

## FRENSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held in the Marindin Hall, Frensham on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2014 at 7.30pm.

### **Members**

Cllr Millerchip (Chairman)

Cllr Beales (Vice-Chairman)

Cllr Reece

Cllr Fairhead

Cllr Davis

Cllr Morgan

Cllr McLean

Mrs Shipton (Clerk)

Also present:- C.Cllr Harmer, Guy Olden, Material Girls, Pam Shipp, Chris Bonner, Sue Green and 15 other members of the public.

The Chairman welcomed all present, to the eleventh Annual Parish Assembly of Frensham Parish as constituted on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2003.

**Apologies:** Cllr McLean

### **Approve Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting of the 10<sup>th</sup> April 2013 having been circulated were approved and signed.

### **Presentation of the Frensham Flag**

The Frensham group known as "The Material Girls" presented their hand-made Frensham flag to Frensham. The groups comprises of: Jenny Carter, Kate Shipton, Christine Oliver, Sheilah Pearson, Pam Andrews, Judith Murray, Tricia Carter and Sue Millerchip.

Guy Olden read Jenny Carter's, (who designed the flag) explanation of the design and colours, he thanked the Ladies for making and donating a magnificent and meaningful flag:

"The flag is inspired by Frensham's countryside, the meeting of land and water which also inspired the 750<sup>th</sup> Anniversary window at St. Mary's Church, and the large window in the Hall at St. Mary's School.

At the base of the flag the dark green suggests the greenery of the Wey valley, the low lying water meadows and mixed woodland. Above this, deep blue represents the Great Pond with boats in full sail. Rising over the water are stands of heather, grasses, birch trees, lichens - the ecosystem of Frensham Common with a blue sky above.

The flag was put together over a period of six months between July and December 2013 by a small group which meets to enjoy decorative textiles such as quilting and appliqué. Every member of the group contributed to the design and the making of the finished flag".

### **Matters Arising from the meeting of the 10<sup>th</sup> April 2013**

None.

### **Charities Report –2013**

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

### **Chairman's Report 2013/2014**

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 and he wished to express his thanks to all of them on behalf of Frensham. Many hours are put in by Councillors with meetings, liaison, projects etc Much of the Council work is undertaken 'behind the scenes' but the village can find information on our website [www.frensham-pc.gov.uk](http://www.frensham-pc.gov.uk) which 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.

Chris Bonner looks after play area and undertakes a number of outside jobs including the war memorial on our behalf. Pam Shipp the lead co-ordinator for the Neighbourhood Watch scheme with a number of additional volunteers.

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

County Councillor David Harmer is a constant support to this parish in many ways. He attends our meetings and offers advice, takes matters to the county council and supports 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.

Recent projects this year have been, two new village directional signs, new noticeboard for Shortfield Common, renovating the three red telephone boxes.

The Parish allocated some grants this year we donated to the Royal British Legion, St Mary's Church and Marindin Hall.

Management work is always ongoing, some specialist work is sometimes required and we have undertaken tree survey following which a 3 phase tree work has been completed. A wildlife survey has been undertaken for Shortfield Common which has thrown up some interesting species of wildflowers and grasses (details on the website) this will be continued with a management plan being drawn up.

An additional grit bin has been installed and new local route added for emergency gritters. Work is being complied to update our existing VDS Village Design Statement and an online consultation is expected in due course.

We are always pleased to receive comments, offers of help, agenda items and support for members of the public. A reminder that next year will be Local Elections so the Council will be re-elected so think about standing for your local area.

Thanks go to the Parish Clerk, Kate Shipton who has served this Council for the last 25 years and I present this bouquet of flowers in recognition of her work.

**PRESENTATION** : *transcript to be attached to Record Minutes*

**FRENSHAM AND THE GREAT WAR**

by

Maurice Hewins and Marguerite Wills  
of The Rural Life Centre, Tilford.

**Questions from the Public**

None.

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

**There being no further business the meeting closed at: 9.15pm**

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

**NB.** These minutes will be signed and approved at the Annual Assembly 2015.