

DRAFT MINUTES OF FRANSHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 19TH  
NOVEMBER 2013 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

**Present:** Mr T Lewis, Mrs J Bloomfield, Mr J Sheringham, Mr R James,  
Mr T Mallon and Mr A Lake

**1. Welcome and to consider accepting apologies for Absence**

Mr Lewis welcomed those present to the meeting.

Apologies for absence were received from County Cllr M Kiddle-Morris and Dist Cllr E Gould.

**2. To declare any Interests re items on the agenda**

There were no interests declared.

**3. To confirm minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> September**

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

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

Mr James questioned the content of the invoice for £50.00 from Sapid Designs Ltd and will be shown the invoice at the next meeting.

**5. To discuss Correspondence**

The following mail had been received:-

NCC putting people first consultation – 19<sup>th</sup> September to 12<sup>th</sup> December, residents are encouraged to send in points of view.

Breckland – openness & transparency on personal interests (a guide for councillors)

Thank you letter from Fransham and Dunham Community First Responder group for the £50 donation

Breckland – future of recycling in Breckland

Police figures for September – 1 criminal damage, 1 drug offence and 1 crime in October described as ‘Other’

Copy of Clerks & Councils Direct

**6. To discuss any Planning Issues**

Breckland 3PL/2013/0641 Miss Sharn Ward, Dudgeon Offshore Wind Farm, various minor amendments to the permitted onshore cable route for the proposed Dudgeon Offshore Wind Farm in Breckland District between Ryburgh and Fransham. The Parish Council had no objections to these amendments. Planning permission received.

Breckland – Mr Joseph Gresham-Hill, land past Top Farm off A47 – appeal to the Secretary of State in respect of enforcement

**7. To discuss any Highways Matter**

Overhanging trees on Beeston Road

The Clerk had been contacted by the Clerk at Great Dunham as there appeared to be a tunnel of trees that was causing problems to drivers of large lorries. As no-one was absolutely sure where this was, she was asked to find out some work information.

The man-hole covers on the A47 have been dealt with. The street light that has not been working for some time will be dealt with soon.

**8. To receive an update regarding the footpath and bridleway sign situation**

Norfolk County Council continue to state that this work is not on the priority list and will done at some time in the future, but they cannot state when.

**9. To discuss Refurbishment of the village sign**

It was thought the sign should probably be sand blasted and then repainted. The Chairman will obtain a quote from a local company to do this work.

**10. To discuss the Website**

The agendas and the minutes are being put on the website. In the past the Clerk had offered to pass onto Sapid Designs any information regarding events in the village hall. To date she had not been contacted by anyone from the Village Hall Committee so she will telephone a member to obtain information on any intended future events and then she will pass the information onto Sapid.

**11. To re-elect the Fransham Relief In Need Charity trustees and discuss the charity**

Mrs Bloomfield proposed the following people be elected 'on-block' as trustees of the Charity, seconded by Mr Malon:-

Mrs Lynn Sheringham

Mrs Susan Langham-Fitt

Mr David Spalding

Mr John Symonds, Snr

**12. To discuss the new notice boards**

The Clerk had obtained a brochure from Glasdon, which will be circulated. She had received a quote from Scope Joinery, but it was decided not to proceed with this company. The Chairman will go and obtain some information from Horizon in Beeston.

**13. To authorize any necessary financial payments**

Mr Lake proposed the following financial transactions be authorized for payment:-

HMRC July-Sept. tax £57.80

Clerk's net salary July-Sept. £230.70

Internal auditor £40.00

Gary Lake Garden Maintenance £412.50

**14. To discuss renovating the milestones**

The two milestones need renovating. The work needed is probably to give them a lime wash and renew the lettering. This is a job ideally for the springtime. The Clerk will investigate the possibility of this work being done by some people at a local prison, who are currently involved in community work.

**15. To receive items for next agenda**

To set the precept

To discuss the milestones in Fransham

To discuss refurbishment of the village sign

To discuss the progress regarding the new notice boards

**16. To confirm date of next meeting**

The date of the Parish Council meeting is set for Tuesday January 14th 2014 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 8.45 p.m.

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Chairman Date