

MINUTES OF FRANSHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 15TH NOVEMBER
2016 AT 7.00 P.M. IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Mr R James (Chairman), Mr A Lake and Mr J Sheringham

Others Present: County Cllr M Kiddle-Morris and Dist. Cllr E Gould

1. Welcome and to consider accepting apologies for absence

The Chairman welcomed those present. Apologies for absence were received from Mr T Mallon and Mrs L Rush and these were accepted. Mrs Rush had informed Mr James that she wished to resign from the Parish Council so the Clerk will inform Breckland Council that there is a vacancy.

2. To declare any Interests re items on the agenda

There were no interests declared.

3. To confirm minutes of the meeting held on July 19th

The minutes had been circulated and read. Mr Lake proposed the minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record of the last meeting, seconded by Mr James, carried by the Council.

4. To discuss any matters from the minutes of July (not on the agenda)

There were no matters arising.

The Chairman closed the meeting for the Public Participation Period.

Cllr Kiddle-Morris reported that voting will be taking place in the near future regarding the Devolution idea. A meeting is scheduled for November 21st but it may not go ahead. Council tax will be going up by 3.8%/ The Chancellor is reducing the amount of money that he gives to Councils. Adult social services and children's services are £8m over spent. The contract for Highways grass cutting has been amended and the work will be carried out at least twice a year now, in July and then probably at the end of August, especially at visibility locations. The problem of pot holes is still ongoing. The number of Highways Depots is going to be decreased from 4 to 3 and staff numbers will be cut. There is a new method of reporting problems to Highways and it is working well. The maintenance crew will be given an Ipad to help with the administration side of it. The question of the Kings Lynn incinerator was discussed and Cllr Kiddle-Morris reported that £34m was paid to the contractor concerned. There has been 3 independent enquiries carried out but no wrong doings were found to have taken place.

Cllr Gould spoke about Vattenfall and explained that at the moment it is not a planning application and when the documents are submitted, they will go to the Secretary of State. There are to be some changes taking place regarding the Housing Register. Residents will, in future, put their name on the register and if they are considered suitable, then they will be interviewed. Private landlords will be approached and a list will be compiled. At the moment Housing Association rents are not a great deal cheaper than Private Housing. There is a new Magazine now called Transforming Breckland. The comments regarding the Local Plan consultation are being collated. Grants are still available from Breckland.

The Chairman closed the Public Participation Period and resumed the meeting.

5. To discuss Correspondence

The following mail had been received:-

Letter and newsletter from Vattenfall Wind Power Ltd regarding intentions to build 2 new offshore wind farms

6. To receive the Crime and Policing Report

The following crimes had been committed in the Parish over the last few months.

May – 2 crimes in Lime Tree Crescent (vehicles and theft) June – Nil crimes
July – 2 crimes – Burglary in Station Drive & Violence in Kirkhams Meadow
August – Nil crimes September – 4 crimes – 1 Other in Lime Tree Crescent & 3
ASB/Violence in Kirkhams Meadow.

7. To discuss any Planning Issues

Vattenfall Wind Power Ltd., proposed Sub Station. This could be near the existing substation at Necton or within 3 kilos of this site. A pylon is now not required for the new substation. The Parish Council discussed the idea of forming an Action Group. A letter will be sent by the Parish Council to Vattenfall, informing them that Fransham Parish does not want it coming through the Parish. The Clerk will contact Necton Parish Council's Clerk to ascertain how they are dealing with this.

Action Point – The Chairman to compile a letter to Vattenfall.

3PL/2016/1192/F Mr Mallon, Fransham Farm Co. Ltd. change of use from B1 to C3. The Parish Council voted to support this application.

3PL/2016/1314/F Mr Powell, The Old Post Office, residential development consisting of 2 dwellings with dbl garages. The Parish Council supports this application but would refer there was only one dwelling and not two.

8. To discuss Highways Matters

Finally 2 new lamp posts have been put up. The Parish Council wondered if there may be the need for another lamp post near the shop. On the A47, on the left hand side coming in from Norwich, near the milestone, over the brow of the hill, down to Willow Farm, the manhole covers are loose and need reporting to Highways England.

9. To receive Local Plan update

Local Plan – the consultation period finished on 31st October and the new Local Plan is available to be read.

10. To receive an update on the play park idea

As Mrs Rush has left the Parish Council this item will be removed from the agenda.

11. To authorize financial payments

Mr James proposed the following financial payments be authorized, seconded by Mr Lake and carried:-

Clerk's net salary for August & September £204.00	HMRC for August & Sept. £51.00
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Gary Lake £412.00 Internal Audit £70.00	Funding for Clerk from NALC £258.00

12. To set the Precept for 2017 – 2018

Mr Sheringham proposed the precept be set at £3,250.00, seconded by Mr Lake and carried.

13. To adopt the Annual Return

Mr James proposed the Annual Return and Annual Governance Statement be adopted and accepted, seconded by Mr Sheringham and carried.

14. To receive update on the Dudgeon Windfarm Project funding

£20,000.00 has been received by the Parish Council from Dudgeon Offshore Wind Farm, which was paid by Norfolk Community Foundation. Because there will be more money needed to purchase the 2 bus shelters, funding will be sought from elsewhere to make up the necessary 'top up' of cash. The Clerk will contact Highways England to find out if planning permission is needed for the bus shelters and also who are their approved contractors.

As there is still money available from Dudgeon, the Village Hall Committee will be informed of this fact and encouraged to obtain some money for village hall refurbishments.

15. To receive an update on the Village Sign

This was removed for refurbishment and is still missing. It will be on the agenda for January.

16. To discuss training for the Defibrillator

Mrs Rush obtained two defibrillators and it is believed that one is at the Canary & Linnet Public House. Mr James will investigate where the other one is.

17. To discuss renovation of the milestones

The Clerk had received two quotes for the renovation of the milestones. The quote from Mr Moore was for £220.00 and the one from Mr Burks was for £250.00. Mr James proposed the quote from Mr Burks be accepted, seconded by Mr Sheringham and carried. The Clerk will contact Mr Burks and ask him to carry out the work but advise when he will be able to do it.

18. To discuss the state of the Notice Boards

The notice boards are looking dull and have some algae growing on them. Mr James offered to give them a clean and cut away the vegetation that is growing around the outside.

The notice board down at Station Drive is situated on a slope and it is not safe to use this time of year, owing to the build up of fallen slippery leaves. This problem will be looked at by the Parish Council.

19. To receive items for next agenda

Donation to Magpas

Update on Vattenfall Windfarm project

Update on Parish Councillor vacancies situation

Speeding down Beeston Road

Set dates for the meetings for 2017

20. To confirm date and time of next meeting

The date of the Parish Council meeting is set for Tuesday January 17th 2017 at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending. There being no other business to discuss, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

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Chairman

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Date