

FRENSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held in the Marindin Hall, Frensham on Wednesday 8th April 2015 at 7.30pm.

Present

Cllr Millerchip (Chairman)
Cllr Reece
Cllr Davis
Cllr McLean
Mrs Shipton (Clerk)

Cllr Beales
Cllr Fairhead

Also present:- C.Cllr Harmer, PC Heaphy, PCSO Francis, Guy Olden, Pam Shipp, Pam Andrews, Sue and Malcolm Green, B.Cllr Adams, Colin and Philippa Hall and other members of the public.

The Chairman welcomed all present, to the twelfth Annual Parish Assembly of Frensham Parish as constituted on 1st April 2003.

Apologies: None

Approve Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the 9th April 2014 having been circulated were approved and signed.

Matters Arising from the meeting of the 9th April 2014

None.

SPEAKER : Kevin Hurley, Police and Deputy Crime Commissioner for Surrey -

Responsible for overseeing the work of Surrey Police, holding the Chief Constable to account and helping to tackle the crime issues that matter to you. Elected in 2012.

- **Take a zero-tolerance approach to policing in Surrey**
- **Deliver more visible street policing**
- **Put victims at the centre of the criminal justice system**
- **Give you more opportunities to have your say about policing**
- **Protect local policing, standing up for officers and promoting the highest standards of service**

Kevin Hurley invited questions from the floor and numerous people asked a variety of questions relating to police matters, community safety, vandalism and the shortage of money for additional police resources.

The Chairman thanked him for coming and for an interesting insight into the work, procedures and problems for the Commissioner and the Police

Charities Report –2014

The Report as prepared by Mr Nick Harris Hon. Secretary and **attached to Record Minutes.**

Chairman's Report 2014/2015

The chairman, Mike Millerchip gave a résumé of the workings of the parish council in Frensham over the last 12 months. He said there are many volunteers to thank including parish councillors who undertake this role freely and he wished to express his thanks to all of them on behalf of Frensham.

The website www.frensham-pc.gov.uk is managed and maintained admirably by Sue Green. All parish council meeting dates, agendas and minutes can be found on the website also some photographs of recent projects, events etc. If you have something you wish to put on the website contact Sue or Kate.

Chris Bonner looks after play area and undertakes a number of outside jobs including the war memorial on our behalf. Pam Shipp is a volunteer for the Neighbourhood Watch scheme along with a number of other volunteers.

Guy Olden FRICS has been co-opted to the Planning committee and assists in our specifications for work and advises us on our building matters etc.

County Councillor David Harmer is a constant support to this parish in many ways. He attends our meetings and offers advice and financially supports some of our small projects.

The local Police are very supportive in Frensham and find time to join in the village lunch where people can talk to him and also in the village shop. We are fortunate to have police presence in our villages.

This is the final few weeks of this councils Term of Office Local Elections take place on 7th May with voting in the Parish office. There will be a new Council there is still time to put yourself forward should you wish to stand for election.

Cllr Dick Beales outlined progress with the Shortfield Common Project. After the Parish Council registered the land in 2012, a draft Management Plan 2015-2018 was produced following consultation with expert organisations that had undertaken various surveys on the Common. Residents were consulted and by November 2014 the Plan was on FPC's website. Recently there have been two successful working parties dealing with litter, fly tipping and footpath clearance. A new kissing gate is expected to be installed by SCC and Farnham Ramblers on the footpath behind the British Legion car park. Thanks to Philippa Hall a regular weekly butterfly survey is now underway, with all data going into the national data base co-ordinated by Butterfly Conservation. It is hoped that the Common will eventually be designated as a county site of Nature Conservation Importance.

Cllr David Fairhead gave an overview of his project the red telephone boxes, which are now all painted and re-glazed, next phase is to turn them into something useful for visitors and locals. British Legion box is planned as a visitor centre with old telephony installed button A & B for historic info with video & sound. A lottery grant is pending. The other 2 can be display boxes with history items/stories, art work/photos etc.

The chairman continued by saying that the closure of the Rushmoor shop and post office was a sad loss.

Thanks go to the Parish Clerk, Kate Shipton who has served this Council for the last 26 years.

We are pleased to see Cllr Len Davis here following his accident and thank him for his work as planning chairman. The Committee has seen over 70 applications and commented on numerous other issues on behalf of the parish. Len also manages the Councils finances and budget.

Questions from the Public

None.

The Chairman then closed the meeting, thanked the speaker and invited everyone to join him and the Councillors for refreshments.

There being no further business the meeting closed at: 9pm

Signed.....Date.....

NB. These minutes will be signed and approved at the Annual Assembly 2016.