

FRAMPTON ON SEVERN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 7th OCTOBER 2015

POLICE REPORT

PCSO Mark Lifton provided a written report of 2 crimes and 12 incidents which had occurred in the parish during September.

Cllr Alexander advised that he had attended a County District Police meeting on 23rd September 2015. The local villages were being encouraged to run their own meetings and were advised to apply for the rental or leasing of equipment to monitor their own traffic speeding issues. Cllr Heaton said he would approach PCSO Lifton to ascertain the name of the currently appointed local police Sergeant.

Cllr Hillman has reported car vandalism in Philimore Gardens.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

PRESENT

Cllrs Alexander, Arnold, Clifford, Greenfield, Griffiths, Grist, Heaton (Chairman), Hillman and Howe were present and Sheila Murray (Clerk/RFO).

1 member of the public was present at the start of the meeting.

140/15 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr Steve Greenwood commented on the guidelines relating to Declarations of Interest. In particular July minutes item 110/15 where interest was declared and Cllrs voted unanimously to use public money for the opening of the new Green Shop. Secondly, the planning decision to grant the re-development of Greycroft by Stroud Development Control Committee.

He expressed his disappointment that the Parish Council voted against the Awre Solar Farm.

He advised that Townfield Lake security remained an access issue with local people and encouraged councillors to look at the facebook page "spotted in Frampton" where it was evident that walkers were unable to use the footpath to access Frampton Court Estate. To support the community he requested the bars be removed to allow access.

He said that, with the coming election in May 2016, council should encourage the community to come forward and to vote. To encourage this he suggested a chart be published to show how many times the Councillors including District and County Councillors attend the Parish Council meetings.

Cllr Heaton said he would check the minutes referred to by Mr. Greenwood.

Cllr Heaton confirmed he had attended the Stroud Development Control Committee meeting regarding Greycroft and made a statement to the effect that the building would collapse if re-development was not carried out. He stated that all councillors acted in good faith on behalf of the community and safeguards will be put in place by the Listed Buildings officers.

Cllr Heaton advised that council carried out a vote for the decision on the Awre Solar Farm and added that he would look into the Frampton Court Estate security at the footpath.

141/15 APOLOGIES

Apologies were accepted from County Councillor Tony Blackburn and District Councillor Haydn Jones.

142/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

143/15 PREVIOUS MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 2nd September 2015 were amended as follows:

1. Page 1027 - (d) Other Planning, second paragraph, replace football with footpaths
2. Page 1029 - 126.3/15 (c) other Financial Matters, first line to read:
Cllr Howe declared an interest as a Trustee of the Frampton Community Association.
3. Page 1030 - 129/15 Flooding, replace Game with Country
4. – 130/15 The Green Shop and Post Office, fourth paragraph, replace Severnside with Stonehouse.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 2nd September 2015 were then approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman on behalf of the Council.

144/15 PLANNING

(a) DECISIONS MADE BY THE DISTRICT COUNCIL

| | | | |
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| S15/1630/FUL | Oegrove Farm | Installation of Solar Panels | Permitted |
| S15/1624/HHOLD S15/1625/LBC | Greycroft | Repairs,alterations,extensions | Approved with conditions |
| Development Control Committee meeting held on 8 th September 2015 voted 5 to 4 to support the re-development of this site. Significant conditions will be applied to control the materials and build. | | | |

(b) DECISIONS MADE BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

None

(c) PLANNING APPLICATIONS TAKEN AT THE MEETING

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| S15/2135/AGR | Tanhouse Farm | Proposed Barn for forestry | Permission |
| S15/2136/FUL | Waterside, Lake Lane | Convert pool building to single storey dwelling. | Opposed |
| Council had a full discussion and a vote taken. Cllr Alexander proposed against the development on the grounds of insufficient parking. 6 votes in favour, 0 against, 3 abstained. | | | |
| S15/2264/HHOLD | Daffodil Cottage | Extension | support |
| Proposed support by Cllr Greenfield, seconded by Cllr Alexander Vote unanimous | | | |
| S15/2266/TCA | Top o' The Green | Various Trees - pruning | support |
| S15/2306/TCA | The Elms | Remove Cypress Tree | support |

(d) OTHER PLANNING**Ecotricity proposals to build at junction 13 M5**

An email was received from Eastington Parish Council requesting Council's decision on the above proposal. There was a wide discussion but no decision was made as there is insufficient information. Council will await the formal planning application where all details will be known.

145/15 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

County Cllr Blackburn was unable to be present but reported that he is awaiting reports of the two recent serious crashes on the A38 and that the CART abolition of the bridge keepers and the introduction of remote control working will be discussed at the Severn Voice meeting on 19th October 2015.

