

DRAFT MINUTES OF FRANSHAM PARISH COUNCIL'S MEETING HELD ON 29TH SEPTEMBER 2015 AT 7.00 P.M. IN THE VILLAGE HALL

**Present:** Mr J Sheringham, Mr A Lake, Mrs Lynsey Rush, Mr T Mallon and Mr Colin Horsley

**Others Present:** County Cllr M Kiddle-Morris

**1. To appoint a Chairman for the meeting**

Mr Lake proposed Mr Sheringham chair the meeting, this proposal was seconded by Mrs Rush and carried.

**1. Welcome and to consider accepting apologies for absence**

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

Apologies for absence were also received from Dist. Cllr E Gould.

**2. To declare any Interests re items on the agenda**

Mr Mallon declared a Personal Interest in item no, 7, Planning

**3. To confirm minutes of the meeting held on July 7th 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 Horsley and carried by the Council.

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

There were no matters arising.

Mr Sheringham suspended the meeting for the Public Participation period.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Cllr Kiddle-Morris gave his report and spoke about the following factors:-

An Extra-Ordinary meeting took place on 7<sup>th</sup> September at Norfolk County Council and the £30,000,000 projected overspend was consulted upon. The Highways Improvement fund will be cut and the rural roads will suffer. Small jobs that would have cost £100,000 will not be done. The Government wants to devolve powers and give certain powers to certain Councils but there could be some amalgamation of some Councils. Local Government will change over the next 3-4 years.

The Norwich Northern Distribution Road is a 20km dual carriageway planned to run from A47 Postwick to the A1067 north of Taverham. It is expected to start before the end of October and the main construction before the end of March 2016.

Regarding the A47 and the letter he was asked to send, he suggested some evidence be gathered regarding this crossing. He thought it would be a good idea to create a 'Want List' from residents and present it to Highways England.

Because of budget cuts, the grass verges are not going to be cut.

Mr Sheringham suspended the Public Participation period and resumed the Parish Council meeting.

**5. To discuss some Parish Councillors and the Clerk having a key to the Village Hall**

Mr Lake proposed that the Clerk make contact with Mr Taylor, the Booking Clerk, regarding gaining access to the Hall, when needed for a meeting, seconded by Mrs Rush and carried. Mr Lake explained that the Village Hall Committee have a policy of not issuing keys to organisations that wish to use the hall.

**6. To discuss Correspondence**

The following mail had been received:-

Police report 5 crimes in June – 1 Other, 1 non dwelling burglary, 2 Theft, 1 Violence against another person

Police report 2 crimes in July – 2 Violence against another person

Police report 1 crime in August – 1 Theft

Copy of Clerks & Councils direct magazine

Donation request from CAB and The Norfolk Hospice Tapping House. The Parish Council decided to give a £50.00 donation to each of the organisations.

Letter from Mr Bob Jenkins re provision of Broadband Services. The Clerk will write to Mr Jenkins and inform him that the Parish Council is looking into using WiSpire and will keep him updated.

**7. To discuss any Planning Issues**

Breckland 3AG/2015/0010/AG Mr R Sharpin, Land north of Gt Fransham, Station Road, erection of steel framed dutch barn, notice stating no prior approval is required.

Breckland 3PL/2015/0633/F Mr S Tucker, Thatch Cottage, extension of residential cartilage & erection of 3 bay garage. Planning permission has been received.

Breckland 3PL/2015/0829/.F Mr S Low, Lyndhurst Cottage, remove conservatory and erect ground floor extension and 1<sup>st</sup> floor alterations. Planning permission has been received

Breckland 3PL/2015/0861/.F Greenbanks Hotel, Main Road, extension of existing holiday unit (part retrospective), the Parish Council had no objections to this planning application.

Breckland 3PL/2015/1098/.F Old Hall, Main Road, installation of up to 30KW of ground mounted solar PV, the Parish Council had no objections to this planning application.

**8. To discuss any Highways Matters**

The Clerk had been contacted by Great Dunham Parish Council regarding the over-hanging trees down Station Road, heading towards Great Dunham. The Parish Council asked the Clerk to contact Norfolk County Council and request they look into the problem.

There is a blocked culvert in Great Fransham, it is opposite Church Farm at the bottom end of The Old Rectory. Highways will be notified. Also on the Bradenham Road there is a blocked ditch. It is between the Lynes Green Corner and the Fransham sign on the right.

**9. To discuss update regarding the refurbishment of the village sign**

The Parish Council will be receiving £400.00 from Breckland Council next week through the Pride in Breckland Fund and the Parish Council will pay the remaining £100.00. Fransham Forge will be requested to start the work as soon as they can.

Mrs Rush is investigating the land behind Glebe Close with the idea of it becoming a play park area. The houses belong to Peddars Way and she will continue with the investigations.

**11. To discuss the A47 crossing**

This subject was covered under the Public Participation period.

**12. To authorize financial payments**

Mr Horsley proposed the following financial transactions be authorised for payment, seconded by Mr Mallon and carried:-

- The Norfolk Hospice Tapping House £50.00 C.A.B. £50.00
- Breckland invoice for uncontested elections £75.0 HMRC tax April – September £153.00
- Clerk’s salary April – September £612.00 Internal auditor’s invoice £60.00
- NALC – booklets £6.00

Precept payment of £1,500.00 received from Breckland Council and a Grant of £182.08

**13. To discuss delegating authority to the Chairman for a spend up to £100.00**

Mr Lake proposed the Chairman be delegated authority for a spend up to £100.00, seconded by Mrs Rush and carried.

**14 To discuss the Parish Council asset list**

The Clerk will email the list she currently holds and it will be amended as necessary at the next meeting.

**15. To receive update on the dog bin situation**

Breckland will not give permission for the dog bin to be placed on the Village Hall Wall. The Clerk had been contacted by Scooper Dooper, a company which installs and empties dog bins. The cost is £2.50 per empty carried out, whereas Serco do not charge. The Clerk will organise a meeting between Mr James and a Breckland representative to try to agree on a suitable location.

**16. To discuss renovation of the milestones**

This will be an item for the next agenda.

**17. To receive items for next agenda**

- To discuss amendments to the Standing Orders
- To discuss renovation of the milestones
- To discuss the Parish Council asset list

**18. To confirm date and time of next meeting – November 17th at 7.00 p.m.**

The date of the next Parish Council meeting will be Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00 p.m. Mr Sheringham 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