

FRENSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Parish Office on Wednesday
17th January 2018 at 7.30pm.

Present

* Cllr Beales (Chairman)	* Cllr Andrews (Vice-Chairman)
* Cllr Bleach	* Cllr Scimone
* Cllr Morgan	* Cllr Fairhead
a Cllr McLean	* Mrs Shipton (Clerk)
a Mrs Audsley (Admin Asst)	

* = present a = apologies received

Also present C.Cllr Harmer and Neil Mumford.

71/17 Disclosure of Pecuniary and other Interests.

No Members, in relation to any items included on the agenda for this meeting, disclosed any interests which are required to be disclosed by Section 28 of the Localism Act 2011; which Frensham Parish Council endorses.

72/17 Announcements from the Chairman

The Chairman thanked David Fairhead for his five years contribution to the parish council, undertaking many tasks on behalf of Rushmoor residents and the large project of renovating all three of the parish council's phone boxes. Cllr Bleach proposed a well-deserved vote of thanks seconded by Cllr Andrews all agreed.

The chairman informed the meeting that a new rural seat had been installed in the rec with the balance of monies from the Tesco grant.

He reminded councillors of various working parties Rushmoor Project and Tree scheme.

Various meetings had been arranged:

Planning Forum 6.30pm 5 Feb 2018 – Cllrs Beales and Andrews

Western Villages chairmen 23 Jan 2018

Special Council 7pm 24 Jan 2018

Litter pick arranged 10am 20 Jan 2018

73/17 Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Meeting of the 29th November 2017 having been circulated prior to the meeting were approved and signed.

74/17 Questions from Members of the Public.

None.

75/17 Reports : Police, Surrey County Councillor and Waverley Borough Councillors

C.Cllr Harmer gave a brief overview of SCC finances and budgets and announced that a new Chief Executive would commence shortly. He mentioned the increasing Social Care budget and possible cuts to the countryside budget.

76/17 Democratic and Electoral Matters

- a. It was noted that Waverley Borough Council would be informed of Cllr David Fairhead's resignation from the Council with effect from 17th January 2018. Statutory procedures would be followed in filling the vacancy.
- b. Follow-up to actions agreed at last Council meeting (29 Nov 2017):
 - i. Councillor numbers. Cllr Bleach had circulated a report following a meeting of the working party which considered the pros and cons of seeking an increase in councillor numbers. It was proposed by Cllr Bleach and seconded

by Cllr Morgan that Frensham Parish Council should not seek to increase the number of councillors in the Parish. Rather, it should seek to recruit volunteers to augment its committees and to assist with future projects as and when necessary. All agreed.

- ii. Change of name from Parish Council to Community Council. It was agreed unanimously NOT seek a change of name at the present time.

77/17 Finance Committee and Approval of Cheques drawn

- a. The lists of cheques drawn for November and December 2017 were signed. ~~Tabled~~
 - i. Note any S.137 payments as per cheque schedule. None
- b. The accounts 2017/18 to 31st December 2017 were tabled. Cllr Bleach said that there were no current concerns regarding the budget at present. Cllr Scimone thanked Cllr Bleach for his clear presentation of the accounts.
- c. Members considered a request from Citizens Advice Bureau for a contribution towards the cost of Frensham residents using the service. It was agreed to donate £300 as a one-off gesture of goodwill and support to a worthy organisation. Any future requests would be considered on a case-by-case basis.

78/17 Recommendations from the Finance Committee (Minute 59/17 refers)

Following discussions to date between Cllr Beales and the Chairman of the Frensham Village Shop Committee, an informal meeting had been offered for **Friday 16th Feb 2018 at 4pm** (*subsequently confirmed*).

79/17 Planning, Environment & Highways Committee

- a. Members confirmed and the chairman signed the Minutes of the meetings held on 29th November and 20th December 2017 and 10th January 2018 (*previously circulated*) and all recommendations contained therein.
- b. Noted that the Western Villages Parish Councils group (convened by Thursley PC) had agreed to place WBC's current CIL Consultation on the agenda for its **Tuesday 23rd Jan 2018 10am** meeting with a view to submitting a joint representation.

