

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

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

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

1. Welcome and to consider accepting apologies for absence

In the absence of the Chairman, Mr James, the Vice Chairman, was required to Chair the meeting. He welcomed those present to the meeting. Apologies for absence were received from Mr T Lewis 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 16th September 2014

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

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

There were no matters to discuss.

The Vice Chairman closed the meeting for the Public Participation Period.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Report from Dist Cllr Gould

Several residents signed up to the Big Switch & Save and managed to save about £50.00 a year through switching. The Local Development Plan is out for consultation now and the period finishes on January 9th. There are still grants available at Breckland through pride in Breckland.

Report from County Cllr Kiddle-Morris

Norfolk County Council will be having a meeting on December 5th and the A47 crossing will be discussed. Regarding the budget, a saving of £127m next year needs to be found. Broadband will be coming to the Tittleshall exchange but the workforce and priorities are causing a problem and Cllr Kiddle-Morris cannot say when it will come to Fransham. The B.T. website will say which exchange the village is connected to and how things are progressing.

The Clerk will contact Mr Gary Lake, the grass cutter, to ascertain whether he will be cutting the grass at both churches one more time, which is needed, or whether he has carried out the contracted number of cuts.

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

5. To discuss Correspondence

Breckland Local Plan Issue & Options Consultation from 17th November – 9th January, to be circulated around remaining Councillors for consideration of questions posed and to identify possible areas for development. The Clerk was asked to request an extension on time until January 21st for comments.

3 crimes in August, 1 was antisocial behavior in Kirkhams, 1 was criminal damage in Lime Tree Crescent and 1 was violence against another person in Lime Tree Crescent

2 crimes in September, 1 burglary in Station Drive and 1 violence against another person in Kirkhams
Copy of Clerks & Councils Direct magazine
Shelter Solutions quotation for the bus shelter

6. To discuss any Planning Issues

Breckland 3PL/2014/0701/F N E Salmon Ltd, Hyde Hall, proposed agricultural general purpose building to store grain & farm implements, planning permission received

Breckland 3PL/2014/1137 G A Warnes & Son, Litcham Road, Gt Dunham, proposed building for wood pellet storage and burner. The Parish Council supports this application.

3PN/2014/0023/UC Field House Farm, Station Road, conversion of agricultural building to 2 dwellings (permitted development). The Parish Council was not aware of this application and Mr Shringham asked the Clerk if she had been given notice about the application. She informed him she had not been made aware of it by Breckland, so he asked Dist. Cllr Gould if she would investigate why the Parish Council had not been given notice of this application.

7. To discuss any Highways Matters

The Highways Rangers will deal with the footpaths when they are next working in the parish.

8. To discuss progress regarding buying a bus shelter

It seems possible that it could be funded under the Parish Partnership scheme. The Clerk found out that WREN will not fund bus shelters. She will contact Dudgeon to try to find out when their grant monies may be available. She will also contact the Highways Agency for their view and investigate if there are likely to be any other costs involved, than the purchasing of the bus shelter.

9 To discuss refurbishment of the village sign

Scope Joiner, Colin Marsh and Fransham Forge will be sending quotations for this work. Once the quotes have been received a grant application from Pride in Breckland can be sought. This will be match funded.

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

The 4 new notice boards are now sited and being used. This issue is therefore closed.

11. To discuss progress with getting the village memorial refurbished

This has now been refurbished. This issue is therefore closed.

12. To discuss the renovating of the milestones

The Clerk had spoken to Nigel Ford and he will not be renovating the milestones. This issue is therefore closed.

13. To discuss the Website

The Clerk had learnt that the Wendling website had received about 500 hits in 6 months. This compares with about 1,000 hits a month for the Fransham site as reported in the July minutes. The Clerk was asked to inform Sapid Designs that there is a fault, as it is not possible to view the photos in the Gallery on the website and the information regarding the Police is out of date, as is the events diary.

14. To authorize financial payments

The following financial payments were authorized:-

HMRC Tax Aug/Nov £74.60 Clerk's net salary £299.01

Mr Sheringham proposed the Citizens Advice Bureau receive a donation of £50.00 and Norfolk Accident Rescue Service and The Norfolk Hospice Tapping House each receive a donation of £25.00, seconded by Mr Lake and carried.

Gary Lake invoice – 2nd payment for grass cutting £412.50

15. To set the Precept for 2015-2016

The figures prepared by the Clerk were reviewed, including a possible recharge of election costs. It was agreed that these costs could be absorbed and on a proposal by Mr Lake the precept was set at £3,000.00, seconded by Mrs Bloomfield and carried.

16. To discuss the Parish Partnership scheme for 2015/2016

This was covered under the Public Participation period.

17. To discuss the purchasing of more dog bin

The Parish Council agreed to purchase a new dog bin and the Clerk will check with the Village Hall Committee that they do not object to it being placed on the gate post at the Village Hall. Once the site has been agreed, permission will then have to be sought from Highways.

18. To discuss the Map on the Village Hall

Mr Lewis was dealing with this but he has now gone to America. The Clerk will obtain a quote for a replacement board from NPS Graphics and Mr Lake will get a quote for a replacement front for the existing board from a contact that he has.

19. To consider supporting the Gov. Initiative on improving mobile coverage in rural areas

The Clerk had contacted surrounding local Parish Councils and they did not wish to join Fransham Parish Council in supporting this initiative. This issue is therefore closed.

20. To discuss the A47 crossing

This was discussed under the Public Participation period.

21. To receive items for next agenda

The village sign Cheque signatories

22. To confirm date of next meeting

The date of the Parish Council meeting is set for Tuesday 20th January 2015 at 7.00 p.m.

The Vice Chairman thanked everyone for attending. There being no other business to discuss, the Vice Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.56 p.m.

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Vice Chairman

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Date