

**DRAFT MINUTES OF FRANSHAM PARISH COUNCIL'S MEETING HELD ON 15TH MARCH 2016 AT 7.00 P.M. IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

**Present:** Mr J Sheringham, Mrs L Rush, Mr R James, Mr T Mallon, Mr C Horsley and Mr A Lake

**Others Present:** 2 Electors, Mr Nigel Tompkins, Dist. Cllr E Gould and County Cllr M Kiddle-Morris

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

Mr James welcomed those present to the meeting. No apologies for absence were received. Mr T Lewis had stated he would attend but he did not.

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

Mrs Rush and Mr Horsley both declared a Personal interest in Planning, as they both know Mr Shuart.

**3. To confirm minutes of the meeting held on January 18th**

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 Mrs Rush and carried by the Council.

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

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

Mr James suspended the meeting for the Public Participation period.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Presentation from Mr N Tompkins. He spoke briefly about the Dudgeon Offshore Wind Farm project and stated that tomorrow building on the sea will start. The weather has prevented works going to plan and jobs are running behind schedule. A mess has been made, which will be put right. Work will continue well into the next calendar year. Top soil is to be put back. It is costing £1.4b sterling. There is a complex landscaping plan to be carried out and a screen to hide the substation will be created. The first 3 years of funding will go towards community projects. He suggested the Fransham Parish Council clerk talk to the Necton Parish Council clerk to find out what they did regarding getting their bus shelters funded. The substation will be fenced and there will be no regular maintenance traffic or activity to cause disturbance, but if unauthorised entry takes place, it will light up and the Police will visit. Mr Tompkins was informed that Dudgeon's contractors had caused damage in the Canary & Linnet pub car park and that the road signage needed urgent attention. The Chairman asked Mr Tompkins if he would take action on these and other matters raised, which he agreed to do. He was thanked for his attendance and presentation.

Cllr Kiddle-Morris reported that NCC has set its council tax at the end of February and it will be raised to 3.99%. 1.99% is the general council tax increase but due to the ageing population 2% will be ring fenced for adult care. This situation will probably continue until 2020. Regarding Devolution, 23 local councils are talking to the Government about this subject. 22 out of 23 have signed up to progress further. The situation is changing by the day and no-one knows what the

deal will be but there has to be an elected Mayor and they will be the central point of contact. In some areas the Mayor is also the Crime & Police Commissioner. Regarding the A47 crossing

problem, Cllr Kiddle-Morris and Cllr Gould have jointly written a letter of support to Highways England.

Cllr Gould reported that Breckland received 2,600 responses regarding the Local Plan. Breckland has released some money to build 62 affordable houses. There is a fund available for Sport and Play. The EU Referendum is taking place on 23<sup>rd</sup> June. The problem of the dog bin was discussed and Cllr Gould felt the situation had gone on a long time. Mr Gerry Taylor asked for a progress report on the provision of an additional dog bin. The Chairman explained that getting Breckland to agree allocation had been problematic and the Clerk explained that she had been in regular contact with Steve Hitchman. Cllr Gould asked to be sent his contact details and suggested that if similar problems occurred in the future, that she be asked to step in.

A resident present questioned why Mr Gary Lake did not carrying out any grass strimming and he was told Mr Lake does not get paid to do that work. The Clerk was asked to contact Mr Lake and ask him to cut up to the hedges and go up to the boundaries as near as he can in future.

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

#### **5. To discuss Correspondence**

The following mail had been received:-

Copy of Clerks & Councils direct magazine

Breckland competition for children to design a poster for smoke free areas

#### **6. To receive the Crime and Policing Report**

No crimes had been reported.

#### **7. To discuss any Planning Issues**

Letter from Breckland ref 3PL/2015/1419 Mr Hurn & Mrs Williams, annexe at Church Farm, Station Rd, plus copy of 2006 application

3PL/2015/0837/F The Old Post Office, Main Road, Fransham, erection of 2 dwellings & detached double garages, refusal of outline planning permission received.

3PL/2015/1299/O Mr C Shuart, Homestead, Main Road, Fransham, erection of 2 dwellings, refusal of planning permission received.

3PL/2015/1492/F Greenbanks Hotel, Main Road, Fransham, extension & alterations to form caretaker's residence (part retrospective) planning permission received.

#### **8. To discuss Highways Matters**

Mr Mallon requested the Highways Dept. be contacted regarding the Bradenham Road. Pipes are blocked at Love Lane, blocked drains and lack of tarmac. There are also other problems in the parish, down the Dereham Lane and Cranes Corner. He offered to meet the Highways people on site.

#### **9. To receive an update on the play park idea**

This idea has not moved forward at the moment. The Parish Council ideally needs a piece of land, so an article will go into the Church & Village magazine, onto the website and posters will be put on the notice boards, to see if anyone in the village is in a position to willingly donate a piece of land for this play park idea.

#### **10. To discuss the A47 crossing**

This will be an item for the May agenda

**11. To authorize financial payments**

A letter has been received from Barclays confirming new signatory arrangements now in place.

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

- Clerk’s net salary February – March £204.00
- HMRC Tax February – March £51.00
- Gary Lake Grounds Maintenance £412.50
- Fransham Village Hall (keys) £19.50
- Fransham Village Hall (hall hire Dec. 2014 – Nov. 2015) £120.00
- Clerk’s end of year expenses £232.58

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

The Clerk will contact Nigel Ford to find out if he can undertake this work or can perhaps recommend someone who will.

**13. To discuss the website situation - quotation from Sapid Designs**

Quotation from Sapid Designs for the period 1.6.2016 – 31.5.2018 for £120.00.

The quotation was accepted by the Parish Council and the Clerk will inform Sapid Designs that this is the case.

**14. To discuss the information needed for Bus Shelters funding**

The Clerk was asked to go and have a meeting with the Necton Parish Council clerk to ascertain what exactly they did regarding getting their funding.

**15. To discuss installing a litter/dog bin at the village hall**

**Already discussed**

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

- Election of the Chairman and Vice Chairman
- To adopt the end of year accounts
- To discuss the Village Sign
- To discuss the future Dudgeon Project Funding
- To discuss training for the Defibrillator
- To discuss the A47 crossing

**17. To confirm date and time of meeting**

The date of the next Parish Council meeting will be Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00 p.m. This will be preceded at 6.30 p.m.by the Annual Parish meeting.

Mr James thanked everyone for attending. There being no other business to discuss, he declared the meeting closed at 8.26 p.m.

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Chairman

Date