

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY  
20TH MAY 2014 AT 6.30 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

**Present:** Mr J Sheringham, Mrs J Bloomfield, Mr T Lewis (Chairman of the Parish Council), Mr A Lake, Mr R James, Mrs H Cockell (representative from Women's Institute and Mrs G Hubbard, Clerk

**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.

**2. To confirm minutes of the Parish meeting held on 21st May 2013**

Mr Lake proposed the minutes be signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting, seconded by Mrs Bloomfield, carried, and so Mr Lewis signed the minutes.

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

There were no matters arising.

**4. To receive the report from the District Councillor and County Councillor**

As neither of the Councillors was present, there were no reports available.

**5. To receive a report from the Parish Council Chairman**

Mr Lewis, the Chairman of the Parish Council, read out his report. The main points of the report were:-

The village sign needs to be renovating and the Clerk is trying to obtain a grant to have this work done. The work will be carried out by Fransham Forge. A grant is being sought to cover the cost of replacing the 4 notice boards. The new notice boards will not be wood but a brown plastic. The Parish Council is trying to organize having the footpath directional signs replaced. The acquisition of a bus shelter is still something that is being pursued but is ongoing as not much progress has been made.

**6. To receive any reports from organizations connected to the Village**

The W.I. representative said she wished to thank the Village Hall Committee for the refurbishment programme at the village hall, which is getting better and better. The main points of the W.I. report were:-

At the monthly meetings there is usually a speaker. There was a BBQ, and a Christmas Dinner in and around the hall, doing our own cooking and entertainment. There have been talks about Marie Curie cancer care, Catherine Temple's cheese making, holistic massage by Beverley Lappin, a trip to the Hawk and Owl Trust at Sculthore Moor and Simon White from Beales Roses talked about exhibiting at the Chelsea and Hampton Court Flower shows. Plus plenty of other interesting talks. In addition to the monthly meetings in the village hall, there is a walking group, a watercolour painting group, a quilting group and a new group delving into the histories of the Franshams and Little Dunham, with a view to adding to the village web sites and bringing together the efforts on this subject. Several outings have taken place. Currently there are 25 members. Mrs Cockell was thanked for her report and attendance and a copy of the report will be attached to the minutes.

The Clerk had been promised a report from the Village Hall Committee, but she had not received it.

The Church Report - The Church Warden sent apologies for non attendance. The P.C.C. sent thanks to the Parish Council for paying for the Church's grass cutting. Mr Gary Lake does a good job with the grass cutting. The main services are the Easter and Christmas services.

There are monthly services but the congregation is not big. A good fund raising event had taken place where the Bishop of Kings Lynn had attended and sung. The fabric will be paid for from the small amount of money available.

Mr Sheringham reported that the Fransham Relief in Need Charity had distributed 9 cash grants to beneficiaries within the parishes of Great and Little Fransham. Mr Sheringham asked those present to bring to his or the Rector's attention anyone that they thought would benefit. Funds are obtained from land that is owned in the parish. Since last year's meeting the Trustees have been re-elected.

The Clerk will investigate the situation regarding the Fransham Relief In Need Charity Trustees and whether they need to be re-elected.

The Clerk had obtained newsletters from some of the local schools and they were available for the attendees to read.

The Clerk had been sent a crime report for February and March by Norfolk Constabulary and she read this out.

**7. To discuss any intended future plans**

In the forthcoming year it is intended for 4 new notice boards to be purchased and the Village Sign and the Memorial Sign will both be renovated.

**8. To discuss the Parish Council's draft end of year accounts**

As there was only one other resident present, who was not a Parish Councillor, and she had no questions to ask relating to the accounts, no lengthy discussion took place.

**9. To discuss any other business**

No-one had any other business they wished to discuss.

**10. To set the date of the next meeting**

The date of the next meeting was set for May 19<sup>th</sup> 2015 at 6.30 p.m.

As there was no further business to discuss, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.05 p.m. and thanked everyone for attending.

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Chairman

Date