

FRAMPTON ON SEVERN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 4TH MARCH 2015

POLICE REPORT

PCSO Mark Lifton provided a written report of one crime and seven incidents which had occurred in the parish over the last month. The one crime related to the theft of a trailer from The Street, Frampton.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

PRESENT

Cllrs Alexander (Chairman), Arnold, Griffiths, Grist, Heaton, Hillman and Howe were present plus County Cllr Tony Blackburn, District Cllr Haydn Jones and Sheila Murray (Clerk). One member of the public was present at the start of the meeting.

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

032/15 Mr. Steve Barnfield

Flooding in the Street 2014

Mr. Barnfield expressed his appreciation for the culvert work that has been carried out by Frampton Court Estates, The Coole family and David Lesser. He was also grateful to the Parish Council for their support.

He advised that during the last 2 weeks the new outlet pipe had been tampered with. In order for any issues to be raised promptly he suggested a person be named with responsibility for the Townfield Lake.

He reminded Cllrs that previously it was stated by Parish Council that we cannot blame the weather and we must learn lessons from the flooding incident to avoid the same thing happening again.

He believed that The Townfield Lake should stay at the level agreed or a scientific reason be provided to explain why it should be changed.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Barnfield for his comments and advised that the issue was due to be discussed later in the meeting.

033/15 APOLOGIES

Apologies were accepted from Cllrs Clifford and Greenfield

034/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

035/15 PREVIOUS MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 4th February 2015 were amended as follows:

- a) **Presentation** – paragraph one, line 2 replace full stop after word "scheme" with a comma and follow with a small "w" in the word "which".
- b) **020/15 (D) Other Planning**
Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

Last sentence to read:

Cllr Heaton and Cllr Grist to obtain more information on street trees relating to costs before the spreadsheet is sent.

c) 021/15 County Councillors Report

Reference made to "Mr Pickle's decision" should read "Mr Pickles' decision".

d) 028/15 Highways

First sentence to include the word potential. Amended to read:

Cllr Heaton advised council of a potential "Greening Up" scheme

Second sentence.

Mr. Lawrence Wood to read Mr. Laurence Wood.

e) 031/15 Councillors' Submissions

Cllr Arnold – third sentence refers to SDC Highways amend to read GCC Highways.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 4th February 2015 were then approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman on behalf of the Council.

036/15 PLANNING

(A) DECISIONS MADE BY THE DISTRICT COUNCIL

S.15/0341/DISCON New Shop The Green	Discharge of condition numbers 2 and 3. 2 - ground/floor levels 3 - materials	Permission
S.15/0015/HHOLD Loveswater Bridge Road	Two storey extension	Permission

(B) DECISIONS MADE BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

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

S.15/0187/HHOLD Glendevon Lake Lane	Two storey extension	Support
S.15/0140/FUL Perryway Garage Perryway	Change use from Auto repair to residential and construct 4 dwellings.	Opposed
Following a full discussion Cllrs voted on the application 3-support, 3-opposed. The Chairman voted that the application be opposed. The application was opposed on the grounds that it is positioned outside the settlement boundary.		

(D) OTHER PLANNING

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

Cllr Grist acknowledged that the spreadsheet has been forwarded to CIL.

Local Council Administration v9 by Arnold Baker

Cllr Howe requested purchase of the latest version 9 at a cost of £60 from GAPTC.

Proposed Cllr Alexander – the Clerk should to go ahead with the purchase as specified

Seconded Cllr Grist

Vote unanimous

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)

This document has been downloaded and printed for Councillors' interest.

Hill House Solar Farm

Cllr Alexander requested more information regarding the variation of condition 14 for this project. District Cllr Haydn Jones confirmed the variation related to the fitting of the solar panels as they require a different width of racking to that previously specified.

037/15 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

County Cllr Blackburn reported:

General budget overview – The budget has been set at £420m with additional funding for Schools and other projects including Highways.

The County Council Tax will not be increased for the forthcoming year.

Javelin Park Incinerator

County Cllr Blackburn gave an update on the motion to cancel the contract and the ramifications to council and the rate payer. The motion was defeated, however there has been a challenge by Stroud Council for a judicial review.

Active Gloucestershire

The additional grant applications for the Tennis Club practice wall of £13k and Youth Football Club of £10k have been successful.

