

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 26TH MAY 2015
AT 6.30 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Mr James Sheringham, Mr Tom Lewis (Chairman of the Parish Council), Mr Andrew Lake, Mr Russell James, Mr Tony Mallon, **Mrs Lynsey Rush, Mr Colin Horsley** and Mrs G Hubbard, Clerk

1. Welcome and to accept apologies for absence

Mr Lewis welcomed those present to the meeting. Apologies for absence were received from County Cllr M Kiddle-Morris and Dist Cllr Elizabeth Gould.

2. To confirm and accept minutes of 20th May 2014

Mr James proposed the minutes, which had been circulated, be signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting, seconded by Mr Sheringham, and carried, so Mr Lewis signed the minutes.

3. To report on any matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising.

4. To receive reports from District Councillor and County Councillor

Dist Cllr Gould and County Cllr Kiddle-Morris had both sent quite full reports to the Clerk. She read out both reports to those present and the reports will be attached to the minutes.

5. To receive report from the Chairman

The main points of the Chairman's report were:-

The Parish Council decided the purchasing of another dog bin would be useful but the siting of it is proving difficult but hopefully will be rectified at some time soon.

The purchasing of the bus shelter is a project that is still under negotiation.

The footpath signs are now installed in the various locations around the village.

The board housing the map on the Village Hall wall has been renovated and thanks to the Parish Council members for sorting that out.

Four new notice boards were purchased and sited and thanks to everyone that helped with this project.

Lastly, thanks to the Vice Chairman for dealing with Parish Council matters whilst I was out of the country.

6. To receive any other reports available

The Church report was delivered by Mr Sheribgham. The main points were-

Fransham P.C.C. thanked the Parish Council for their support regarding the cutting of the grass at the church years. Little and Great Fransham Churches are open all the year, with a regular monthly Family Service at Little Fransham. Thanks to the parishioners who have supported the P.C.C. with cleaning and maintenance and floral displays in both churches. The aim is to keep the churches open, maintained and used by all. The Harvest Festival will be at Little Fransham Church on 4th October at 10.30 a.m. The Christmas Carol Service is at Great Fransham Church on 13th December at 10.30 a.m. and all services are in the Parish Magazine. The Fransham Charity has distributed 12 cash grants to beneficiaries within the two Parishes.

The Village Hall Committee report was prepared by Addie Granville and read out by the Clerk.
The main points were:-

The Village Hall is healthy financially and in a respectable condition,
The Fete was successful with Pimms. Beers. B.B.Q., teas and coffees, Bouncy Castle, Coconut Shy, Tug of War and games borrowed from Breckland Council's Village Games department. The event raised £500.00.

The Harvest Supper was successful, due to an excellent caterer and well supported.
There was coffee after the Christmas Service in St Mary's and this year there was a Spring Supper and new village arrivals were welcomed. On July 24th there will be the Fete.

The Committee would like to improve the grass/gravel areas but at the moment deal with weed killing, grass cutting and keeping the hall in good condition. The full report will be attached to the minutes.

Harriet Cockell, President of Fransham W.I, prepared a report and it was read out by the Clerk of the Parish Council,

The main points were:-

Cathy has left the Committee but will still organise the main fund raiser, the raffle.
Monthly meetings have a speaker and below show how interesting the meetings are.

Simon White from Beales Roses, The History of Hartleys Jam, An Olympic Gamesmaker, Cold War Soldering, Keeping Children Safe, The work and travels of Peter Reddish (late of Beetley), Lachasse Fashion House, Women in the Gambia, Ladies' wigs (especially following chemo.), The travels of Di Walthew, A history of embroidery from Lesley Jones and Richard James on the history of R.A.F. Marham.

The quilting group is so oversubscribed that a splinter group has been formed. A mini exhibition of the embroiderers and quilters' work took place in January, as did showing work from the art group. Some members are investigating the village history and it is hoped it will become an appendage to the village website. Apart from monthly meetings, there is an extra outing on a monthly basis to a place of interest. We lost two members and gained four new ones.

The Christmas dinner was provided by Barbara and musical entertainment was provided by Ken Tarling from Necton. The summer social event this year will be in Kerry's garden in Dereham.

Tracy Richards has joined the committee and Jane Harding has been co-opted with a view to taking over as President in November.

The full report will be attached to the minutes.

The Clerk had received a report from Norfolk Constabulary stating throughout the year there had been 15 crimes committed in total and this figure was 10 less than last year.

The crimes were 4 non crime offences that needed reporting, 2 burglaries to dwellings, 1 burglary from a shed or outbuilding, 2 criminal damage crimes, 1 drugs offence crime, 1 fraud and forgery, 1 theft and 3 crimes of violence.

7. To discuss any future village plans

There was some discussion about trying to get a zebra crossing on the main road and those present were informed that this subject had been raised and Cllr Kiddle-Morris was looking at this idea.

The refurbishment of the village sign is a future plan.

There was some discussion regarding making better use of the grass at the back of the village hall and Mr Lewis volunteered to produce a questionnaire for residents of the village to try and gauge their thoughts on this subject.

8. To discuss Parish Council Accounts for year ending 31st March 2015

The Clerk gave a brief summary of the draft accounts to those present. She explained where the income came from that went into the bank account, she spoke about the payments made throughout the year and how much money the bank account had in it as of 31st March 2015.

9. To discuss any other business

The idea of purchasing a defibrillator was discussed so the First Responder, Mr Jon Cragie, will be invited to attend the next Parish Council meeting. Mr Lewis offered to go and visit him and invite him to this meeting.

The Clerk will look into how to get the Bottle Recycling Bank moved from it's present position to the car park at The Canary & Linnett Public House.

10. To confirm date and time of next Annual Parish meeting

The date of the next meeting was set for May 3rd 2016 at 6.30 p.m.

As there was no further business to discuss, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.23 p.m.

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Chairman

Date