

## ***FRAMPTON ON SEVERN PARISH COUNCIL***

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2015**

#### **PRESENTATION**

##### **Rural Housing Enabler, Stroud District. Karen Phimister**

Karen Phimister from Gloucestershire Rural Community Council (GRCC) gave Council an update on the rural exception site scheme. Which is a government backed scheme for landowners to sell off pockets of land for development to provide market and affordable homes in rural areas.

Exception to planning policy covers:

- Landowner sale to developers
- Proven need of affordable homes
- Priority for local people
- Developers to provide a mix of market and affordable properties
- Minimum mix to include 30% of affordable property
- Developer and parish council partnership to ensure a smooth process
- Parish council to publicise for community input
- Registration by local people to ensure they are offered these properties

A presentation of local developed sites was tabled for councillors to view the different styles of rural housing provided by developers.

Severn Voice carried out a survey in 2007 which identified the need for 19 affordable houses. Cllr Alexander explained that some of this need had been met with the developments undertaken in Whitminster and Slimbridge. There is still a need in Frampton and the potential Lake Lane development will help to satisfy this.

Cllr Alexander asked if the proposed Lake Lane development was an exception site as it is unused employment land. A lengthy discussion took place regarding long term unused industrial land and if this site could be exempt under this scheme.

Cllr Alexander requested support from the GRCC when the application is submitted for this site.

Cllr Alexander thanked Karen for her presentation and she left the meeting at 8.03pm

#### **POLICE REPORT**

PCSO Mark Lifton provided a written report of the crimes and incidents which had occurred in the parish over the last month.

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

#### **PRESENT**

Cllrs Alexander (Chairman), Arnold, Greenfield, Grist, Heaton, Hillman and Howe were present plus District Cllr Haydn Jones and Sheila Murray (Clerk). No members of the public were present at the start of the meeting.

#### **PRIOR TO THE MEETING PARISHIONERS WERE INVITED TO RAISE MATTERS OF CONCERN WITH COUNCIL:**

None present

The Chairman formally welcomed Mrs Sheila Murray as Clerk to The Council.

#### **017/15 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were accepted from Cllrs Clifford, Griffiths and County Cllr T. Blackburn.

**018/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None received.

**019/15 PREVIOUS MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2015 were amended as follows:

**Item 001/15 Public Question Time**

Second paragraph, first sentence to read:

Josie Oak then advised that prevention of dog fouling cannot be enforced on private land such as The Green or the FCA and school fields without the owners' consent.

**Item 013/15 Highways**

Second paragraph,

Bullet point one, line one to read .....a small group to plan and commence a suitable campaign ...

Bullet point three, line two to read .....Parish Council lead working party to plan .....

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2015 were then approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman on behalf of the Council.

**020/15 PLANNING****(A) DECISIONS MADE BY THE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

|   |   |         |
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| <b>S.14/2705/HHOLD</b><br>Elm Tree Cottage<br>The Green | Retrospective for the installation of air to air heat source system | Consent |
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**(B) DECISIONS MADE BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE**

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

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| <b>S.15/0015/HHOLD</b><br>Lowswater<br>Bridge Road | Two Storey Extension | Support |
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**(D) OTHER PLANNING**

**Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)** – Cllr Grist tabled a list of community projects to enable completion of the application spreadsheet to Krista Harris of Stroud District Council (SDC). Cllr Heaton and Cllr Grist are to obtain more information relating to costs before the application can be submitted.

**Cambridge Solar Farm** - Cllr Howe enquired about the advantages of the Cambridge Solar Farm and details of how to apply for income from this project. Cambridge Solar Farm will send via email their application details. District Cllr Haydn Jones confirmed that Frampton on Severn is on the edge of the designated boundary. He commented that the impact was to all parishes and the money should be evenly spread. He will be discussing the nominated area with Cambridge Solar Power.

**Greycroft** - Cllr Alexander confirmed he attended a meeting with the SDC Planning Department. The outcome was for the applicant to re-submit planning with agreed adjustments immediately. District Cllr Haydn Jones will be notified of the outcome.

**Land adjoining Bridge Keeper's Cottage** - Cllr Greenfield enquired about the progress following refusal on retrospective planning. The Chairman advised that he would follow up on the matter.

### **021/15 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

County Cllr Blackburn was unable to be present but had sent a report: Javelin Park – The Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government Mr E Pickles has approved the Inspector's decision that the incinerator should be built. A motion has been put forward to cancel the contract for the plant but Mr Pickle's decision has limited the options.

The application under the scheme by "Active Gloucestershire" was successful for Frampton Community Association play equipment and County Cllr Blackburn is hopeful that the Frampton Tennis club's revised application for a practice wall will also be successful. The Chairman thanked County Cllr Blackburn for his support.

There is criticism regarding the resurfacing on the A38 between Hardwicke and Claypits which Highways / Amey are following up.

### **022/15 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

District Cllr Haydn Jones reported items discussed at the recent Council meeting including the Finance Committee and the Environmental Committee.

Items of interest included:

- Review of Waste management contract and facilities
- Car park ticket machines
- Feasibility study around the Frome for new house building
- Funding for exploration of more affordable housing
- Match funding initiative with Ecotricity.

The Chairman thanked District Cllr Haydn Jones for his report and continued support to the council.

