

FRAMPTON ON SEVERN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2014

PRESENTATION

POLICE REPORT

PCSO Mark Lifton was unable to be present so Cllr Alexander briefed Council. There will be increased night time car patrols in the village. The recent spate of shed break-ins and attempted break-ins were being followed up.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Cllr Hillman

159/14 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mrs Jean Speed thanked Parish Council for their part in making her an Honoured Framptonian at the recent Senior Citizens' Christmas meal. She explained how proud she was to have received the award, and hoped to carry on the legacy of the previous Honoured Framptonians.

Lynn Ireland had sent a card thanking Council for her retirement gifts.

Mr Nigel Wills expressed concern at the increasing number of cars parking in the village, particularly on The Street. Parking on pavements also seems to be accepted as the norm. Cllr Alexander would alert the PCSO and District Cllr Haydn Jones suggested the Village Warden could also assist. Mr Wills also expressed concern at the apparent lack of communication around the closure of Frampton Stores and Post Office. Cllr Alexander explained that given the very recent decisions on the planning application for the new shop that Parish Council and/or the Village Shop Group would now endeavour to ensure parishioners were aware of the imminent closure.

Mr Ian Palmer and **Mr Diego Marquez** wished to update Council on the planned Twinning Visit from Frampton Youth Football Club to Bougbarre. The trip is planned for 23rd – 27th May 2015 and it is likely that two coaches will be required costing £500 each per day.

The Chairman thanked Mrs Speed, Mr Wills, Mr Palmer and Mr Marquez for their contributions. Mrs Speed, Mr Palmer and Mr Marquez then left the meeting.

160/14 APOLOGIES

Apologies were accepted from County Cllr Tony Blackburn and Cllr Greenfield.

161/14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

162/14 PREVIOUS MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th November 2014 were amended as follows:

- (A) Item 150/14 – Cllr Howe requested that "financial support" should be amended to "grant"
- (B) Item 151/14 – Cllr Howe requested that "had been nominated" be amended to "was nominated" for items (B) and (C).
- (C) Item 157/14 – Cllr Howe requested that "Memories Day" should be amended to "Frampton Remembers WW1"

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th November 2014 were then approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman on behalf of the Council.

163/14 PLANNING**(A) DECISIONS MADE BY THE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

S.14/2253/TCA The Pines The Green	Yew – reduce to 8ft monolith Poplar – fell Ash – crown thin by 15%	Permission
S.14/2424/TCA The Elms The Street	Oak and apple tree in hedge of rear garden – fell. Thuja rear – raise crown to approx. 3m. Blue Lawson Cypress – fell. Norway maple – remove two limbs. Dawn Redwood to side of house – raise crown to 4m.	Permission
S.14/2288/HHOLD Greycroft The Street	General repairs, alterations and extensions. Vehicular access and associated works.	Refused
Cllrs requested that Cllr Alexander and District Cllr Haydn Jones request a meeting with Planning Officers at SDC to discuss this and other recent applications. This was agreed unanimously.		

(B) DECISIONS MADE BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

<i>None</i>		
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(C) PLANNING APPLICATIONS TAKEN AT THE MEETING

S.14/2534/HHOLD Trillium The Green	Demolition of conservatory and construction of an extension to form a dining room. Conversion of the garage into bed sitting room.	Support
S.14/2484/HHOLD Oegrove Farm The Street	Application of hipped dormer window on the west elevation, removal of one of the three dormers on south elevation and replace with roof light on north roof elevation.	Support
Cllr Clifford declared an interest in item S.14/2484/HHOLD.		

(D) OTHER PLANNING

As requested GRCC will attend the February 2015 meeting re. Affordable housing.

Strategies Working Group – draft minutes of the meeting of 26th November 2014 were circulated. Cllr Howe briefly explained the groups' proposals. The mission statement proposed by Cllr Heaton had been generally agreed and he would circulate a slightly amended version for consideration for approval at Council's meeting of January 2015. Cllr Heaton commented on the issues covered by section 5 (Neighbourhood Planning) stating that if Council decided to proceed considerable work and finance would be needed. Council nevertheless agreed that the Working Group should meet again, with a speaker to introduce the topic of Neighbourhood Planning. This date has now been confirmed as Wednesday 21st January 2015.

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) – Cllr Grist briefed Council on the proforma SDC required in order to benefit from CIL. This would be completed at the January 2015 meeting.

164/14 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

County Cllr Blackburn was unable to be present but had sent a report:-

The "Active Gloucestershire" grant scheme is now closed. Cllr Blackburn had been able to assist Frampton Youth Football Club, Frampton Tennis Club and supported Frampton Community Association's request for play equipment funding.

