

FRAMPTON ON SEVERN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 1st OCTOBER 2014

The Chairman advised that the Clerk was unable to be present and explained the reason. Cllrs unanimously agreed the Vice Chair should take Minutes for the meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH UPDATE

Mr Jim Turpy reported that The Valleys & Vale NW Association had met and have formed a Committee. He had been appointed Treasurer. He said that Police notifications, warnings and requests for information are relayed to all interested householders; although feedback is seldom received either from individuals or from the Police when a reported issue is solved. Some NW areas have expressed an interest in forming 'Cluster Groups' but it is not definite this will proceed.

A number of Co-ordinators meet with the Police quarterly to discuss and agree requests or suggestions for policing priorities. However, we have few suggestions from individuals in the village and these mostly are about speeding or parking, rather than crime prevention.

At the last meeting, we were informed that the Severnside Policing Area had been merged with Berkeley Vale, and we were invited to put forward an independent Chair for the Panel – this would no longer be done by the Police. It was decided to raise this matter at the next Severn Voice meeting. Meanwhile, the policing priorities decided were:

- Safe parking around local schools, paying particular attention to Frampton Primary
- Advise and enforce cyclists riding on pavements / roads at night without lights
- Promote proper use of the left turn sign onto the A38 at Whitminster

FRAMPTON REMEMBERS WW1

Ms Rose Hewlett

Firstly Ms Hewlett informed the meeting that she was following up on the Greycroft petition with Stroud District Council and had been told they were still awaiting plans from the owner. Ms Hewlett would be seeking to apply more pressure to SDC imminently.

With regard to the two bids submitted to the Heritage Lottery Fund, one had been successful to celebrate the 700th anniversary of the consecration of St Mary's.

The WW1 bid was likely to be severely rationed and now required match funding. The project committee had met and decided to shelve the idea of a permanent educational resource in the Community Centre. Although there is uncertainty as to what grant will be forthcoming the group has decided to press ahead with developing a logo, website, book, further research, and approach local businesses. Remembrance Sunday will be preceded by 'Memories Day' when parishioners will be asked to share their family memories of WW1.

The Chairman thanked Mr Turpy and Ms Hewlett for their interesting and informative presentations and they left the meeting.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

PRESENT

Cllrs Alexander, Arnold, Clifford, Greenfield, Griffiths, Grist, Heaton, Hillman and Howe were present. 4 members of the public were present at the start of the meeting.

Amendments: the Chairman requested an amendment to last meeting. Cllr Clifford should have declared an interest in the item concerning the village stores. Cllrs were reminded they should declare interests under item 3 or at the relevant place on the Agenda.

126/14 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

1. **Mrs Anna King** wished to seek clarification on the planning application at The Hollies, specifically regarding the number of windows and the system for drainage and sewage. A previous application had shown 5 windows overlooking the garden of Admiral's Cottage. The Chairman advised that the Council would be discussing this application under item 5.3.

2. Mrs Nicky Baker wished to formally thank the Council for their financial support of the recent Play Rangers event.

3. Mr Steve Greenwood repeated his comments from previous meetings. He accepted the letter concerning The Green but did not agree with the comments in the other letter concerning the running of the Parish Council.

127/14 APOLOGIES

Apologies were accepted from Lynn Ireland (*Clerk*), County Cllr Tony Blackburn and District Cllr Haydn Jones.

128/14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Clifford declared an interest in Agenda Items 9, 11 and 12. Cllr Heaton declared an interest in Agenda Item 5.3

129/14 PREVIOUS MINUTES

Cllr Clifford requested that reference to 'Watermark Limited' be amended to Watermarked Limited. The Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd September 2014 were then approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman on behalf of the Council.

