

## During the year your Parish Council:

### COUNCIL

- Said farewell and thank you to Cllr **David Fairhead** who resigned from the Council in January 2018 having successfully completed the project to convert our three K6 Red Phone Boxes into parish information/exhibition centres.
- Welcomed Cllr **Laurence Dawkin-Jones** of Rushmoor who was elected uncontested to the Council in April 2018 to fill the vacancy left by David's departure.
- Joined the Hampshire Association of Local Councils (HALC) as a Development Partner so as to have access to its training and professional consultancy services.
- Took advantage of its partnership with HALC by commissioning a review of the terms and conditions of employment for its paid staff and instituted procedures to ensure that the Council complies with relevant employment legislation and good practice.
- Formed, with neighbouring small parishes (Dockenfield, Churt, Tilford, Elstead and Thursley), a Western Villages Co-ordination Group, with the aim of having a greater impact, by collective action, in our dealings with higher tiers of local government.
- Rationalised its committee structure to bring the Hollowdene Recreation Ground, Shortfield Common and other outdoor assets (eg bins, seats, notice boards, defibrillators etc) owned by the Council under a single Open Spaces Committee.
- Welcomed three non-councillor appointees to the planning and recreation ground committees, to provide additional support, skills and energy.

### PLANNING

- Scrutinised and commented on to Waverley BC's Planning Service more than 85 planning applications in the parish.
- Kept a watching brief on several planning applications marginally beyond the parish boundary where there were potential adverse impacts on our protected landscapes, and made representations to Waverley BC Planning Service as necessary.
- Alerted Waverley BC Planning Service's Enforcement Team to apparent breaches of planning conditions.
- Contributed, through participation in the Western Villages Co-ordination Group, to the strategic review of Waverley BC's Planning Service.
- Provided comment to Waverley BC's Planning Policy Team as part of the new Local Plan Part 1 consultation.
- Maintained close contact with the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE), of which the Council is a member.
- Engaged proactively with Waverley BC's Parks & Countryside Service on its revised pre-application proposals for a new visitor centre (Heathland Hub) at Frensham Great Pond.
- Undertook discussions with WBC's Planning Policy Team on the revision of our settlement boundaries and the designation of Local Green Space in the parish, as part of the new Local Plan Part 2 consultation process.

### HIGHWAYS

- Engaged with relevant agencies and organisations in an attempt to resolve parking problems in Priory Lane at Frensham Little Pond, and in the vicinity of the Sculpture Park in Jumps Road.
- Forwarded residents' complaints about highways and rights-of-way problems to the relevant district and county local authorities.
- Lobbied SCC, with the Frensham Community Speed Watch group and others, for an additional (northbound) 30mph vehicle activated sign at Millbridge.

## ENVIRONMENT

- Continued to implement the Shortfield Common Management Plan 2015-18. Most management objectives now achieved. Monitoring and biodiversity surveys continue.
- Obtained from the Surrey Local Sites Partnership formal confirmation of the designation of Shortfield Common as a county Site of Nature Conservation Importance (SNCI) on account of the presence of some scarce and near-threatened wildflower species.
- Continued to be represented on the Alice Holt Community Forum, in which parishes adjoining the forest engage with the Forestry Commission and the South Downs National Park Authority on matters relating to its management.
- Encouraged the phasing out of the use of chemical pesticides on land owned by the Parish Council.
- Participated in the reconstituted WBC-led Frensham Common Users Group.

## COMMUNITY PROJECTS

- Organised volunteer working parties in the Shortfield Common wood, to thin out the understorey of invasive holly.
- Received, with thanks, grants from the Lions, Hedgehogs and Frensham Fayre to enable purchase a replacement defibrillator for the Community Building.
- Maintained 'Frensham in Bloom' plantings around the Community Building.
- Received and installed, with thanks to donors, three new/replacement memorial seats at the Hollowdene Recreation Ground.
- Had a larger tent at Frensham Fayre to which we welcomed Tilford & Rushmoor Neighbours' Scheme (TARNS), St Mary's School Phone Box Art Group, Tilford & Rushmoor Tennis Club, the Rural Life Centre, and Neighbourhood Watch.
- Sponsored litter picks in both wards of the parish.
- Held, in October, a roving 'Grand Re-opening' of our three Red Phone Boxes in a vintage Albion omnibus, organised by the phone box team.
- Installed an additional litter/dog waste bin at the Hollowdene Recreation Ground.
- Installed a litter/dog waste bin near St Mary's Church.
- Installed a new rubber safety surface for the roundabout in the Children's Playground at the Hollowdene Recreation Ground.
- Organised 'Community Breakfasts' at St Mary's Church Hall.

### Finally, the Council's thanks go to:

- ✓ All those members of the community who were prepared to engage with and support the Council in various ways during the year, especially **Sharon Turner-Mumford, Neil Mumford** and **Guy Olden** who were willing to be appointed to council committees as active non-councillor members.
- ✓ Our Clerk, **Kate Shipton**, for continuing to give the Council the benefit of her long experience and local knowledge, and her ability to attract grant funding. Also to our Administration Assistant, **Rachel Audsley** for her support to both the Clerk and the Council.
- ✓ Our **Councillors**, especially those who found time to devote to specific projects, and/or to serve the wider parish community or their constituents in other less visible ways.
- ✓ **Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators** and the **Community Speed Watch Group** for their important work in helping to keep us safe.
- ✓ **Sue Green**, who managed the technical aspects of our website; former councillor **Len Davis** who helped keep our accounts in order for many years until he handed over to current councillors; **Colin Hall** who continued to advise the Council on planning and countryside matters; and **David Harmer**, our County Councillor, for his constant support and interest.