146/15 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

District Cllr Haydn Jones was unable to be present but provided the following report; In summary:

- Greycroft application granted with conditions. It will be removed from the "Buildings at Risk" register.
- The draft Local Plan has been further amended and will go back to the inspector. It is hoped a final vote will take place at the end of the year.
- Devolution. A combined authority proposal for Gloucestershire including County, Districts, Police, NHS etc. has been submitted to Government for consideration. The proposal would allow the combined authority to control the majority of budget currently held by Whitehall.
- The Waste contract transferred to Gossington is progressing and the lease of Cullimore's facilities locally is being extended to accommodate the changeover.

- The Syrian refugee issue. Gloucestershire is leading the way as plans evolve for the county to take 200 people. Consideration is being given to a reception centre prior to onward accommodation.
- Neighbourhood Warden - details of an update sent to the clerk for Agenda item 10.
- Mr Ian Palmer is looking to provide an all weather sporting/health facility for the Youth Football in Frampton. Mr Palmer has been asked to meet with the Parish Council or Severn Voice to provide an update on their progress.

147/15 FINANCE

147.1/15 (A) INVOICES FOR PAYMENT

Cllrs unanimously agreed that the following invoices be paid:

CHEQUES SIGNED AT 7th October 2015 MEETING

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| 679 | 07/10/15 | Mrs S. Murray | Salary (Sept) | - | 227.43 | LGA 1972 s.112(2) |
| 680 | 07/10/15 | H.M. Revenue & Customs | Paye (Jul/Aug/Sep) | - | 170.60 | LGA 1972 s.112(2) |
| 681 | 07/10/15 | P M Mountjoy FFA | Professional services | - | 30.00 | LGA 1972 s.111 |
| 682 | 07/10/15 | Miss Carla Mason (Watermarked Ltd) | Refreshments for opening event of The Green Shop. | - | 500.00 | LGA 1972 s.137 |

INVOICES PAID OUT BETWEEN MEETINGS

| CHEQUE | DATE | PAYEE | FOR | VAT | TOTAL | POWER |
|--------|----------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|-----|-------|----------------|
| 677 | 08/09/15 | Mr. William Alexander | Garden Competition Refreshments | - | 55.92 | LGA 1972 s.137 |
| 678 | 08/09/15 | GAPTC | Clerk's Minute Writing Course | | 30.00 | LGA 1972s.111 |

FUNDS RECEIVED AND BANKED BETWEEN MEETINGS

| DATE PAID IN | FROM | FOR | AMOUNT £ |
|--------------|-------------------------|------------|----------|
| 26/09/15 | Stroud District Council | Precept | 7,286.00 |
| 26/09/15 | Stroud District Council | LCTS Grant | 327.00 |
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147.2/15 (B) FINANCE UPDATE

The RFO submitted an update for the period April – October 2015 of receipts and payments and confirmed they were in line with expected budget expenditure.

The RFO confirmed that the bank balances shown did not include the precept and grant receipts which would be included next month.

147.3/15 (C) OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS

Transparency Compliance

The RFO requested support from Council to display publicly the above format of payments and receipts. This is to be posted on the website monthly. This format was agreed.

The RFO reported that an internal financial check had been carried out by Cllr Grist on 23rd September 2015 in line with the new Financial Regulations. Recommendations: a) Update the Financial spreadsheet when declared values have cleared the bank account and b) Change the "net value" formulae as it was incorrect.

The RFO confirmed that the recommendations have been carried out.

The RFO advised that funding was available via GAPTC to support the additional work in meeting compliance of the Transparency Code. Councillors agreed to an application being made to meet the added costs of compliance.

Budget and Donation Proposals

Cllr Heaton asked councillors to present financial requirements and ideas for local projects and donations within the community at the next meeting.

Projects List

Cllr Grist confirmed some of the village projects listed with Stroud District Council included Cadbury Hall phase 3 refurbishment, The Chapel refurbishment, Car Park provision and enhanced facilities at the Football Club.

Cllr Heaton confirmed sources of funding would be from Hill House Solar Farm and the Miramont development which would be available for 2016/2017 expenditure. He confirmed that no decision had been made by the Forest of Dean Council regarding the Awre Solar farm which is another potential source of funds in the future.

Cllr Heaton advised that Hill House Solar Farm was now under the new ownership of Quintas Energy.

148/15 VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT

148.1/15 Questionnaire

Cllr Heaton advised that there was no update on the questionnaire and that he would follow up with Stroud Planning.

148.2/15 The Narles

Cllr Clifford tabled a set of bullet points which covered the issues relating to management of the Narles. Cllr Heaton advised that he would discuss the issues raised with Cllr Clifford before any proposal was put to councillors.

