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A Town Council For Frimley?

How is Frimley different from Bagshot, Bisley, Chobham, Lightwater or West End? The answer is that all except Frimley have Parish Councils, whilst to the powers that be, Frimley is just part of the urbanisation around Camberley, and does not have its own separate identity!

Many here in Frimley are fed up with being the poor relation of Camberley. They feel that Camberley gets the focus when it comes to facilities, money and attention. And whilst other local communities have their own Parish Councils, Frimley has to rely on the efforts of its Surrey Heath Councillors to be heard.

Parish & Town Councils are locally elected bodies which make up the third tier of local government. They examine and comment on planning applications in their areas, and can raise their own funds for spending locally. They can take action on crime prevention measures, community facilities, traffic calming and generally to improve the quality of life in their areas.

FOCUS believes that it is time to consider a Town Council for Frimley. Blackwater has one, why not Frimley? Local Lib Dems will be investigating the mechanics of doing this in the following months, and will report back in a future edition of this newsletter.

But we are very interested in YOUR views. Please drop us a line at the address (email or snailmail) on the back page!

LAMP POSTS

*The County Council are about to embark on the replacement of all lamp columns in the County (all 47,000 of them). If there are any of historic or character interest in the Borough, we need to try and identify these and arrange for their protection. Please contact **Jenny Richard** on 01276 707213 if you have any suggestions.*



Tomlinscote Sports Centre

Lib Dems have been highly critical of Surrey Heath Borough Councils handling of the Tomlinscote Sports Centre issue. A facility highly valued by the local residents in Frimley (with up to 80,000 visits a year) was to be lost to the community to save the Council some £40,000.

Lib Dems "called in" the Executive decision, but - remarkably - the recommendation to reconsider was turned down on the casting vote of Frimley Tory Councillor, Ian Sams!

However, pressure from residents has now forced a reversal, and the Council will now have to meet its contractual commitments to Tomlinscote School to manage the community access to the facilities for at least two years. During this time, the Centre will not be run together with the Arena Leisure Centre, but as a separate facility. As a consequence the cost to the Council - at least in the short term - is likely to increase!

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