

Report to Windlesham Parish Council - July 25, 2023

CLRs Julie Hoad, Shaun Macdonald, Kevin Tompson (Lightwater) & Cllr Richard Wilson (Bagshot & N Windlesham)

Borough News

The 2023 elections were completed when the countermanded Frimley Green ward election took place. At the following Full Council, Cllr Shaun Macdonald (Lightwater) was elected Leader of the Council. The portfolio holders (Executive) are as follows:

- Cllr Morgan Rise, Deputy Leader, Portfolio Holder for Net Zero, Well-being & Environment
- Cllr Kel Finan-Cooke, Portfolio Holder for Economic and Income Development
- Cllr Lisa Finan-Cooke, Portfolio Holder for Inclusion and Housing
- Cllr John Skipper, Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Culture
- Cllr Leanne MacIntyre, Portfolio Holder for Performance and Finance
- Cllr Helen Whitcroft, Portfolio Holder for Resident and Community Services
- Cllr Alan Ashbery, Portfolio Holder for Sustainable Transport and Planning

The Council was recently inspected in a Peer Review Challenge by experienced councillors and officers from other councils. The review will be published on the council's website soon. The council's culture was praised as "a great place to work". The Council had previously struggled to fill vacancies and retain staff; now that problem is easing and, for example, the Planning Enforcement team is fully staffed and can carry out more work, meeting our residents' expectations.

The council's 'Meals at Home' fleet of vehicles has been switched from diesel to environmentally friendly electric vans, helping to achieving the council's goal of Carbon Net Zero by 2030.

A series of children's activities will be running over the summer, at the Camberley Museum and in the town centre.

4 parks in Surrey Heath achieved Green Flag status - Windlemere SANG and Frimley Green Recreation Ground have joined Lightwater Country Park and Frimley Lodge Park.

There will be a Full Council meeting tomorrow (26 July) and all are welcome, either in-person or via SHBC's live YouTube streaming service.

Ward News

The make-up of committees, working groups and outside appointments has been finalised. We will be happy to provide a list of the additional responsibilities the four of us hold, if that would be of value.

Cllr Richard Wilson has secured 2-3 weeks of air quality monitoring from the Council's new mobile station.

We have a programme of new EV charger installations between July and October, including in Bagshot.

The Cllr grant scheme is now live - more info will be coming from cllrs shortly.

Shaun and Julie attended the Besom referrers day event

Richard, Kevin and Shaun attended the Revenue grant holder event

Julie attended the Lightwater Society meeting