

MINUTES OF FRANSHAM PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON 16TH MAY 2017 AT 7.00 P.M. IN THE VILLAGE HALL

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

Others Present: County Cllr M Kiddle-Morris

1. Welcome and to consider accepting apologies for absence

Dist Cllr E Gould sent apologies for absence.

2. To elect the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Parish Council for the forthcoming year

Mr Sheringham proposed Mr James for the position of Chairman of the Parish Council for the forthcoming year, seconded by Mr Lake. There were no other nominations so the proposal was carried. Mr James signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office form. He said he needed someone else to take the lead on the Bus Shelter project and Mr Lake agreed to this.

Mr James proposed Mr Lake for the position of Vice Chairman of the Parish Council, seconded by Mr Sheringham. There were no other nominations so the proposal was carried.

3. To consider co-opting Mr G Taylor onto the Parish Council

Mr Taylor was not present, nor had he written to the Clerk, so this co-option was not possible. It will go onto the July agenda.

4. To declare any Interests re items on the agenda

There were no interests declared.

5. To confirm minutes of the meeting held on March 21st

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 and carried by the Council.

6. To discuss any matters from the minutes of March (not on the agenda)

There were no matters arising.

7. To discuss any progress with fulfilling the seventh vacancy

Mr Sheringham will be speaking to a resident who he thinks might be interested in becoming a Parish Councillor.

8. To discuss Correspondence

No correspondence had been received.

9. To receive the Crime and Policing Report

There had been a burglary in Lime Tree Crescent since March.

10. To discuss any Planning Issues

Vattenfall Wind Power Ltd. (2 wind farms). There will be an Open Meeting taking place in July and another consultation document will be produced.

Letter from CPRE England regarding opposing damage to new housing targets. This had been circulated and the Parish Council decided to take no action.

11. To discuss Highways Matters

Although there are signs on the A47 stating the road is bumpy, nothing is done to deal with the problem and it is constantly reported. Some work was done on Love Lane and Crown Lane. A few pot holes have been filled in but there are still some that have not been dealt with yet. Also gullies need unblocking.

12. To authorize finance payments

Mr Lake proposed the following financial payments be authorized, seconded by Mr Sheringham and carried:-

Clerk's net salary for April & May £204.00 HMRC Tax for April & May £51.00
Village Hall (hall hire for meetings) £120.00

13. To adopt the end of year accounts, the annual return and the Annual Governance statement

The accounts were discussed and some entries clarified. Mr Lake proposed they be adopted, seconded by Mr Sheringham and carried.

14. To receive update on the bus shelter project

This is an ongoing project and Mr Rayner from Norfolk Community Foundation is kept up to date with what is happening. A meeting will be taking place shortly between Mr James and a representative of Highways England.

15. To discuss the War Memorial at Little Fransham Church, St Mary's

This will no longer be put n the agenda. Information had been obtained regarding grants for refurbishing War Memorials but it does not need refurbishing.

15. To discuss the state of the Notice Boards

Mr Lake reported he had cleaned the notice boards. A new lock will be ordered for the main road notice board as it will no longer lock properly. There still needs to be something put in place leading up to the notice board near Station Drive, as it is on a slope.

16. To receive items for next agenda

Co-opting Mr G Taylor onto the Parish Council
Vattenfall Wind Power Ltd.
Date change for September meeting
Zurich Insurance payment £167.44

17. To confirm date and time of next meeting

The date of the Parish Council meeting is set for Tuesday July 18th at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall. The Chairman thanked everyone for attending. There being no other business to discuss, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.09 p.m.

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