

MINUTES OF FRANSHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 20TH JANUARY 2015
AT 7.00 P.M. IN THE VILLAGE HALL

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

Others Present: Dist. Cllr E Gould

1. Welcome and to consider accepting apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Mr T Mallon and Mr Tom Lewis and these were accepted. Cllr M Kiddle-Morris also sent apologies for absence.

2. To declare any Interests re items on the agenda

There were no interests declared.

3. To confirm minutes of the meeting held on 18th November 2014

The minutes had been circulated and read. Mr Lake 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 November (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

She reported that residents can now use the Breckland website to report dog fouling and there is a new Dog Warden. Fly tipping can also be reported. Dance classes for youngsters will soon be starting in Litcham. Mr James mentioned that he had attended the Town and Parish Forum recently held in Swaffham and gave his comments on the evening and spoke about the Breckland Corporate Plan, giving his colleagues a copy. He said he thought the presentation was useful but felt more information should have been made available on how the plan was to be achieved and also on grants for Parish Councils.

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

5. To discuss Correspondence

Thank you letter from The Norfolk Hospice Tapping House for the donation that was sent.

Questionnaire from CPRE Norfolk regarding Light Pollution, 10 years on

Letter from Highways Agency regarding what finances were required by them for the A47 bus shelters.

Information obtained from Breckland re guidance on installation of dog bins

From NALC – copy of Norfolk Link, letter from Rural Housing Alliance regarding a new publication for Parish Councils for affordable rural housing, letter from New Anglia Growth Hub regarding new business support

Norfolk Constabulary - info on a 50/50 match funded PCSO scheme, opportunity for Chair and Clerk to have a meeting with them if required. Due to the low crime in Fransham, it was decided not to pursue this.

6. To discuss any Planning Issues

Breckland 3PL/2014/1265/F Planning Application, Mr & Mrs Lake, Flint Barn, link extension to form hall & conversion of part of garage to utility room, french doors to garden room, planning permission received *so not discussed*.

Breckland 3PL/2014/1137/F G A Warnes & Son, Field House Farm, proposed building for wood pellet storage and burner, planning permission received

Land past Top Farm, Fransham. The Clerk had received an email to say that the site visit scheduled had to be cancelled, as the applicant was not able to attend.

7. To discuss any Highways Matters

The sign post on the A47, at the top of Station Road, outside the Canary & Linnet still has not been replaced. The post holding the part pointing up Station Road, saying By Road Gt Fransham has corroded almost completely through at the bottom, leaving the sign at a dangerous angle. So the Clerk will chase up Highways about this. They will be told it is a health and safety issue, as it could hurt someone if it flies off.

There is grass encroaching on the footpath alongside the A47, opposite the Canary & Linnett from Station Road, westwards, making it difficult, particularly for the disabled with walking aids and it needs cutting back. The Clerk will ask Highways to deal with this.

There is a bush growing through the centre of the above footpath, at the western end, which needs uprooting to stop it coming up each year and blocking the path. The Clerk will tell Highways about this problem.

Cllr Gould was asked if she knew about any proposals to dual the A47 at Fransham but she said she did not know of any.

Mr Sheringham reported the work on the footpath signs is all finished now.

8. To discuss progress regarding buying a bus shelter

A letter had been received from the Highways Agency and this asked for an upfront payment of £2,500.00. The Clerk asked the Agency if it would be permitted to use Shelter Solutions to install the bus shelter, but to date has not had a reply, so this will be chased.

9 To discuss refurbishment of the village sign

The Clerk had received 2 quotes, one from Scope Joinery Ltd for £1,385.00 and one from C Marsh Builders Ltd for £582.00. The sign will need to be bead blasted and it was unclear whether the quote from C Marsh included this, so the Clerk will check. She will also find out what sort of paint he would use. A quotation from Fransham Forge via Mr Mallon was still awaited.

10. To discuss speed flashing signs

The Clerk informed the Parish Council that Little Dunham Parish Council are considering buying a SAM2 speed flashing sign and she was asked to enquire whether Fransham Parish Council would like to share the cost and use of it. As the Parish Council does not consider there is a major speeding problem, they do not wish to share the cost and use, so the Clerk will inform Little Dunham Parish Council to that effect.

11. To authorize financial payments

Mr James proposed the following financial payments be authorized, seconded by Mrs Bloomfield and carried:-

HMRC Clerk's Tax for Dec./Jan. £48.20 Clerk's net salary Dec./Jan. £192.80

Currently only Mr Sheringham and Mr Lake are signatories for the current bank account, so the Clerk had obtained the relevant form from Barclays Bank to add Mr James, Mrs Bloomfield and Mr Mallon onto the list. She gave Mr James the form and they will each visit the bank, taking I.D. if they are not currently customers of Barclays.

12. To discuss the purchasing of more dog bins

The Clerk was asked to check with Breckland that they would empty a third dog bin, if it was purchased and in place. Currently they empty two in Fransham. The subject of where to site it will be discussed at a Village Hall Committee meeting soon.

13. To discuss the Map on the Village Hall

The Clerk had forwarded onto the Vice Chairman the email she had received from NPS Group stating a green back would cost £110.00 and a clear front also £110.00, making £220.00 in total. After some discussion it was decided to use the existing back, which is undamaged, and make a new cover for it at a total estimated cost of £100.00. This idea was proposed by Mr Lake and seconded by Mr Sheringham and carried.

14. To discuss Crime and Policing

There were no reported crimes during the months of November and December. The Clerk is still waiting to be sent photos for the website of Police Officers covering Fransham parish. She will chase up when the photos will be received.

15. To receive items for next agenda

Quotation for Grass Cutting for 2014 - 2015

16. To confirm dates of meetings for 2015

The dates of Parish Council meetings during 2015 were set as follows:-

17 th March at 7.00 p.m.	12 th May at 7.00 p.m. (this will be preceded at 6.30 p.m. by the Annual Parish Meeting)	
21 st July at 7.00 p.m.	17 th September at 7.00 p.m.	17 th November 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 8.04 p.m.

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Vice Chairman

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Date