

# **FRAMPTON ON SEVERN PARISH COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2014**

### **PRESENTATIONS**

#### **FRAMPTON YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB**

**Mr Ian Palmer** briefly outlined how FYFC had grown over the last 20 years and now attracted children aged 4-18 from the surrounding parishes as well as Frampton on Severn. Over recent years winter training has taken place at nearby schools such as SevernVale, Rednock and Wycliffe. This represent a significant overhead (approx. £6-7k per annum) for the Club and results in inflated membership fees for parents. It is also a less than ideal learning environment in poor weather. Mr Palmer explained that the Club is seeking to build an indoor 3G facility which could not only be used for training but be available for other village organisations and schools. This is clearly an ambitious project which will cost in the region of £400k. Grant applications are in hand. Mr Palmer was seeking Council support which was unanimous.

The Chairman thanked Mr Palmer for his interesting and informative presentation.

### **POLICE REPORT**

**PCSO Mark Lifton** was unable to be present so Cllr Hillman briefed Council. Council had been notified that 5-6 youths on mopeds had been spotted on a number of occasions at the Football Club and it was suspected the dugouts were being used for drug use. The PCSO had been notified and an incident number provided. Cllr Hillman would continue to monitor the site and follow up with the PCSO as necessary. A notice would also be placed in the village newsletter urging parishioners to be vigilant and report anything suspicious.

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

### **PRESENT**

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

*The Chairman informed Council that he had received a letter from Lynn Ireland, informing him that due to her current ill health she felt unable to continue in the role of Clerk and therefore wished to tender her resignation. Council reluctantly accepted this with effect from 30 November 2014 and instructed the Chairman to thank Lynn for her exemplary work during her 24 years service as Clerk and to wish her a speedy recovery. Council also agreed that Adverts should be placed locally inviting applications and also put onto the NALC and Village websites.*

### **143/14 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

**Mr Steve Greenwood** presented his ideas which had been circulated to all Cllrs prior to the meeting. He explained they were based upon principles of communication and consultation and would inevitably make use of social media. He highlighted 3 of the ideas: the need for regular village appraisals, Frampton Country Fair beneficiaries and the need for an annual ward report from each Cllr.

The Chairman thanked Mr Greenwood for his ideas and Mr Greenwood then left the meeting.

### **144/14 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were accepted from County Cllr Tony Blackburn and Lynn Ireland (Clerk).

### **145/14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None received.

### **146/14 PREVIOUS MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014 were amended as follows:

- (A) Item 133/14 – the last item on the Finance Schedule (£40 – Councillor Training) was an error and should be deleted
- (B) Item 134/14 – Cllr Clifford requested that “Advowsens car park” be amended to “Advowsons car park”. The Minutes of the Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014 were then approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman on behalf of the Council.

**147/14 PLANNING****(A) DECISIONS MADE BY THE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

<b>S.14/1431/HHOLD</b> Old School House The Street	Extension to existing garage	Permission
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**(B) DECISIONS MADE BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE**

<b>S.14/2192/TCA</b> Wild Goose Cottage The Street	Silver birch (T1) tree needs to be reduced by 1/3 height and bulk removed. Prunus (T2) tree rotten, it overhangs on our neighbour and dead wood needs removing. Walnut trees (T3&4) has grown dangerously close to transformer, needs cutting back and all round for balance.	Support
<b>S.14/2253/TCA</b> The Pines The Green	Yew – reduce 8ft monolith Poplar – fell Ash – crown thin by 15%	Support
Cllr Howe asked if Council were aware of a tree felled recently in the Churchyard. Cllr Clifford suggested it was dead / unsafe and therefore had to be felled urgently.		

**(C) PLANNING APPLICATIONS TAKEN AT THE MEETING**

<b>S.14/2288/HHOLD</b> Greycroft The Street	General repairs, alterations and extensions. Vehicular access and associated works.	Support
<b>S.14/2298/COU</b> Top Shop House The Green	Change of use from a mixed class (Classes C3 and A1) to residential use (Class 3)	Opposed

**(D) OTHER PLANNING****S.14/1608/FUL – Shipton Mill, Bridge Road**

The Chairman has clarified with Stroud District Council that this Planning Permission consent superseded S.13/2086/FUL and no development would be permitted adjacent to Darell Gardens

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

Cllrs had met with two representatives from the Cambridge Solar Panel Company as previously agreed to discuss the application and the implications for the parish. SDC Development Control Committee were to consider the application at its December meeting.

**Proposal** Cllr Howe proposed that Parish Council support this application

**Seconded** Cllr Grist

**Vote** Unanimous

**S.14/2223/FUL – New Shop, The Green**

Cllrs Clifford and Hillman declared an interest in this item.

**Proposal** Cllr Heaton proposed that Parish Council support this application

**Seconded** Cllr Greenfield

**Vote** Unanimous, with 2 abstentions

**Neighbourhood Planning** – Cllrs discussed papers circulated by Cllrs Heaton and Howe. A meeting has been arranged to consider how this work should be progressed on 26<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm.

**148/14 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

County Cllr Blackburn was unable to be present.

**149/14 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

District Cllr Haydn Jones reported:

**Draft Local Plan** – following work completed by an external consultant SDC will vote on final numbers on 9<sup>th</sup> December Full Council meeting.