165/14 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

District Cllr Haydn Jones reported:

Draft Local Plan – following work completed by an external consultant SDC will vote on final housing numbers on 9th December at the Full Council meeting.

166/14 FINANCE**(A) INVOICES FOR PAYMENT**

Cllrs unanimously agreed that the following invoices be paid:

Mr W Alexander	Retirement gift refund (Clerk)	£78.80	LGA 1972 s.137
T W Hawkins	Grass cutting	£391.69	HA 1980 s.96
Kemp IT Services	IT Services	£192.00	LGA 1972 s.111
Mr W Alexander	Replacement grit bin, litter bin	£298.18	LGA 1972 s.137
Mrs L Ireland	Clerk's salary – November	£222.52	LGA 1972 s.112(2)
Frampton Court Estate Farms	Repayment of flooding costs	£2286.00	LGA 1894 s.8(4)

Cllrs noted the following payments had been received:

Stroud District Council	Repayment of flooding costs	£2947.00
HMRC	VAT refund	£720.71
Frampton Community Assoc	Bill Wood presentation evening refund	£26.31

The Village Society	Bill Wood presentation evening refund	£26.31
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Cllrs thanked District Cllr Haydn Jones and Chief Executive of SDC, David Hagg for their efforts in securing the flooding refund for the Parish Council. SDC would continue to pursue Government for these costs.

District Cllr Haydn Jones left the meeting at this point.

(B) FINANCE UPDATE

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

(C) OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS

None.

(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. It was agreed unanimously to grant Samaritans, SARA, CAB and Victim Support £100 each, and £500 for burial ground support. With reference to the possible support for the twinning visit to Bougbarre by the Youth Football Club, £1000 was proposed and unanimously agreed. It was suggested that Mr Ian Palmer should also seek support from other Parishes since not all of the children live in Frampton.

Other projects were to be supported from this years' budget:

Proposal Cllr Howe proposed that Parish Council grant £200 to Cadbury Hall and £200 to the Village Hall.
Seconded Cllr Grist
Vote Unanimous

Cllr Howe declared an interest in this item.

Cllr Alexander will discuss with FOSSC regarding £1,000 refund for Watery Lane resurfacing or a donation.

The draft budget will need to be finalised at the January meeting when the position on any level of grant from the District Council will be known.

Mr Nigel Wills left the meeting at this point.

167/14 POSITION OF CLERK TO THE COUNCIL

Cllr Alexander advised that 3 applications had been received for the position of Clerk to the Council and it would now be necessary to interview each applicant with a view to making an appointment as soon as possible.

Proposal Cllr Heaton proposed that a panel comprised of Cllrs Alexander, Grist and Howe interview and appoint to the Position of Clerk
Seconded Cllr Arnold
Vote Unanimous

168/14 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 the first two phases of work were now complete. Cllr Arnold reported that he was arranging surveying of all remaining lines and the aim was to map the whole area.

Government Funding

As discussed in item 166/14 above Cllr Alexander reported the promised refund from Government has in fact been provided by SDC.

Severn Trent / Morgan Sindall

Cllr Alexander that representatives from both companies had visited the 95 repair points recently. It was not known what action would now be taken.

169/14 POST OFFICE AND SHOP

Cllr Clifford declared an interest in this item.

Cllr Alexander advised that Frampton Stores and Post Office would close on 19th December 2014. Notices would be placed in the Parish Noticeboards to this effect. Cllr Clifford advised he was currently evaluating tenders for the building of the new shop following approval of planning application S.14/2223/FUL.

170/14 HIGHWAYS

Cllr Griffiths reported that he was liaising with Mr Kim Wain from The Oatfields Residents Association regarding traffic problems in Whitminster Lane.

Cllr Alexander reported that the broken drain near the bus shelter on Bridge Road had now been repaired but was still to be jetted by Highways. He also informed Council that work had been completed to create a traffic island at the A38/Perryway Junction and that Fromebridge Lane would be closed to through traffic from 16th to 27th January 2015 for electrical works.

171/14 CORRESPONDENCE

A meeting was taking place on Thursday 4th December regarding the Saul to Stonehouse canal restoration. The Chairman and Cllr Howe would attend.

Mr Steve Greenwood had written regarding various aspects of Council administration.

Miscellaneous

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

172/14 CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

None

173/14 COUNCILLORS' SUBMISSIONS

Cllr Grist reported Parishioners complaining about dog fouling in Ann Wicks Road. The dog warden would be informed.

Cllr Howe enquired as to who was the Councils canals working group representative? Also shared interesting material from CPRE. Cllr Howe also requested that Cllrs give thought to a "wish list" in advance of the next Strategy meeting (now arranged for 21st January).

There being no further business the Chairman wished all Cllrs a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year and the meeting closed at 9.45pm.