### **023/15 FINANCE**

#### **(A) INVOICES FOR PAYMENT**

| <b>CHEQUE</b> | <b>DATE</b> | <b>PAYEE</b>     | <b>FOR</b>                      | <b>VAT</b> | <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>POWER</b>         |
|---------------|-------------|------------------|---------------------------------|------------|--------------|----------------------|
| 622           | 04/02/2015  | Mrs S. Murray    | Salary                          | -          | 227.43       | LGA1972 S.112(2)     |
| 623           | 04/02/2015  | Mrs S. Murray    | Capital Cost-Computer equipment | 94.33      | 565.98       | LGA1972 S.111        |
| 624           | 04/02/2015  | Mr. W. Alexander | Dog Waste Bin                   | -          | 147.60       | Litter A 1983 SS.5.6 |
| 625           | 04/02/2015  | Mr. L. Wood      | Hedgerow Maintenance            | -          | 50.00        | Highways A 1980 S.96 |

#### **(B) FINANCE UPDATE**

Cllrs noted the Finance Update for February 2015 presented by Cllr Grist the RFO.

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

Cllr Grist advised that New Financial Regulations are to be adopted before financial year end. This will impact on the Standing Orders. Cllr Grist and the Clerk will prepare a report for the March meeting.

**024/15 DOG FOULING**

Cllr Hillman reported he had set up a working party and completed the following actions:

- Posters were sourced and erected to educate the wider public.
- A patrol was set up to target offenders
- Installation of a dog bin at the entrance to Phillimore Gardens

Cllr Hillman advised the dog bin was in use. Patrols had not seen any dog fouling or evidence of fouling. Members of the public were using doggy bags attached to their leads. The Frampton Community Association were reviewing new signage on the recreational field. No further complaints had been received.

Cllr Grist to contact neighbouring parish councils with a view to potentially share the costs of alternative posters.

Council agreed to continue with the dog fouling campaign.

**025/15 FLOODING****Townfield Lake**

Cllr Arnold confirmed that the surveying had been completed and submitted the Engineers Report for councillors' interest. Culvert clearing had been carried out in some areas but the report detailed that there were still blockages to be resolved. Contractor costs to clear remaining blockages were £600 per day with an estimated 3-5 days work. Recommendations were given for an entry grid to be installed and a maintenance programme would be required with inspections to be carried out every five years.

Cllr Arnold will discuss the implications of the engineers report further with the landowners and report back to council in March.

Cllr Arnold was thanked for enabling the camera survey at zero cost.

Cllr Alexander advised that SDC had reimbursed this council a year ago and SDC would receive Government funding under the third phase. District Cllr Haydn Jones was asked to pass on thanks to David Hagg.

**026/15 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Cllr Heaton advised that a meeting with Stroud District Planning Office was scheduled for 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2015 at 4.30pm. The objective is to discuss how to make a decision on which to choose:- a Neighbourhood Plan or a Community Design Statement.

Cllr Howe confirmed he had issued the minutes of the Strategy Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2015. It was agreed a recommendation would be made in May.

**027/15 POST OFFICE AND SHOP**

*Cllr Hillman declared an interest in this item.*

Cllr Hillman confirmed fencing had been erected and building works are to commence on 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2015.

Cllr Alexander will discuss with Cllr Clifford a recommendation that the car park be closed for general use while work is progressing. This will enable vehicle access and storage space for the contractors thus avoiding use of The Green.

Cllr Alexander attended a meeting with a representative from The Post Office to discuss the options of moving the post box. It is recommended that a temporary post box be erected outside the car park. Cllr Alexander will discuss this change with Cllr. Clifford.

Cllr Grist noted the house selling agents did not advertise the decision notice regarding the change of use clause in its entirety in their advertising literature.

Cllr Howe enquired whether there will be a post office in the new shop and if Watermarked Ltd are aware they need to notify the Post Office of their intention.

Cllr Alexander confirmed negotiations were in hand and there will be a post office in the new shop.

Cllr Heaton suggested Watermarked Ltd be invited to the Annual Parish Meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2015 to update the community on their progress. Also for an article updating the community to be placed in the April edition of the Community Newsletter. Deadline for submission of the article is 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2015.

#### **028/15 HIGHWAYS**

Cllr Heaton advised council of a "Greening up" scheme to provide a tranquil environment and traffic calming. It was suggested that he invite Mr. Lawrence Wood to the next council meeting to discuss the proposals and costs involved.

#### **029/15 CORRESPONDENCE**

*None*

#### **030/15 CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS**

Annual Council Meeting date was amended to 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2015.

#### **031/15 COUNCILLORS' SUBMISSIONS**

**Cllr Arnold** informed Council that he had carried out research into Solar Power signs displaying vehicle speed levels. The cost for two signs was £5,500. Council to consider an approach to SDC Highways. This will be added to the agenda for the next meeting for a full discussion.

**Cllr Heaton** advised that an awning had been installed on the side door of Top Shop House and as a grade II listed building it changed the exterior of the building. This was noted by the Chairman.

**Cllr Greenfield** commented that flooding and water holding had caused damaged road surfaces in the village. Cllr Alexander advised all Councillors to report any such findings direct to SDC on their dedicated line.

**Cllr Alexander** advised that the road by the bus stop in Bridge Road would not be repaired in this financial year but as soon as possible in the next year.

**Cllr Grist** reported on Severn Voice working group where responsibilities and priorities were identified regarding Lakefield School admission policy.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.55 pm.