCC Vision Zero (previously circulated)**

All to review in detail and feedback directly to the Clerk by 28th February to collate responses.

**143/23 To review and agree quotations for memorial bench for Shortfield Common**

Cllr Scimone had sourced one response from a local craftsman who would include the fitting and fixtures for free. Another quote is to be sourced for review at the next meeting.

**144/23 To agree (previously circulated) policies**

* **Reserves Policy**

The previously circulated Reserves Policy was unanimously agreed by all those present. No updates had been made.

**145/23 Finance Matters**

1. To review and sign bank reconciliation accounts for year to January 2024 (previously circulated)

The council reviewed and unanimously approved the bank reconciliation to January 2024.

1. To approve and sign list of cheques and other payment for January 2024 (previously circulated)

The council noted and unanimously approved the list of payments previously circulated consisting of 17 transactions totalling £9,535.54.

1. To note expenditure made outside of meeting but in accordance with Standing Orders and Scheme of Delegation.

None.

1. To note request of branch update with Unity Trust Bank from Alton to Petersfield

The Clerk advised a successful branch change had been made following the closure of the Alton Branch.

**146/23** **To note Insurance renewal premium of year 2 of the long-term agreement.**

The Clerk noted that next years insurance premium had been received following the adjustment needed to accommodate the building valuations and asset audit. The new premium is £3,745.79.

**147/23 To agree Annual Assembly format.**

It was agreed by all those present to focus on the following agenda.

* Chairmans Welcome
* Financial Report
* Presentation on Parish Land Protection
* Speaker from the River Wey Trust

**148/23 To consider request for use of Shortfield Common for Scarecrow Festival**

It was agreed by those present to permit use of Shortfield Common for the Scarecrow Festival 4-6th May 2024.

**149/23 To consider request for youth football on Hollowdene Recreation Ground**

The Parish Council has received two requests for use of the recreation ground.

The first being the return of preschooler sports, the second for Binstead Youth FC to use the Football Pitch for their U13 group between September and April on Saturday mornings.

All unanimously agreed to these proposals.

**150/23 To review and comment (previously circulated Sustainability Plan)**

Ongoing item no update.

**151/23 Cllr Lead Updates (standing item)**

Hollowdene Recreation Ground Cllr Billings

The pot holes had been filled with scalpings by Cllr Davis. There are a few deep ones that would benefit mixing with post crete. It was agreed by those present to purchase two bags as a trial.

Trees – Cllr Davis

Tree works are currently underway following the recent tree survey on Shortfield Common. A working party to remove basal growth has been arranged for 2nd March.

It was agreed given a recent biodiversity update to retain some of the deadwood for brash on the common.

Open Spaces

Cllr Scimone gave an update following a recent biodiversity workshop and new duties for councils. As part of this, a request for hedgehog highways and toad crossings signs should be considered.

It was agreed to wait until further information had been received from Surrey CC and then a future subcommittee could be established to capture current measures vs future initiatives.

**152/23 Projects Review**

Ongoing item no update.

**153/23 FPC Community Representation and engagement**

Cllr Scimone circulated a poster for comment and review. Any proposed changes please feedback to Cllr Scimone.

**154/23 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: 8.45pm