

FRAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on the 8th July 2009

1. **Councillors present** were John Chappell (Chairman), Cynthia Whyte, Jill Vines, Anne Wheatcroft and Stephen Hebb.
Also present were Simon Vines (clerk) and six members of the public.
2. **Apologies** were received from Cllr Peter Barfoot, WDDC Cllr Mary Penfold and DCC Cllr Jill Haynes.
3. **The minutes** of the parish council meeting on the 13th May 2009 were approved.
4. **Matters arising not covered elsewhere**
 - 4.1. One of the two beech trees in the rectory garden adjacent to Church Lane is reportedly in a dangerous condition and will soon be felled.
 - 4.2. The road drains in Southover have been cleared but are blocked again. Some of the drains in Church lane have also been cleared but were others were left, allegedly because their covers could not be lifted easily.
 - 4.3. The roads, especially Church Lane, needed sweeping, and the footpath near Peacock Lodge was becoming impassable due to overhanging brambles, etc.
 - 4.4. The play area committee is short of a second member from the parish council, and the bank signatories have still to be changed.
5. **New parish councillor**
 - 5.1. A motion to co-opt Tony Lock onto the parish council, proposed by John Chappell and seconded by Cynthia White, was passed nem con.
 - 5.2. Tony Lock signed the acceptance of office as a parish councillor.
6. **Financial report and annual accounts**
 - 6.1. Balances:

Main a/c		£5106
Paper a/c		£959
Paper reserve a/c		£4293
Play area a/c		£397
Play area reserve a/c		£3583
Clock a/c		£819
 - 6.2. Receipts since 13th May 2009:

23/6/09	From Frampton VH	Main a/c	3160.97
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 - 6.3. The trustees of the village hall have returned £3160.97 out of total parish council grants of £9300 towards the new extension. The return of the cash grant has allowed the parish council to make grants 'in kind' of kitchen units and a ceramic hob. The advantage of this arrangement, the legality of which was only confirmed recently by a Customs and Excise leaflet, is that the parish council can reclaim the VAT on these items.
 - 6.4. Expenditure since the 13th May 2009:

28/5/09	Parish Council insurance	Main a/c	886.48
22/6/09	Grass cutting	Main a/c	282.00
22/6/09	Ceramic hob for VH	Main a/c	240.00
22/6/09	Kitchen units for VH	Main a/c	3395.11

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- 6.5. The parish council income and expenditure account and the bank reconciliation for FY 08/09 were presented to the meeting and are attached to these minutes. A motion to approve the accounts and annual return, proposed by Cynthia Whyte and seconded by Anne Wheatcroft, was passed nem con.

7. Correspondence

- 7.1. A letter has been received from the DCC western highways office asking for comments on the 'lengthsman scheme' currently being trialled in Ferndown. Under the scheme parishes, or a group of parishes, employ a lengthsman to carry out 'odd-job' activities which the county council find difficult to organise efficiently such as clearing verges and painting wooden structures. The annual cost of a lengthsman is estimated to be approximately £25,000 and the county council has budgeted £80,000 to support schemes in Dorset. The parish council decided not to support the scheme at present because although local control may improve highway maintenance etc, it would result in a significant rise of the precept.
- 7.2. An email offering plastic bottle recycling banks to parishes has been received from West Dorset DC. The parish clerk undertook to follow up the offer.

8. Planning and tree applications

- 8.1. Hyde Crook Nursing Home has applied for planning permission for an extension to house more elderly, and also for a licence to discharge treated foul water into the ground. The licence is required because the additional sewage generated by the extension will require the present sewage treatment system to be upgraded. The nursing home has always discharged its treated foul water to ground.

9. Highways

- 9.1. The parish council have received an email from a resident in Rural Lane. Cars and lorries from the Maiden Newton direction have been turning into Rural Lane at high speed expecting it to be Church Lane because their satnavs have told them to 'turn left' too soon. The email was passed on to the highways authority who have now rotated the no-through-road sign at the entrance to Rural Lane so that it can be seen from the Maiden Newton direction.

