

MINUTES OF FRANSHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16TH SEPTEMBER
2014 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Mr T Lewis, Mr J Sheringham, Mr R James and Mr T Mallon

Others Present: Cllr M Kiddle-Morris, Lynsey Rush, Canary and Linnet Public House and
2 other electors

1. Welcome and to consider accepting apologies for Absence

The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting. There were apologies for absence received from Mrs J Bloomfield and Mr A Lake and these were accepted.

2. To declare any Interests re items on the agenda

There were no interests declared.

3. To confirm minutes of the meeting held on 15th July 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.

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

There were no matters to discuss.

The Chairman closed the meeting for the Public Participation Period.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

County Cllr Kiddle-Morris reported that very soon more products will be able to be put in the black bins, including glass bottles.

The Big Switch & Save is back again. Residents are invited to register their interest on saving money on utilities and there is no obligation to join.

Breckland intends to give to Parish Councils next year a grant, as was the case this year, so this can be considered when setting the precept.

A member of the public criticized Highways for leaving the grass behind, after it has been cut. The Clerk will pass on this comment to Highways. There is also a problem with large hedges on either side of the A47 being dangerous and scratching people. The Clerk will ask the Highways Rangers to trim these when they are next working in the area.

A member of the public asked if the Parish Council could buy some more dog bins and have them installed. He had heard that Breckland part fund the cost. The Clerk will check whether this is still the case.

Lynsey Rush spoke about her idea of having a shop in the Canary & Linnet public house car park. She intends to have a small shop inside the public house selling household essentials. A leaflet has been created and households in Fransham will be given a copy

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

5. To discuss Correspondence

The following mail had been received:-

Info from Shelter Solutions re bus shelters

Donation request from The Norfolk Hospice Tapping House

Donation request from Citizens Advice Bureau and Norfolk Accident Rescue Service

The donation requests will be dealt with when the precept is set.
Letter from N C C regarding the budget and priorities for 2015/2018

6. To discuss any Planning Issues

Breckland 3PL/2014/0701 Mr Robert Salmon, Hyde Hall, Gt Fransham – proposed agricultural general purpose building to store grain harvested from adjacent fields and farm implements. The Parish Council supports the application but would like to make the comment that it does not wish for it to become a co-operative grain store and wants it to stay as the application states.

Breckland 3PL/2014/0497/F Fransham Motor Co site A47, erection of 4 dwellings parking spaces & ancillary works – letter regarding previously suspended application. The Parish Council does not support this application.

7. To discuss any Highways Matters

Highways matters were discussed under Public Participation.

8 To discuss refurbishment of the village sign

The Clerk had received some information from a company called Jessica Perry and she will ask her to provide a quotation for refurbishing the village sign.

9. To discuss progress with the siting of the new notice boards

A notice board was modified and is now in place on the A47 and is ready to be used. The other 3 will go up as soon as possible.

10. To discuss progress with getting the village memorial refurbished

This project is in hand and the Parish Council is responsible for its refurbishment.

11. To discuss the renovating of the milestone

Mr Lake was going to contact Mr Ford regarding the milestone. As no-one knew whether he had or not the Clerk will find out from Mr Lake whether he has made any progress.

12. To discuss the Website

This will be deferred until November.

13. To authorize any necessary financial payments

The following financial payments were authorized:-

Glasdon £2,720.68

Internal Auditor £55.00

14. To discuss the possibility of having a Convenience Store at The Canary & Linnet Public House

Lynsey Rush from the Canary and Linnet Public House spoke about her intentions to sell groceries from the Pub and this idea was discussed with the Parish Councillors present. The Parish Council had received a letter from Mr & Mrs Daisley regarding this intention and its contents were noted.

15. To discuss the Map on the Village Hall

The Clerk will obtain a quotation from NPS Graphics and find out what the situation is regarding the remaining 5 footpath signs.

16. To consider supporting the Government initiative on improving mobile coverage in rural areas

This was discussed and Mr James wondered if it was worth trying to get together with other Parish Councillors about this matter. The Clerk will contact Cllr Kiddle-Morris to find out who would be the best people to write to regarding supporting this government initiative.

17. To discuss the A47 crossing

The local residents had aired their concerns to Mr James and the Clerk regarding the difficulties crossing the A47 so it was put on the agenda for discussion. Mr James proposed that Cllr Kiddle-Morris start the proceedings to see if anything could be done about this and this proposal was seconded by Mr Mallon and carried.

18. To receive items for next agenda

The purchasing of more dog bins

19. To confirm date of next meeting

The date of the Parish Council meeting is set for Tuesday 18th November 2014 at 7.00 p.m.

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 Date