130/14 PLANNING

(A) DECISIONS MADE BY THE DISTRICT COUNCIL

S.14/1640/HHOLD Southfield Whitminster Lane	To increase the size of the existing garage	Permission
S.14/1608/FUL Shipton Mill FoS Industrial Estate Bridge Road	Proposed rear extension to existing warehouse for storage of bagged flour	Permission

(B) DECISIONS MADE BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

S.14/2098/TCA Russell Cottage The Green	Trees in a Conservation Area. Pollard Sycamore to 6-8 feet. Fell Robenia. Formative pruning of walnut. Pollard 2x Sycamores. Remove lowest lateral branch of Sycamore.	Support
S.14/1749/TCA Shipton Mill Ltd FoS Industrial Estate	Oak – remove major dead wood. Fell Sycamore.	Agree but query felling of Sycamore

(C) PLANNING APPLICATIONS TAKEN AT THE MEETING

S.14/1986/FUL The Hollies Whitminster Lane	Construction of new dwelling in the grounds of existing house (revised application following refusal S.13/1799/FUL)	Opposed
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(D) OTHER PLANNING

S.14/1829/OUT – Land at School Lane, Whitminster

Whitminster Parish Council have submitted their objections in response to this application. No decision has been given yet.

S.14/1800/FUL – Hillhouse Solar Farm, Cambridge

The scheduled meeting will be rearranged as Mr. St John Hughes had been delayed by traffic problems.

Pre-Application Community Involvement Protocol

Cllr Howe explained the final protocol had now been issued by SDC/GRCC. The Council had agreed the draft document at its meeting in October 2013 and was now able to agree the final version. Council agreed unanimously.

131/14 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

County Cllr Blackburn was unable to be present and on this occasion no written report had been provided.

132/14 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

District Cllr Haydn Jones was unable to be present. He had provided a written report updating Council on the Draft Local Plan and Boundary Commission. He also advised of the work of the Environment Committee and their recommendations to the District Council which are expected to be confirmed early in 2015.:

133/14 FINANCE**(A) INVOICES FOR PAYMENT**

Cllrs unanimously agreed that the following invoices be paid:

P M Mountjoy	Accountancy Fees	£30.00	LGA 1972 s.111
Mrs L Ireland	Clerk's salary – September 2014	£222.52	LGA 1972 s.112(2)
Mrs L Ireland	Expenses – September 2014	£71.70	LGA 1972 s.111
The Post Office	PAYE 3 - months to October	£166.80	LGA 1972 s.112 (2)
GAPTC	Councillor Training	£40.00	LGA 1972 s.137

Cllrs unanimously agreed the following payment that had been made between meetings:

GAPTC	Councillor Training x 2	£120.00	LGA 1972 s.111
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(B) FINANCE UPDATE

Cllrs noted the Finance Update for October 2014 presented by Cllr Grist the RFO.

(C) OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS

- Frampton Youth Football Club were in the early stages of planning a return visit to Bourgbarré in 2015 and were seeking financial support from the Council. This would be considered at the budget setting meeting next month.
- The Chairman of the Football Club had submitted a request for two litter bins; one to be placed at either end of the grounds in order to prevent littering. Cllr Alexander would request additional information regarding who would be responsible for the emptying of bins; total cost; possibility of sponsors etc. in order that Council may make an informed decision. Cllr Heaton commented that full information was required on all such requests, i.e. definite proposal, costings etc.
- The Council would also consider the request from the committee of Frampton on Severn Children's Playground for financial support to cover improvements to the playground at the budget setting meeting next month. £2000 was needed to replace the climbing frame and provide fresh bark around the equipment. Enquiries were being made with 'Active Gloucestershire'. Cllr Heaton also suggested that the S.106 funding from the Miramont development had referred to 'recreation facilities' and enquiries should be made as to whether this could be utilised for this project.

At this point Mr Ian Palmer was unanimously invited to join the meeting and was able to clarify that the Playground Committee should approach SDC to apply for this funding (*£6870 would be provided to SDC upon occupation of the second dwelling*).

- Cllr Alexander advised that the fence at Oatfield had now been nearly completed by Mr Dickie Baker. Thanks to Frampton Court Estate for offering to provide the 4.5m shortfall of fencing material.
- The explosion in the grit bin at Church End reported by Cllr Arnold at the previous month's meeting had now been confirmed as being caused by a firework placed inside. Cllr Alexander would investigate the cost of replacement and report back to Council.
- Finally, Cllrs were asked to consider any ideas they may wish to put forward at the budget setting next month.

134/14 VILLAGE CAR PARKING

Cllr Clifford declared an interest in this item and the Chairman asked him to give his report to Council on the Advowsens car park.