A38 Highways

Resurfacing of the A38 from the Cross Keys roundabout to Claypits is unsatisfactory. Discussions have taken place with Amey but the repairs cannot be carried out until the weather improves. County Cllr Blackburn confirmed an apology had been received from Amey and that works would be rectified at their cost.

Environmental Agency

A review with the County Council at the end of January identified that plans and costings are required to substantiate an approach to the tidal problem.

038/15 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

District Cllr Haydn Jones thanked County Cllr Blackburn for his work with Active Gloucestershire and the funds provided to the Frampton on Severn community.

District Cllr Haydn Jones reported:

The Boundary Commission – The review is out for consultation until 6th April 2015 and District Cllr Haydn Jones urged Parish Council to respond to the commission. An alternative has been proposed to the Boundary Commission by District Council based around the Church of England boundaries. The Stroud Local plan is taken into account during the consultation.

Stroud Local Plan – Interim comments have been received from the Inspector and the housing numbers are to be revisited. Council agreed to support in principle.

Stroud Council Tax – there is no increase for the forthcoming year.

New Waste Depot – currently in negotiation.

The Chairman tabled The Boundary Commission proposals to enable Councillors to response to the consultation. After discussion it was agreed that the boundary should be in line with the west side of the M5 motorway taking in Slimbridge and Purton to the south with Longney and Elmore to the north.

Proposal Cllr Alexander to formulate a boundary line west of the M5 motorway. To give consideration to the impact it will have on adjacent boundaries and submit to the Boundary Commission.

Seconded Cllr Griffiths

Vote 6 Cllrs in favour

District Council Forum

Cllr Alexander gave an overview of the meeting held on 19th February 2015. The meeting opened with a presentation by GRCC (Gloucestershire Rural Community Council) on the services they offer.

The Citizens Advice Bureau are organising an "Open Gardens" event at Frampton Manor on 31st May 2015.

Barry Wyatt gave an update on the Stroud Local Plan

Other items addressed were The Boundary Commission consultation and Neighbourhood Development Plans.

There would be no Council Tax increase this year but the average Parish Council increase was 4.54%

A Peer Review has been carried out on Stroud District Council processes.

The event was poorly supported and Cllr Alexander suggested to District Cllr Haydn Jones to consider elected members be invited to future forums.

County Cllr Blackburn left the meeting.

039/15 FINANCE

(A) INVOICES FOR PAYMENT

Cllrs unanimously agreed that the following invoices be paid

CHEQUE	DATE	PAYEE	FOR	VAT	TOTAL	POWER
626	04/03/2015	Mrs S. Murray	Salary	-	227.43	LGA 1972 s.112(2)
627	04/03/2015	Mrs S. Murray	Printer Toner-Cartridgesave £17.69	-	51.00	LGA 1972 s.111
			Postage Stamps-Royal Mail £7.33	-		LG(FP)A 1963 s.5
			Office Box Files-Staples £25.98	-		LGA 1972 s.111
628	04/03/2015	Paperstation Ltd	Stationery: Envelopes + Laminating Sheets	7.11	42.67	LGA 1972 s.111

INVOICES PAID OUT BETWEEN MEETINGS

CHEQUE	DATE	PAYEE	FOR	VAT	TOTAL	POWER
<i>none</i>						

FUNDS RECEIVED AND BANKED BETWEEN MEETINGS

DATE PAID IN	FROM	FOR	AMOUNT
<i>none</i>			

(B) FINANCE UPDATE

Cllrs noted the Finance Update for March 2015 presented by the Clerk.

(C) OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS

Cllr Grist advised all Councillors have received a copy of the proposed New Financial Regulations, a copy of the proposed amendments to the Standing Orders and information regarding the new Transparency Code.

An invitation was made to raise questions relating to the documents:

a) Financial Regulations

Cllr Howe requested that any reference to articles and headings not adopted by Frampton Parish Council are clearly marked in square brackets [].

b) Standing Orders

Item 8 Cllr Howe pointed out the aim of council is for the Clerk to serve as the RFO 8.1 to read "The Clerk shall serve as the Responsible Finance Officer."

8.2 to be amended to read "The council shall appoint a member to undertake the work of the Clerk when the Clerk is absent."