80/17 Recreation Ground & Pavilion Committee

Noted that the next meeting of the Committee would be held on **Wednesday 31st January 2018 7.30pm.** Terms-of-Reference to be confirmed at that meeting and a Chairman appointed.

Cllrs Beales, Beach Andrews and McLean with Neil Mumford as co-optee.

81/17 Phone Box Project

Cllr Fairhead gave his final update as a councillor with a progress report:

- a. The current budget had almost been finalised payments to go to the electrician, locks and any incidentals; the account appeared to be on-track, all undertaken with Heritage Lottery funding.
- b. The current position concerning electricity supply at St Mary's was that the meter and cable had been laid. An MPAN (meter point administration number), required for connection and billing purposes, was pending.
- c. Cllr Scimone gave a written programme schedule of exhibitions for the St Mary's box for the forthcoming year in the Red Cube.
- d. David said that he was very pleased with how the project had come to fruition. People cared about architectural heritage and enjoyed seeing them in good condition and lit up.

- e. David also said that he was pleased that Fiona would care for the St Mary's box and Neil the Legion box. He would continue to monitor the Sandy Lane box. Future maintenance would be required ie painting bi-annually, change of exhibits, adding a noticeboard as funds permitted and checking locks etc. He agreed to provide the Clerk with a suggested annual maintenance schedule.

82/17 Shortfield Common

- a. The Old Chapel - Access over Shortfield Common. Negotiations continuing between Grillo LLP with Mr Anthony Garcia-Deleito of Barlow Robbins Solicitors in Godalming, acting on Frensham Parish Council's behalf in obtaining the best covenant for the community.
- b. Noted that a confidential meeting of the Council had been agreed for **Wednesday 24th January 2018 at 7.00pm** to discuss this matter only.

83/17 Councillors / Representatives attendance at meetings/seminars/consultations etc.

Noted that the Chairman had attended WBC's Housing Strategy Consultation meeting in Godalming on 16th January. Chairman reported that as the housing survey in the parish had indicated that the need for affordable housing was very low, the meeting had limited applicability to Frensham. He would however circulate the slides from the meeting in due course for general information.

84/17 Hampshire Association of Local Councils (HALC)

- a. Councillors were asked to indicate expressions of interest in training courses offered by HALC in 2018 (list circulated previously). Cllr Bleach: 'The Knowledge' 23 May 2018; and Cllrs Bleach and Morgan: 'Finance' 21 June 2018.
- b. Noted that the initial fact-finding element of the staffing review had been undertaken by Ms Dawn Hamblet on 9th January 2018 as agreed (Minute 58/17a refers). The report on Key Stage 1 was due on 2nd February 2018, with the Key Stage 2 report following at the end of the month.

85/17 Chairman's New Year Reception (Thursday 11th January 2018 7pm – 9pm)

Members reviewed the event and were very complimentary about the evening. The Chairman remarked that several guests had commented that they had met new people and that it was pleasing to see all the councillors there. It was suggested that on any future occasions the drinks should include bottled water.

86/17 Annual Assembly – Wednesday 18th April 2018

The Chairman suggested that this year the local representatives that might be asked to come and give a short talk on their activities could include: TARNs, Community Speedwatch, Marindin Hall and Scarecrow Festival 2018. Agreed that they be approached.

Cllr Andrews agreed that she would be happy to co-ordinate the Parish Council marquee at the Frensham Fayre this year.

Councillors were reminded that Matt Lank from Waverley Borough Council would outline the proposed plans for Frensham Common for Councillors on **Monday 22 Jan 2018 at 10.30am** at the Parish office.

87/17 Items for the Next Agenda

Councillors should be prepared, when requesting an item for the next agenda, to provide and circulate relevant paperwork outlining their item prior to the meeting.

Signed.....Dated.....

Meeting ended at: 9.35pm.

Next Planning Meeting Wednesday 7th February 2018 at 7.30pm. Parish Office

CONFIDENTIAL COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 24TH JAN 2018 7PM PARISH OFFICE.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING Wednesday 14th March 2018 AT 7.30PM PARISH OFFICE