

DRAFT MINUTES OF FRANSHAM PARISH COUNCIL'S MEETING HELD ON 7TH JULY 2015
AT 7.00 P.M. IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Mr J Sheringham, Mr R James, Mr A Lake, Mrs Lynsey Rush and Mr
Colin Horsley

1. Welcome and to consider accepting apologies for absence

Mr James welcomed those present to the meeting. Apologies were received from Mr T Lewis and Mr T Mallon and these were accepted.

Apologies for absence were also received from County Cllr M Kiddle-Morris.

2. To co-opt Lynsey Rush and Colin Horsley onto the Parish Council

Mr Lake proposed Mrs Lynsey Rush and Mr Colin Horsley be co-opted onto the Parish Council, seconded by Mr Sheringham and carried. Mrs Rush and Mr Horsley accepted the positions. They both signed the Declaration of Acceptance forms. They will receive the Interest forms and a copy of the Code of Conduct in due course. The Clerk was asked to purchase some copies of the Good Councillor Guide.

3. To declare any Interests re items on the agenda

There were no interests declared.

4. To confirm minutes of the meeting held on 26th May 2015

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.

5. To discuss any matters from the minutes of May (not on the agenda).

Mr Lewis had asked Mr James, in his absence, to report on the question of using the village hall field for recreational activities such as cricket. There was little interest from the village hall committee but there was the possibility of indoor bowls if money could be found for the mat. Mrs Rush mentioned the possibility of a children's play area and will look into this further.

The First Responder is away at the moment but he will be asked to attend the September meeting.

6. To discuss Correspondence

The following mail had been received:-

Letter of introduction from Colin Horsley

Letter of personal profile from Lynsey Rush

Copy of Clerks & Councils direct magazine

Police report – 3 crimes committed during the month of May. There was a problem with the police.uk website, so the Clerk was not able to obtain any more information on the crimes.

7. To discuss any Planning Issues

3PL/2015/0633/F Mr S Tucker, Thatch Cottage, Station Road, Gt Fransham – change of use of land from agricultural to householder and erection of timber sectional garage. The Parish Council does not object to this application.

3AG/2015/0010/AG Mr Sharpin, land north of Gt Fransham, Station Rd., erection of a steel framed dutch barn. The Clerk was asked to find out what the situation is with this application.

8. To discuss any Highways Matters

The pathway from opposite Crown Lane to opposite the Canary & Linnet pub has a problem because there is a lot of litter and brambles that need attention, especially around the phone box. The idea of another litter picking day was discussed. These have been arranged in the past and Mr Lewis will be contacted to see if this can be arranged.

The Clerk mentioned that Great Dunham is interested in purchasing a SAM flashing speeding sign and the Parish Council there wanted to know if Fransham Parish Council would be interested in joining them with this purchase. Through the Parish Partnership Scheme Norfolk County Council would pay 75% of the cost and the Parish Council 25% of the cost, which would be split between the two Parishes. The cost of a Sam sign is nearly £4,000.00. If N.C.C. paid £3,000.00 the remaining £1,000.00 would amount to £500.00 to each Parish Council. This will be an item for discussion in September.

The problem of speeding along the A47 was discussed and the Clerk was asked to contact the Police and see if they can visit the Parish and carry out speed checks with a speed gun.

9. To discuss refurbishment of the village sign

The Clerk has filled in and sent off the grant application form to Breckland and has informed Fransham Forge that once the funds have been obtained, the Parish Council would like this local business to carry out the work of refurbishing the sign.

10. To discuss the A47 crossing

This problem was discussed and it was thought a letter of support from Cllr Kiddle-Morris, Cllr Gould and George Freeman M.P. was necessary. These will be requested.

11. To authorize financial payments

The Parish Council authorized the following financial transactions:-

NALC insurance £295.96 The Chairman requested that at the next meeting the Parish Councillors produce a list of the assets they think the Parish Council holds.

Clerk's holiday pay April 2014 – March 2015 £180.75 Fransham Village Hall hire costs £120.00

Payment from HMRC of £487.61 has been received for VAT claimed back.

12 To discuss the Clerk's yearly increment

Mr Horsley proposed the Clerk's hourly rate be raised to £12.75 per hour, seconded by Mrs Rush and carried by the Council. This rate will be fixed for 2 years.

13. To discuss the purchasing of another dog bin

The idea of putting a new dog bin in the lay-by did not get the support of Breckland Council, so the Clerk was asked to find out if it would object to the bin being installed on the wall of the village hall.

14. To discuss renovation of the milestones

This will be adjourned until the September meeting.

15. To receive items for next agenda

Milestones

Update on play park idea

Asset list

Update on dog bin situation

Update on village sign refurb funding

A47 crossing

Planning – Mr Sharpin

16. To confirm date and time of next meeting

The date of the next Parish Council meeting will be Tuesday 15th September at 7.00 p.m.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending. There being no other business to discuss, he declared the meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

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Chairman

Date