FRENSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Wednesday

18th June 2025 at 7.30pm in the Parish Office

# Present

\*Cllr Billings (Chairman)

**\*** Cllr Scimone \*Cllr Davis

\*Cllr Lamb

\* Mrs Audsley (Clerk)

aCllr James Staunton (WBC)

a Cllr Pickering

\* Cllr Harmer (SCC).

\*Cllr Munro (WBC) arrived 8.40pm

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

Four members of the Public

**27/25 Apologies**

Cllr Pickering of which was accepted. Pam Andrews and Guy Olden.

**28/25 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.

**29/25 Questions from Members of Public**

One member of the public asked about the recent articles about Road Improvement Capital Investment Schemes and if there were any plans around St. Mary’s School.

Cllr Harmer said there were two separate schemes. The first being a national speed limit review. This is currently in other parts of Surrey but will reach our area, secondly the Safe Routes to School Scheme and this is specifically what the article is in relation to.

Currently St. Mary’s does not have a School Travel Plan which slows down any review in this area.

Cllr Harmer agreed to contact the school as to why there isn’t currently a School Travel Plan and the benefits to having one.

The Clerk raised (previously circulated) an email received outlining the request for The Holly Bush to submit grant applications to SCC for a disabled lift, the rationale and the benefits to the community and seeking FPC support.

The Clerk outlined that any SCC funding was at the discretion of SCC and FPC is not a statutory consultee or has any influence or decision-making powers as to SCC funds or decisions.

The Councillors present did discuss the application, which did not state a cost and the benefit it could have to the community. Concern was raised about an independent business applying for a grant, whereby the money could be received by a public service or community building with limited revenue streams.

Put to the vote, it was supported by three councillors who noted that whilst an independent business, it does support the community as a building and appreciate access is difficult and therefore voted in support. However, the decision still rests with SCC.

**30/25 Approval of Council Minutes**

To note and approve (previously circulated) Council minutes of 21st May 2025 and all recommendations therein.

The minutes of the council meeting of 21st May 2025 were approved and all recommendations therein.

To note and approve (previously circulated) Confidential Council minutes of 21st May 2025 and all recommendations therein.

The minutes of the confidential council meeting of 21st May 2025 were approved and all recommendations therein.

**31/25 Reports: Surrey County Councillor and Waverley Borough Councillors**

SCC Councillor gave an overview of the LGR (Local Government Review) and their concept of Community Councils with Town Councils and a cluster of Parish Councils around it. This could lead to damaging rural communities being dominated by towns. Cllr Harmer asked if FPC supported the challenge. It was agreed if it was damaging to the rural parishes we would support, however at this time further information of what this actually means needs to be communicated until we could endorse either way.

Cllr Munro gave an update on lighting concerns at the Redemption Camp. This looks to be significantly reduced. He is due to meet at the Camp next week to find out what they have done and what they plan to do.

**32/25 Finance Matters**

1. To review and sign bank reconciliation accounts for year to April 2025 (previously circulated)

Deferred until next meeting.

1. To approve and sign list of cheques and other payment for May 2025 (previously circulated)

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

The Clerk noted Fayre expenditure as per council minute 18/25.

1. To consider appointing Solicitor to act on Council’s behalf for Willets Heath Ltd

It was agreed to consult with SALC’s Solicitor. Clerk to arrange.