**Boundary Review** – discussions have been continuing and SDC will also finalise this work on 9<sup>th</sup> December. It is proposed Frampton on Severn will gain 34 houses from Claypits, Eastington. Cllr Alexander expressed concern that council had not been consulted on the proposals.

**150/14 FINANCE****(A) INVOICES FOR PAYMENT**

Cllrs unanimously agreed that the following invoices be paid:

Royal British Legion	Poppy Wreath	£25.00	LGA 1972 s.137
Mr W Alexander	Wallspace Framing	£74.39	LGA 1972 s.137
Mrs L Ireland	Clerk's salary – October 2014	£222.52	LGA 1972 s.112(2)
Mrs L Ireland	Expenses – October 2014	£33.41	LGA 1972 s.111

Mr R Baker	Village Maintenance	£325.00	HA 1980 s.43 & 96
Mr W Alexander	Bill Wood Memorial Presentation	£131.56	LGA 1972 s.137
FoS Playground Committee	Playground Maintenance	£500	LG(MP)A 1976 s.19(3)

Cllrs discussed the request for financial support from the Playground Committee. It was noted that approximately £2,500 was needed to replace one item of equipment, undertake the ROSPA inspection and provide fresh bark. The Committee had approached the District Council and the Buckley Trust in addition to the Parish Council. Cllr Howe proposed that the Council support of £500, this was seconded by Cllr Griffiths and unanimously agreed.

**Proposal** Cllr Howe propose that the Council provide financial support of £500

**Seconded** Cllr Griffiths

**Vote** Unanimous

Cllrs noted the following payments had been made between meetings and unanimously agreed the payment:

Communicorp	Scroll for Honoured Framptonian	£100.56	LGA 1972 s.137
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## **(B) FINANCE UPDATE**

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

## **(C) OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Cllr Alexander reported that a replacement grit bin for outside Oegrove Farm as previously discussed would cost £69. A litter bin as specified for the Adult Football pitches would cost £186 each (2 required). The Club would be responsible for the emptying and maintenance of the bins. Cllr Greenfield proposed that the grit bin and 1 litter bin be purchased, seconded by Cllr Hillman and agreed unanimously.

## **(D) BUDGET PROPOSALS 2015/16**

Cllrs discussed the draft budget for 2015/16 in detail including possible improvement projects and contributions to organisations benefitting parishioners. The draft budget will be considered again at the December meeting and finalised at the January meeting when the position on any level of grant from the District Council will be known.

With reference to the possible support for the twinning visit to Bougbarre by the Youth Football Club, Mr Ian Palmer would have more accurate numbers of children and report to the next meeting in December. This would enable proper consideration of this item.

## **151/14 SEVERN VOICE MEETING**

Cllrs received and update from Cllr Alexander from the recent Severn Voice meeting:

(A) Policing – the apparent duplication of various Police groups was discussed

(B) Canal bridges – a group would be formed to consider this work; Cllr Alexander had been nominated to represent the Parish Council

(C) Schools admissions – a group would also be formed to consider this work; Cllr Grist had been nominated to represent the Parish Council

## **152/14 FLOODING**

### **Townfield Lake**

*Cllr Clifford declared an interest in this item and the Chairman asked that he and Cllr Griffiths give their report to Council.*

Cllr Clifford reported that he was currently sourcing drop board sluice gates.

**Proposal** Cllr Howe proposed that Parish Council give the necessary formal undertaking to financially support the necessary work

**Seconded** Cllr Greenfield

**Vote** Unanimous

### **Government Funding**

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

*Cllr Howe had to leave the meeting at this point (10.10pm)*

## **153/14 POST OFFICE AND SHOP**

Cllr Heaton updated Council on the results of the recent survey undertaken by Mrs Joy Greenwood.

## **154/14 HIGHWAYS**

Cllr Alexander reported that the drains near the bus shelter on Bridge Road were to be jetted by Highways. He also informed Council that work had commenced to create a traffic island at the A38/Perryway Junction.

**155/14 CORRESPONDENCE**

**GRCC** had written requesting a meeting regarding potential affordable housing sites. The Chairman proposed they be invited to a future meeting in the New Year.

The **Ambulance Trust** had written requesting the location of any defibrillators in the village. Enquiries would be made and a written response provided.

**Miscellaneous**

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

**156/14 CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS**

The Chairman reminded Cllrs of the forthcoming Memories Day being held on Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> November.

**157/14 COUNCILLORS' SUBMISSIONS**

**Cllr Griffiths** reported a recent break in at Amberley Cottage. He confirmed that the Police were aware.

**Cllr Hillman** enquired when the planning application for the land on the industrial estate was expected; the Chairman informed Council he had been informed it would be submitted before Christmas.

**Cllr Heaton** enquired if the land at Lake Cottage / Lake Terrace had been sold but Cllrs could not confirm this.

**Cllr Clifford** informed Council that three businesses were now supporting Memories Day.

**158/14 HONOURED FRAMPTONIAN**

Cllr Alexander moved, in accordance with Standing Order 46 and the Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act of 1960, that the public be excluded from the meeting for the consideration of this item by reason of the fact that Council would be considering an award.

This was seconded by Cllr Grist and passed unanimously. District Cllr Haydn Jones and the remaining members of the public left the meeting.

The Chairman explained the payment of £100.56 for the Honoured Framptonian scroll (see Minute 150/14). This would be presented at the Senior Citizens Dinner on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2014.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.25pm.