The Clerk is requested to check both documents to ensure reference is only made to one person.

c) Transparency Code

Cllr Grist confirmed that small councils, ie. those with a turnover under £25,000 for 2015/2016 financial year may be exempt from external audit but they must adopt the Transparency code.

Proposal Cllr Howe - Council to adopt the following documents with the specified amendments:

a) Financial Regulations

b) Standing Orders

c) Transparency Code

Seconded Cllr Griffiths

Vote Unanimous

040/15 DOG FOULING

Cllr Hillman reported that he had not seen or heard of any further problems.

Cllr Alexander advised that local parishioners have reported to him that the problem has been resolved.

Cllr Grist has approached other local parish councils to assist with the purchase cost of Posters but they have declined. It was agreed we would not proceed.

A member of the public has provided posters from Keep Britain Tidy, free of charge, these were handed to Cllr Hillman to continue the campaign of raising awareness to the public.

041/15 FLOODING

Cllr Arnold advised ditching work at the Sumsion's has been completed. The culvert is now due to be widened. Mr Williams and Mr Coole have agreed to carry out works on their land that was identified in the report. A grid is to be placed over the open part of the culvert.

Cllr Alexander advised that the pipe under Vicarage Lane driveway is set at a level to allow the Townfield Lake to maintain an agreed level with a gentle flow into the pipe and culvert.

The front end of the pipe has been blocked to ensure there is enough water in the lake for summer sailing. Frampton Court Estates have responded with the proposal to install a sluice gate to control the water level at the lake. As previously experienced, if the weather causes the height of the lake to increase and the wind changes direction the system will not cope. Concern has been raised from villagers who would be affected.

Cllr Griffiths expressed his concern about excessive water overflowing.

Cllr Alexander stated a lot of work has been carried out and suggested a letter be sent to Frampton Court Estates expressing our concerns regarding this matter.

Proposal Cllr Griffiths – Parish Council to send a letter to Frampton Court Estates.

Seconded Cllr Hillman

Vote Unanimous

042/15 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Heaton gave council an overview of the meeting with Stroud planning officers regarding the Neighbourhood Development Plan and Community Design Statement. The process was outlined for both documents. A GRCC led meeting is being held on 25th March 2015 in Brockworth - Cllrs Alexander, Heaton, Howe and the Clerk will attend.

Cllrs will follow up with a meeting of the Strategies Working Group on Thursday 26th March. Venue: The home of Cllr Griffiths.

043/15 POST OFFICE AND SHOP

Cllr Hillman declared an interest in this item.

Cllr Hillman reported that the building works were progressing well with above ground works ready to commence.

Cllr Alexander advised the Post box is being removed by Royal Mail and retained until the Shop has been completed. A temporary Post box will be placed near the grit bin. District Cllr Haydn Jones requested information relating to the flow of sewage and water which Cllr Hillman responded to.

District Cllr Haydn Jones left the meeting.

044/15 SEVERN VOICE

Cllr Alexander advised the next meeting of Severn Voice will be held in Hardwicke on 13th April 2015. He is unable to be present and invited other Councillors to attend.

045/15 HIGHWAYS

Street Trees – Cllr Heaton reported that no further information has been received from Mr. Laurence Wood.

Litter Picking – Cllr Alexander asked if any areas required attention – there were none suggested.

046/15 CORRESPONDENCE

Peter Cheeseman has advised Council that the Frampton Fund Raisers are holding the World El-ver Eating Championships at the south end of The Green on 25th May 2015.

Ian Williams, Head Teacher of Lakefield C of E Primary School, has confirmed that he will attend the Annual Parish Meeting on 15th April 2015.

047/15 CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

Cllr Alexander advised that from the works carried out by Morgan Sindall on behalf of Severn Trent Water there were still 90 points in the village to be put right. A Senior Programme Engineer, Mr. Clive Ingram, has been appointed by Severn Trent Water. It was suggested and agreed that Mr. Ingram be invited to attend the June Parish Council Meeting.

048/15 COUNCILLORS' SUBMISSIONS

Cllr Grist requested information regarding speakers at the Annual Parish Meeting. Councillors to consider.

Cllr Arnold raised concerns regarding poor vehicle parking causing an obstruction to the footpath and road on The Street. This reduced access for pedestrians and emergency vehicles and was unacceptable. Cllr Hillman has approached the people concerned and will do so again.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.54 pm.