

MINUTES OF FRANSHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 20TH MAY 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

1. To elect the Chairman of the Parish Council for the forthcoming year

Mr Lake proposed Mr Lewis for the position of Chairman for the forthcoming year, seconded by Mr James and carried. Mr Lewis accepted the position.

2. To elect the Vice Chairman of the Parish Council for the forthcoming year

Mr Sheringham proposed Mr James for the position of Vice Chairman for the forthcoming year, seconded by Mrs Bloomfield and carried.

3. Welcome and to consider accepting apologies for Absence

The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting. There were apologies for absence received from Cllr Mark Kiddle-Morris.

4. To declare any Interests re items on the agenda

There were no interests declared.

5. To confirm minutes of the meeting held on 18th March 2014

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

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

There were no matters to discuss.

7. To discuss Correspondence

The following mail had been received:-

Norfolk Constabulary – crime report for February - 1 described as Other and 1 Drug Offence

Crime report for March - 1 described as Other, 1 burglary non-dwelling, 1 sexual offence and 1

Violence against another person.

Dudgeon Offshore Wind Farm Spring newsletter

Copy of Clerks & Councils Direct magazine

8. To discuss any Planning Issues

An enforcement notice had been served for Top Farm regarding the erection of a wooden structure for residential purpose without planning permission, used in conjunction with a mobile home. Material change of use of land from agricultural to mixed use. 3 months notice to remove the mobile home, items and cease the residential use of the land was given.

The application regarding Bittering Gravel Pit, variation of conditions 1, 2, 15 and 34, has been withdrawn.

9. To discuss any Highways Matters

There is a huge amount of nettles at the bus stop, on the side of the road where the Canary & Linnet pub is. All the footpaths along the A47 through Fransham need clearing so Highways will be informed. There are some bad pot holes down Beeston Lane also.

10. To discuss refurbishment of the village sign

A grant application form had been obtained from Breckland. A quotation from Fransham Forge had been obtained so the grant application could be sent off.

11. To discuss progress with the grant for the new notice boards

The Clerk had received a letter from Awards For All offering £2,851 towards the cost of the 4 notice boards. The Councillors chose what boards they wanted from the Glasdon brochure but wanted brown not white. The Clerk will order the boards.

New Perspex is needed for the notice board that is on the outside wall of the village hall. The Clerk will talk to Norfolk County Council about this.

12. To discuss progress with getting the village memorial refurbished

This matter is in hand.

13. To adopt the end of year accounts and the Annual Return

Mr Lake proposed they be adopted, seconded by Mr James and carried.

14. To authorize any necessary financial payments

Mrs Bloomfield proposed the following transactions be authorized for payment, seconded by Mr James and carried.

HMRC tax January - March £60.00	Clerk's net salary January – March £240.04
G Lake Garden Maintenance £412.50	NALC Subs. £106.18
HMRC tax April - May £57.80	Clerk's net salary April – May £231.44

The following monies have been paid into the bank account:-

Recycling credit £108.89

Breckland precept and grant £1,682.08

Regarding the bottle bank, Mr Mallon offered to go and speak to the Canary & Linnet pub and ask if they would consider having the bottle bank housed on the pub's premises.

15. To discuss the renovating of the milestones

Mr Lake and Mr Sheringham will be looking at the milestones in Wendling to ascertain the quality of Mr Ford's work.

16. To receive items for next agenda

Website

17. To confirm date of next meeting

The date of the Parish Council meeting is set for Tuesday July 16th 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 8.15 p.m.

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Chairman Date