10. Play area

- 10.1. Wendy Frampton said that she was hoping to check the play area equipment in the next week or so. She also reported that there was a continuing problem with dog fouling.

11. Village Green

- 11.1. The clerk undertook (again) to find out whether there had been any progress on the registration and 'stopping-up' of the village green. The village green is the area of grass in front of the alms houses by the church which used to be, and legally still is, road.

There being no other business meeting closed at 8:18 pm

Open Forum

It was reported that the land belonging to Dorset CC between the first and second fences along the south side of Dorchester Road has not been strimmed this year and that the weeds, including large amounts of ragwort, have taken over.

It was also reported that Samways Bridge needs repainting.

Peter Cox wondered whether there would be a parish meeting this year. In the past the parish council has organised the meeting, invited a speaker and laid on tea and biscuits.

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John Chappel replied that the parish council had missed the opportunity this year but that it would be considered for next year.

It was noted that Peter Barfoot had not attended the last three meetings of the parish council. (Post meeting extract from the 'Powers and Constitution of Local Councils': 'the office of local councillor becomes vacant if a councillor is absent for six consecutive months from meetings unless the reason for absence is approved by the council'. Peter Barfoot last attended a meeting on the 11th March 2009).

The complaints to the Standards Board made last year against John Chappell and Peter Barfoot were discussed briefly. Both complaints were dismissed and full details can be found on the Dorset for You website.

The open forum closed at 8:33pm

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Income and Expenditure for 08/09

Receipts	07/08	08/09
Precept	4,500.00	4,500.00
Allotments	98.00	98.00
Cemetery fees	690.00	120.00
Interest	91.40	123.16
Waste paper	2,636.51	1,519.62
From Frampton PCC to clock fund	50.00	50.00
Grants	844.80	0.00
Play area fund raising and donations	416.00	269.48
VAT reclaimed from previous year	549.69	0.00
Total	9,876.40	6,680.26

Payments	07/08	08/09
Clerk's salary	1,040.05	1,019.38
Admin, stationery, etc	131.82	141.02
Computer equipment	769.14	0.00
Course fees for councillors	75.00	0.00
Audit	285.00	160.00
Insurance	799.43	824.08
Grass Cutting	810.00	880.00
Church Clock	210.00	218.00
Cemetery and allotments	0.00	195.00
Play area equipment and expenses	209.13	439.00
Tibbs Hollow picnic bench	0.00	415.00
DAPTC subscription	112.66	140.75
Grant to Frampton Village News	150.00	0.00
Frampton web sites	75.00	75.63
Grant to Village Hall extension	2,500.00	3,800.00
Paper fund grant to Frampton Footlights	0.00	499.00
Paper fund grant to Millenium Green	637.66	437.83
Paper fund grant to Village Hall extension	3,000.00	0.00
Bank charges and interest (net)	0.00	35.40
Total	10,804.89	9,280.09

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Bank reconciliation at 31st March 09

Balances brought forward on 1/4/08

Main account	4,700.70
Play area current account	376.78
Play area reserve account	3,831.74
Waste paper account	4,232.10
Waste paper reserve account	0.00
Clock account	708.81
Total balances	13,850.13

Receipts

Main account	4,718.00
Play area current account	1,004.48
Play area reserve account	451.62
Waste paper account	1,519.62
Waste paper reserve account	4,293.00
Clock account	60.32
Total receipts	12,047.04

Payments

Main account	8,043.15
Play area current account	983.81
Play area reserve account	700.00
Waste paper account	5,166.83
Waste paper reserve account	0.00
Clock account	0.00
Total payments	14,893.79

Outstanding cheques not presented	0.00
Outstanding credits	0.00
Outstanding cheque from last FY	0.00
Total balance on 31/3/09 as per statements	11,003.38