

MINUTES OF FRANSHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 18TH JULY 2017
AT 7.00 P.M. IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Mr R James, Mr A Lake, Mrs E Spratt and Mr T Mallon

Others Present: County Cllr M Kiddle-Morris and 3 Electors

1. Welcome and to consider accepting apologies for absence

Mr J Sheringham sent apologies for absence and these were accepted.

2. To consider co-opting Mr G Taylor onto the Parish Council

Due to the absence of Mr Taylor, the co-option will become an item for the September agenda. He is interested in joining the Parish Council

3. To declare any Interests re items on the agenda

There were no interests declared.

4. To confirm minutes of the meeting held on May 16th

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 Mrs Spratt and carried by the Council.

5. To discuss any matters from the minutes of May (not on the agenda)

The need for something to be put in place leading up to the notice board near Station Drive, as it is on a slope, will be dealt with soon.

The Chairman closed the meeting for the Public Participation period.

There was some discussion regarding the large trees from Ash House, on Station Road, leading up to the S bend. The 30 m.p.h. sign is obstructed from sight by growth. Because the trees are on private land, Norfolk County Council will probably not do anything about the situation. They will only cut hedges and trees on private land if it is considered dangerous. Cllr Kiddle-Morris will organise a Highways Engineer to come and look at the problem. Mr Stewart Dickinson offered to try to find out how Dereham Development can be contacted. They own the land where the problematic hedges and trees are. There are 3 tyres and lots of glass bottles and cans in the ditch between Pineapple Farm and the Chapel on Station Road. The Clerk will contact Serco regarding this fly tipping and ask them to come and remove it. Because of the discrepancies regarding crimes committed in the village and statistics reported on the website, the Clerk will write a letter to Norfolk Constabulary Head Office at Wymondham and request a P.C.S.O. is present at the September meeting to discuss the matter.

Cllr Kiddle-Morris report that the Parish Partnership is up and running again with a 50%/50% split between Norfolk County Council and Parishes for some projects. The Parish Council was interested in the idea of a Trod and Cllr Kiddle-Morris thought the cost was about £30 a metre. Applications have to be submitted by mid December.

A Highways Engineer would be able to come and advise on cost and suitability. Cllr Kiddle-Mortis has been given some extra money to spend on his Parishes but wants to concentrate on the Parishes that do not have a precept or a Parish Council. Extra money has been given for Adult Social Care but it is an expanding problem. The population is getting older so the problem will continue. An OfSTED inspection on Children's Services took place and is now verging on Good. When children come out of care they have to be checked up on regularly and there are 100 children in care.

Mr Druid reported that there is a very large hedge on his new property and it is about 6' high. It will be dealt with in due course. It is encroaching on the footpath.

Mr Dickinson suggested that one of the notice boards be moved. He thought it was sensible to have one near Glebe Close. The Chairman thanked him for his suggestion and said the idea would be given some thought.

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

6. To discuss any progress with fulfilling the seventh vacancy

Mr Gerry Taylor is the only person so far that has shown an interest in joining the Parish Council but the Parish Councillors will continue to try to find other candidates as there is still another vacancy.

7. To discuss Correspondence

Resignation letter from the Clerk

There have been 2 people show an interest and some references have been forthcoming. Interviews will be taking place and it was thought only 2 people would be needed for the Interview Panel. Mr James and Mr Sheringham will carry out the interviews. The Necton Parish Council Clerk will help with the induction training.

8. To receive the Crime and Policing Report

This was discussed under the Public Participation period.

9. To discuss any Planning Issues

Vattenfall Wind Power Ltd. (2 wind farms) There is a drop in session taking place at Swaffham on Thursday 20th July between 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

3PL/2017/0656/LB N E Salmon Ltd., Hyde Hall, remove porch & erect Georgian style open pediment door case. Investigate damp problems in the walls & floor of the ground floor entrance & replace if necessary. Listed Building Consent has been approved.

3PL/2017/0639/F Mr M Flynn, Church Barn, widening of existing access to provide separate access to Church Barn, application has been approved.

3PL/2016/1314/F Mr H Powell, The Old Post Office, Main Rd, proposed 2 dwelling development, with double garages, application going to appeal hearing. The Parish Council will respond stating the site is unsuitable for two properties but one would be suitable.

3P/2017/0749/F Mr C Shuart, Homestead, Main Road, closure of existing access to Homestead, erection of 4 dwellings and new access, remove hedge & erect 1.8m brick wall. The Parish Council's recommendation is for 1 property only and the application for 4 properties constitutes over development of the site and it would not be in keeping with the environment on the A47.

10. To discuss Highways Matters

Roadside hedge at Lyndhurst Cottage, overgrown and obstructing car drivers' views. Neighbours cannot see oncoming traffic when they come out of their drive. CllrKiddle-Morris commented that it would be difficult to get Highways Dept. to deal with this problem. The Clerk will write a letter to the occupants of Lyndhurst Cottage about the problem.

The hedge by the bus stop near Mr Mallon's property is overgrown. He said he will try to get this cut to alleviate the problem a bit. The Parish Council thinks it would be a good idea to have a Highways engineer to meet up with a Parish Councillor to discuss the Trod idea. The Clerk will arrange a meeting.

11. To authorize finance payments

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

Clerk's net salary for June & July	£204.00,	HMRC Tax for June & July	£51.00
Zurich Insurance payment	£167.44	Internal Audit	£75.00
Chris Burks	£250.00	Glasdon U.K. Ltd.	£49.58

12. To receive update on the bus shelter project

Mr Lake met with Mr Terry Sturgeon from Westcotec recently and £11,800 will be needed for the 2 bus shelters, including ground works. There is a seat currently at the bus stop, near the notice board, and it will be repaired and re-sited in due course. Westcotec have suggested that the bus shelters are disabled friendly. The Parish Council discussed whether they felt there was a need to make sure it was disabled friendly, due to the lack of residents that have to use wheelchairs. The Parish Council had monitored the situation regarding this subject and does not feel there is a need for it to be DDLA accessible.

13. To receive items for next agenda

- To discuss switching from NALC to Norfolk Parish Training & Support
- To discuss progress with the Bus Shelters
- To discuss progress with the Police & Crime Statistics

14. To change date of September meeting

The date of the Parish Council meeting is set for Tuesday September 26th 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 8.37 p.m.

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 Chairman Date