1. **Planning & Highways**

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| WA/2025/01058  10 ST MARYS COTTAGES THE STREET FRENSHAM FARNHAM GU10 3EA | Erection of single storey extension. | FPC has no objection subject to Conservation Area application. |
| WA/2025/01049  MILL HOUSE MILL LANE FRENSHAM FARNHAM GU10 3EE | Construction of an outdoor swimming pool and detached glasshouse outbuilding including a plant room building following demolition of existing glasshouse. | FPC has no comment. |
| WA/2025/01083  CROSSWATER HOUSE CROSSWATER LANE CHURT FARNHAM GU10 2JN | Certificate of Lawfulness under Section 191 for existing use of the building, known as Keepers Lodge as a self contained dwelling. | FPC has no comment. |
| WA/2025/00977  CAR PARK FRENSHAM LITTLE POND  GRANGE ROAD FARNHAM | Application for a deemed consent under Section 37 Form B (Type III) of the Electricity Act 1989 to Particulars of this proposal relate to the replacement of One (1) electricity wood pole supporting 11kV (11,000 volt) overhead lines on the Thursley, Hankley and Frensham Common SSSI. | FPC has no comment. |
| WA/2025/01003  HALLS PLACE WOODHILL LANE FRENSHAM FARNHAM GU10 3EL | Application under Section 19 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 to vary Condition 2 of WA/2024/02268 (approved plans) to allow alterations to planning permission WA/2024/02267. | FPC has no comment. |
| WA/2025/01125  REEDS HATCH FARM BOUNDARY ROAD DOCKENFIELD FARNHAM GU10 4ET | Erection of a dwelling and detached garage/home office with new vehicular access with associated works following demolition of existing barn and garage with removal of existing manege and partial demolition of existing stable block. | FPC object on the basis that the new proposal is extremely large and prominent and the visual intrusion this will have within rural green space.  We are concerned about setting a precedent in an area of AGLV and note that the biodiversity checklist is incorrect. The new proposal will have a significant impact of light pollution which contravenes our Village Design Statement and dark skies area.  The location is on the edge of Ancient Woodland. |
| WA/2025/01097  ARKELL LODGE 9 ARKELL LANE FRENSHAM FARNHAM GU10 3BL | Insertion of rooflight to side elevation sloped roof. | FPC has no comment. |

1. THE TAP ROOM

PIERREPONT HOME FARM

THE REEDS ROAD

FARNHAM

GU10 3BS

PROPOSAL: Please refer to document 'full description details' for the full proposal details.

APPLICATION REFERENCE: WA/2024/01917

PLANNING INSPECTORATE REFERENCE: APP/R3650/W/25/3365366

PLANNING INSPECTORATE APPEAL START DATE: 23/05/2025

APPELLANT’S NAME: The Countryside Regeneration Trust

The Council agreed to submit a written response reiterating previous comments.

1. CIL Update following WBC press cutting

Cllr Munro confirmed this affects 30-50 individuals. He confirmed that lawfully the application of CIL still stands, however WBC can choose not to enforce it. WBC are progressing to determine on a case by case basis and home to resolve as soon as possible.

1. **To consider quotation to reposition noticeboards around the Parish**

It was agreed to instruct JF Garden Services to relocate the notice boards at a cost of £580.

1. **To consider repositioning Owl carving and removing rotten tree stump**

It was agreed to remount the Owl carving and remove the tree stump. The Clerk to ask the Tree Surgeon for opinion on the best possible position and tree to mount.

1. **Cllr Lead Updates (standing item)**

Cllr Davis gave an update on the Tree Watering Rota

1. **Projects Review**
2. To receive an update on bird boxes

Cllr Scimone brought in a couple of finished samples. She ran through the proposed locations and all those present agreed to the locations. Volunteers where required to assist with the installations.

1. To receive an update on Information Lectern

Cllr Scimone gave an update and expressed the rationale for the long delay. Cllr Scimone has put in tremendous effort and time to ensure completion. We are now awaiting the final proof before ordering.

It was agreed that the original nature display board was beyond the original budget however to finish the project the council agreed to fund from reserves. The Clerk to seek quotations.

1. To receive an update on memorial bench

The bench is due for delivery 2nd or 3rd July – Cllr Scimone to confirm. Manpower to assist with positioning is required.

1. To consider any new project proposals to the council for initial investigation in line with the agreed process.
2. To present costs, timescales, details and responsibilities for approval
3. Update on any existing pre-approved projects.
4. **Fayre Arrangements**

The Clerk ran through the timings and set up for the day. Clerk to circulate schedule to all Councillors.

1. **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

1. **Exclusion of press and public**

Council to resolve under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (s.1), on a motion of the Chairman, that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following agenda item (16) because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

1. **Shortfield Common Access – Deferred.**

**Meeting finished 9.16pm**