

MINUTES OF FRANSHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14TH JANUARY
2014 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Mrs J Bloomfield, Mr J Sheringham, Mr R James,
and Mr A Lake

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

1. To elect a Chairman for the meeting

Mr Lake proposed Mr Sheringham for the position of Chairman for the meeting, seconded by Mr James and carried.

2. Welcome and to consider accepting apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Mr T Lewis and Mr T Mallon and these were accepted.

3. To declare any Interests re items on the agenda

There were no interests declared.

4. To confirm minutes of the meeting held on 19th November

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 Sheringham, carried by the Council.

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

Mr James had requested to see the invoice for £50.00 from Sapid Designs Ltd for the website hosting and this was shown to him.

The Chairman suspended the meeting for the Public Participation period.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Dist Cllr Gould stated that she did not have a great deal to report regarding Breckland but there is some money in the Pride in Breckland grant and grants of up to £2,000 are available. As the Parish Council wishes to renovate its sign, this may be an opportunity to receive some financial help on this project.

County Cllr Kiddle-Morris stated that that the Putting People First consultation period ended in December and the results will be published on 27th January. £189,000,000 has to be saved over the next 3 years so it will be a tough 3 years. There was some discussion as to whether the Committee system being operated at N.C.C. is a good idea. This system is to be used in the future. Regarding gritting routes, they have hardly been expanded at all. 50 extra kilometers were submitted last year and only 3 were allowed. Grit bins may not be filled by the Council and they are a contentious subject at the moment.

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

6. To discuss Correspondence

The following mail had been received:-

Copy of Norfolk Link and Clerks & Council Direct

A copy of the Norfolk Gritting Routes leaflet has been received. The Clerk will display a poster stating it is available for inspection at her house.

An email had been received from Phil Hayton, Managing Director of Westcotec, stating they wish to demolish the old pig unit on the northern boundary of the field at Spicer's Corner as they own the field. They want to make a temporary roadway over the northern corner of the field and ditch. They want to be considered for the tenancy when it comes round for renewal or purchase it. The Clerk will inform them that the question has been passed onto the Fransham Relief In Need Charity trustees.

The Clerk is also going to send an email to Mr Sheringham confirming the election of the Trustees of the Fransham Relief In Need Charity at the January meeting.

7. To discuss any Planning Issues

Breckland Ref. 3PL/2013/1150 Mr & Mrs Rusten, The Cotage, Beeston Lane, first floor extension to rear to create a bedroom, the Parish Council has no objection to this application.

8. To discuss any Highways Matters

Regarding the tunnel of tress causing a problem, as it is unclear where this is, the Clerk will contact the Gt Dunham Parish Council Clerk and request a meeting with her.

The street light at the top of Station Road has been mended and is now working. The dead tree outside No 5 Station Road has been removed. There was a flood outside no 8 Station Road has been dealt with as the blockage has been removed from the gully. It was thought a sensible idea to have the gullies outside no 5 and no. 8 Station Road regularly unblocked, perhaps bi-monthly, so the Clerk will try and arrange this with Highways.

There was some discussion regarding the highways works intended along the A47, which appeared as an article in the Eastern Daily Press newspaper. Apparently Fransham was not mentioned so an email will be sent to Cllr Kiddle-Morris to ask why this is the case.

9. To discuss Refurbishment of the village sign

The Clerk will contact Breckland regarding the possibility of a grant towards this work.

10. To discuss the grant for the new notice boards

The application form has been filled in and a photo will be taken of the broken notice board and sent off with the application.

11. To authorize any necessary financial payments

The following financial transactions were authorized for payment:-
HMRC tax for Oct., Nov. and Dec. £46.00 Clerk's net salary Oct., Nov. and Dec. £184.80
Hall Hire Dec. 2012 – Nov. 2013 £120.00

12. To set the precept for 2014/2015

Mr Sheringham proposed the precept be set at £3,000.00, seconded by Mr Lake and carried.

13. To discuss renovating the milestones in Fransham

The Clerk has contacted Weyland prison to see if any of the prisoners could help with this project.

14. To set the meeting dates for 2014

The meeting dates for the year are as follows:-

Tuesday March 18th at 7.00 p.m.

Tuesday May 20th at 7.00 p.m. (This meeting will be preceded by the Annual Parish meeting at 6.30 p.m.)

Tuesday July 15th at 7.00 p.m.

Tuesday September 16th at 7.00 p.m.

Tuesday November 18th at 7.00 p.m.

15. To receive items for next agenda

Update on the renewal of the notice boards situation

Update on milestones renovating project

Update on refurbishment of village sign project

16. To confirm date of next meeting

The date of the Parish Council meeting is set for Tuesday March 18th 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 8.30 p.m.

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Chairman

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Date