Cllr Clifford reported that a Change of Use would be required and the matter would be given careful consideration.

135/14 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Heaton had completed preliminary work on preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan and considered the next step should be to form a small group of Cllrs to progress. A number of other Parishes had completed their plans and District Cllr John Jones had offered help. Cllr Heaton to circulate initial ideas and interested Cllrs to nominate themselves to form the project team. It was important this work was aligned with the budget setting next month.

136/14 FLOODING**Townfield Lake**

Cllr Clifford declared an interest in this item and the Chairman asked him to give his report to Council.

Cllr Clifford reported that grant funding of £5,000 is available from County Council for flood alleviation in Frampton in this financial year. Cllrs Clifford and Griffiths will consult with all affected parties and consider how to proceed.

At this point Council unanimously invited David Greenfield to join the meeting. In view of his involvement in previous surface water problems in this area he offered his assistance to Cllrs Clifford and Griffiths which was gratefully accepted.

Government Funding

Cllr Alexander reported the promised refund from Government has not been forthcoming. He will continue to press for this to be actioned.

137/14 POST OFFICE AND SHOP

Cllr Heaton reported that the results of the survey carried out by the working group had been delayed due to Mrs Greenwood's unfortunate accident. Cllr Clifford reported that the planning application had now been submitted to SDC following a few minor amendments to the design previously shared with Council.

138/14 HIGHWAYS

Cllr Alexander reported that schoolchildren waiting at the bus shelter in Bridge Road were repeatedly getting wet due to a pooling of surface water. This issue had been raised previously without success however Cllr Alexander would approach Highways to see what could be done to resolve this.

Work to create a traffic island at the A38/Perrway Junction had been delayed but was now scheduled to start on approximately 6th October.

Cllr Greenfield reported that the footpath in Vicarage Lane had still not been repaired following the Morgan Sindall water pipe work. Cllr Alexander advised he thought remedial works were currently being identified. Cllr Greenfield to investigate further and report back as required.

139/14 CORRESPONDENCE

Severn Voice Group of Parishes

The next meeting will be on Monday 6th October at 7.00pm at Longney School. A presentation will be given by Mr Nick Worthington from the Canal & Rivers Trust.

Miscellaneous

Various papers and publications had been previously emailed and made available for Cllrs.

140/14 CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

The Chairman advised that Ron Hartell was to be awarded the Bill Wood Memorial Shield on 24th October at 8pm after the Village Society's AGM. Cllrs were warmly invited to attend.

The Chairman proposed the creation of an Honoured Framptonian be considered "in camera" at the end of the meeting and Council agreed to the proposal.

141/14 COUNCILLORS' SUBMISSIONS

Cllr Howe reminded Council that it was due to meet informally to consider identification of priorities / issues for inclusion in any Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Heaton agreed to circulate initial ideas and suggest possible meeting dates.

Cllr Clifford reported that the water leak at 2 Manor Cottages was getting worse and Severn Trent / Morgan Sindall had not yet carried out any repairs. Work on Roes Pool had commenced.

Cllr Greenfield advised that at the recent conversions at Jones' Stores there was a drain pipe which did not go into a drain and was resulting in pooling of surface water.

142/14 AGENDA ITEM 15

The Chairman moved that the public be excluded for the discussion of these items by reason of the fact that Council would be considering the remuneration of the Clerk, and confidential matters affecting an individual. This was agreed unanimously and all members of the public left the meeting.

Cllr Howe explained that it was necessary for Council to consider the level of the Clerk's pay so that the RFO could produce a draft budget for 2015-16. He proposed that for draft budget purposes the Clerk's salary be at Spinal Column Point 15 on the LC1 scale (hourly rate) of the NJC agreed document and that a contingency of 4% be allowed to cover the potential pay increase currently being negotiated. He would also discuss with the Clerk whether the current hours allowed were adequate. This was agreed unanimously.

Cllr Alexander informed Council that there had been four previous Honoured Framptonians: Rhys Evans, George Tudor, Bill Wood and John Hunter. Cllr Alexander proposed a nomination that was agreed. Council were reminded that this was to be kept in confidence until all the necessary arrangements could be made.

Finally all Cllrs wished the Clerk a speedy recovery and look forward to her return at the next meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.40pm.