

MINUTES OF FRANSHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 18TH MARCH
2014 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

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

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 to the meeting and thanked Mr Sheringham for chairing the January meeting in his absence. There were no apologies to be accepted.

2. To declare any Interests re items on the agenda

There were no interests declared.

3. To confirm and accept the minutes of the meeting held on 14th January

The minutes had been circulated and read. Mrs Bloomfield 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).

There were no matters to discuss.

The Chairman suspended the meeting for the Public Participation period.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Dist Cllr Gould reported that Breckland had successfully prosecuted two people for fly tipping. The Festival on the Farm at Gressenhall is on Saturday July 26th. The Breckland Book Festival starts on March 19th and goes on until the end of the month. There is still some money in the fund for any events involving the World War 1 commemoration and Pride in Breckland has money still available for village projects.

County Cllr Kiddle-Morris's report

Regarding the budget, £7.1m has gone back into the budget, £1m back into Post 16 transport and £3.1m back into the Well Being budget. £1m has been taken from libraries, so 2 mobile libraries have been taken away. At some recycling centres, but not Dereham, there will be a £2.50 charge per visit, for tyres there will be a £2.00 per tyre charge and a maximum per month of 5 tyres. Paint can no longer be recycled.

Fransham may get super fast broadband later in the year. Information about this can be found on the BT website.

On May 18th at Bushy Common there is to be a Horse Fair. Mr Sheringham reported that he had seen some signs between Fransham and Necton regarding the Kings Lynn incinerator.

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

5. To discuss Correspondence

The following mail had been received:-

A copy of Clerks & Councils Direct

A letter from Magpus asking for a donation. The Parish Council may give a donation in the future.

A letter from Michael Wassell, Leader of Breckland Council, regarding the grant that will be paid to the Parish Council.

The Local Government Boundary Commission - electoral review of Breckland: draft recommendations. Cllr Kiddle-Morris reported that Launditch will have this parish and one other added to it.

6. To discuss any Planning Issues

Mr & Mrs Ruston, The Cottage, Beeston Lane, 1st flr extn. to rear to create bedroom, planning permission has been received.

Dudgeon – update and notice of forthcoming planning applications for the Dudgeon Offshore Wind Farm. The Parish Council did not have any comments to make.

Breckland 3PL/2014/0225 Bernard Matthews Ltd, land at old airfield, Oulton, 9 no biomass heating packaged plant rooms. The Parish Council did not have any comments to make and felt Breckland had made a mistake on the location.

7. To discuss any Highways Matter

The Clerk was asked to contact the Highways Rangers and ask them to look at the footpath, which is at the top of Station Road, on the A47, going west, opposite the Canary & Linnett public house. The vegetation has been dealt with but the footpath is in a mess.

Regarding the tunnel of trees causing a problem, the Clerk contacted the Gt Dunham Parish Council Clerk and then the Chairman. Mr Sheringham had also spoken him and is going to look himself at the trees.

As there has not been any progress with Norfolk County Council renewing the footpath signs the Clerk will obtain another form to try to get financial help from the Pride in Breckland fund.

8. To discuss Refurbishment of the village sign

The Clerk has received an application to apply for a grant from the Pride in Breckland Pride fund. A quote is needed and the Chairman had not yet obtained it but will do so soon.

9. To discuss the grant for the new notice boards

The application form had been sent to Awards For All but so far she has not been informed of a decision.

10. To discuss the Village memorial sign

This is in need of a clean and the Parish Councillors discussed the situation and decided that, between them, they would be able to clean it.

11. To authorize any necessary financial payments

The Parish Council agreed to paid the following invoice:-

Clerk's expenses for the period 1st April 2013 to 31st March 2014 £245.79

12. To discuss renovating the milestones in Fransham

Mr Lake had received an email from Nigel Ford of the Milestone Society regarding renovating the milestones in Fransham. The cost to the Parish Council would be £120.00. He had carried out some work on the milestone in Wendling so the Parish Council decided to go and have a look at this before committing themselves. It will be put on the May agenda.

13. To discuss the removal of historic data from the website

The Clerk will inform Mr Blake of Sapid Designs Ltd that the Parish Council wishes for the old minutes to be put into an archive folder on the website.

14. To receive items for next agenda

Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman for the forthcoming year
Renovating the milestones in Fransham

15. To confirm date and time of next meeting

The date of the Parish Council meeting is set for Tuesday May 20th 2014 at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall. This meeting will be preceded by the Annual Parish meeting at 6.30 p.m.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending. There being no other business to discuss, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.

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Chairman

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Date