149/15 NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDEN

Cllr Hayden Jones submitted an update by email of the current situation.

The new scheme is planning for a team of eight to include two seniors and additionally two supervisors. The first line manager is Mr. Mike Hammond who is responsible for Emergency Response and other matters of interest to Frampton. Mr Hammond will attend the Severn Voice meeting on 19th October 2015 to provide an update on the new Neighbourhood Warden services.

150/15 THE GREEN SHOP AND POST OFFICE

Cllr Alexander advised that Frampton Court Estates have agreed the design and specification of two semi-circular benches which are to be positioned around the two oak trees in front of the Green Shop. He confirmed that he is making arrangements for the funding and installation. If any councillors know of anyone who would like to place a remembrance plaque on the benches they should let him know.

Cllr Alexander advised that the old seating would be removed after the new ones are installed.

Cllr Grist enquired about the latest situation on the village Post Office. Cllr Heaton advised that Watermarked Ltd had everything in hand and expected the service to be available in the near future.

151/15 VILLAGE CAR PARK

Cllr Alexander advised that results are awaited from the soil samples recently taken.

152/15 VILLAGE NOTICE BOARDS AND LITTER BINS

Cllr Heaton confirmed he would chase up for quotations to maintain the Notice Boards.

153/15 SOCIAL MEDIA

Engaging with the local community via facebook and twitter was suggested by Cllr Heaton. Councillors debated the issue and it was agreed Cllr Heaton would put forward a proposal taking into account guidelines issued by SDC on the protocols and responsibilities of operating facebook and twitter accounts.

154/15 SEVERN VOICE

Cllr Alexander encouraged all councillors to attend the Severn Voice meeting being held on 19th October 2015 as a number of important local issues were on the agenda.

He updated Councillors on the automatic bridge opening issue with CART. In summary, Severn Voice have submitted a document to the CART trustees board relating to the concerns about automatic bridge opening. Following representation at the recent GCC Environmental Scrutiny Committee they agreed another paper could be submitted for consideration. Comments will also be submitted to The Cabinet Chairman, Mr. W. Windsor-Clive. The Sandfield Bridge trial is going ahead but numerous problems exist and some bridges are considered too dangerous.

Cllr Alexander advised that there is a Western Canals meeting at Ebley Mill on 14th October 2015 at which council should be represented. He added that this is a long term project relating to a £15m bid of lottery funding which is important to our boundary. He requested a councillor take the lead on this project. Cllr Heaton said he would confirm if he could attend.

Cllr Grist advised that the Schools Admissions group would be presenting a report to Severn Voice of their findings and requested this item be included on our next meeting agenda.

155/15 HIGHWAYS

Cllr Alexander advised that residents are concerned about a 20 yard deviation of the footpath at The Sailing Club. It was agreed that Cllr Heaton would contact the Commodore to request that the footpath be returned to its original position.

Cllr Alexander said a stile was broken at the end of Whittles Lane. Cllr Hillman will contact the owner to arrange a repair.

156/15 CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received from the Cotswold Canals Trust thanking council for their support of a bid to obtain Heritage Lottery funding for the restoration of phase B.

156/15 CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

Cllr Heaton advised that the proposed development at land north of Lake Lane will be opposed by SDC planning unless outstanding information is provided by 9th October 2015.

Cllr Heaton advised that The Bell Inn had not made a retrospective planning application for the land they have adapted to provide parking. This will be dealt with by the Enforcement officer.

157/15 COUNCILLORS' SUBMISSIONS

Cllr Griffiths raised concern about the Townfield Lake. The water level is at the top of the pipe and if the weir gate is removed the pipe will not take the excess water which will cause flooding at Church End. He requested that the weir gate remain in place.

Cllr Griffiths showed a sample of the oak posts that will be placed around the War Memorial. Councillors agreed to meet on Saturday 17th October 2015 to install the posts.

Cllr Arnold asked if letters of funding support had been sent to The Sailing Club, Frampton Country Fair and Frampton Fund Raisers regarding the cost of the remaining flooding works. Cllr Heaton advised that they had.

Cllr Arnold raised the issue about parking at Splatt Bridge. It appears that all available parking is being used by resident boat people preventing visitor parking. Cllr Alexander will approach the Canals Rivers Trust in an attempt to remove unauthorised vehicles from the CART car park.

Cllr Howe advised that he will be attending a meeting on Thursday 8th October 2015 at the Community Association and if any councillors had any comments to raise about the new format of the Community Newsletter would they let him know. Cllr Heaton advised he had given his support to the editor.

Cllr Grist confirmed she had investigated the letter from the Armed Forces. It was agreed that this item would be included on the agenda for the next meeting for councillors to make a decision.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.58 pm.