

FRANSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Fransham Parish Council held at 7.00pm in the Village Hall on Tuesday 18th September 2018.

Present: Cllr Andrew Lake (Vice-Chair)
Cllr James Sheringham
Cllr Gerry Taylor
Cllr Emma Spratt
Cllr Brian Drewitt

County Cllr Mark Kiddle-Morris
Sheryl Irving (Clerk)

Three members of the public.

In the absence of the Chairman, Cllr Russell James, Cllr Andrew Lake took the chair.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllr Russell James and District Cllr Elizabeth Gould.

2. To approve the co-option of a new member of the council.

Cllr Taylor proposed that Brian Drewitt be co-opted onto the council, this was seconded by Cllr Sheringham and agreed by Council. Cllr Drewitt duly signed his acceptance of office form and the Chairman welcomed him to the Council.

3. To receive any declarations of interest.

There were none received.

4. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 17th July 2018.

Cllr Spratt proposed the minutes be accepted as a true record, this was seconded by Cllr Taylor and agreed by Council. The Chairman duly signed the minutes.

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

There were no matters to discuss.

6. County/District Councillor reports.

C/Cllr Kiddle- Morris gave the following report:

The council tax for 2019/20 is now being reconsidered although a four year deal had been agreed last year, with a 2% increase expected next year. However, it now appears that government will not approve another 3% increase for adult social care and there could be a £95M deficit in the next two years.

The consultation period in respect of the Police and Crime Commissioner's bid to take control of the Fire Service has now closed. The County Council are unanimous in their opposition to this and the Secretary of State would make the final decision. A similar bid in another county has not been successful and Council are waiting to see if the Commissioner will go ahead with his bid.

The Chairman thanked the C/Clr for his input.

7. Open Forum for Public Participation.

A member of the public spoke in favour of the planning application 3PL/2018/1019/CU and confirmed that the Council's previous concerns had been addressed in this second application.

A member of the public raised concerns regarding blocked ditches once obstructions had been cleared by the Council. The C/Clr confirmed that County Council policy was that spoil is not removed as it is classed as contaminated waste.

Concerns were also raised about the state of the new trod due to both the surface material and waste left after construction. The C/Clr will carry out an inspection and discuss with Highways. The member of the public volunteered to try and keep it clear and he was thanked by the Council.

Information was also given regarding the possible owner of the land on Station Road with the overgrown hedge, this information will be followed up with Highways.

8. To report any progress regarding the parish councillor vacancies.

Following the co-option of Cllr Drewitt, there remains one vacancy. No further volunteers have yet come forward.

9. To receive a Crime & Policing report.

In the absence of Cllr James, there was no report.

10. To receive an update in respect of the Breckland Local Plan.

C/Clr Kiddle-Morris reported that there has been a delay and the Local Plan is unlikely to be adopted until March 2019.

11. Planning Issues.

a) New Applications:

- 3PL/2018/0996/O - Land off Crown Lane (Adjacent No. 6 Council Houses) - residential development including the erection of 5 detached dwellings, garages and new access onto Crown Lane with formation of agricultural access onto Crown Lane – Council had no objection to the scheme but the following concerns were raised:
 - i. Increased level of traffic using Crown Lane which is a single-track road used by lots of large vehicles.
 - ii. The access to the plot is sited close to a sharp bend with limited visibility.
 - iii. Increased traffic levels at the junction to the A47.

- iv. The loss of a ditch in an area which is already prone to flooding.
- v. The loss of hedgerows – reinstatement of hedgerows should be a condition of any permission.
- 3PL/2018/1019/CU - Plot off Station Road, Great Fransham - change of use of Barn/Store to one contemporary residential dwelling – the Council’s previous concerns had been addressed and there were no objections to the application.

b) Decisions Due:

- 3PL/2018/0459/O - Residential Development (amended scheme) - Land at Kirkhams Meadow, Little Fransham – Council noted that the application had been refused.
- 3PL/2018/0664/O – Erection of 4 dwellings with associated parking, Land adjacent Main Road, Little Fransham – Council noted that the application had been approved.
- 3/PL/2018/0642/O – outline application for the erection of up to ten dwellings with associated parking – Top Farm, Main Road, Little Fransham – Council noted that the application had been approved.

c) To discuss any other planning issues.

There were no other planning issues.

12. Highway Matters.

a) To receive an update on the trod at Station Road.

There continued to be concerns regarding the trod and it was agreed to request a site meeting with the Highways Engineer.

b) To receive updates in respect of issues previously reported:

- Station Road Hedge (owner unknown) – being progressed.
- Bridleway at Great Fransham – being progressed.
- Hedge at Lyndhurst Cottage – the Council are due back to take out the remainder of the hedge.

c) To consider any new highway issues.

The high number of Roger Warnes lorries using Station Road was raised once again and it was agreed to monitor the situation following the improvements due to be made to the advised route via Little Dunham.

13. To receive a report on the Bus Shelter Project.

Cllr Lake reported that he continued to press Highways England who had now raised concerns regarding DDA compliance. However, the County Council had confirmed that this compliance is not required.

14. To receive a report in respect of the Proposed Vattenfall Offshore Wind Farm.

C/Cllr Kiddle-Morris reported that the consultation period has now closed and a hearing is the next stage of the process. It is unlikely that a decision will be made prior to 2020.

15. To receive an update in respect of the Village Hall.

There was nothing to report.

16. Financial Matters.

a) To receive a financial report for the year ending 31st March 2019.

The Council noted the report.

b) To appoint an internal auditor for the year ending 31st March 2019.

CLlr Taylor proposed that the internal auditor who carried out the inspection in the previous financial year be appointed once again at a cost of £25, this was seconded by CLlr Spratt and agreed by Council.

c) To consider support for the Clerk's CiLCA training.

CLlr Taylor proposed financial support for the training at a cost of £145.60, this was seconded by CLlr Sheringham and agreed by Council.

d) To approve cheques for payment.

Council approved the following payments:

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| • Clerk – Salary/Allowance – Aug/Sept 18 | £183.64 |
| • HMRC | £17.80 |
| • Citizens Advice Bureau | £50.00 (see below). |

17. Correspondence for circulation.

(correspondence received after the agenda has been published will be circulated at the meeting)

- Donation Request from Citizens Advice Bureau – Council approved a donation of £50.00 to the Citizens Advice Bureau.
- Norfolk Constabulary Newsletter – August 2018 – noted.
- Battle's Over – a commemoration of WW1 – CLlr Drewitt volunteered to attend on behalf of the Council and read out the names of the Fransham fallen.

18. To receive any items for the next meeting.

There were no new items for the next meeting. A member of the public raised the issue of the pavements in Lime Tree Crescent where a lorry had fallen through a manhole.

19. To confirm the date of the next meeting of Fransham Parish Council which will be held on Tuesday 20th November 2018 in the Village Hall at 7.00pm.

The date was noted.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Signed:

Date:
