

# FRAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the parish council meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> September 2009

1. **Councillors present** were John Chappell (Chairman), Cynthia Whyte, Anne Wheatcroft and Tony Lock.  
Also present were WDDC Cllr Mary Penfold, DCC Cllr Jill Haynes, Simon Vines (clerk) and six members of the public.

2. **Apologies** were received from Jill Vines and Stephen Hebb.

3. **The minutes** of the parish council meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> July 2009 were approved.

### 4. Matters arising not covered elsewhere

- 4.1. The beech tree in the rectory garden that was reportedly in a dangerous condition has been felled.
- 4.2. The gullies in Southover Lane, except one by the bridge, have been cleared but not the drains. All the gullies in Church lane have now been cleared.
- 4.3. Samways Bridge needs painting and the clerk undertook to report the matter.
- 4.4. The footpath near Peacock Lodge needs sweeping and is overhung by brambles, etc. The clerk undertook to report the matter.
- 4.5. Dorset CC has yet to respond to an enquiry about progress on the 'stopping up' of the village green.
- 4.6. The land belonging to Dorset CC between the first and second fences along the south side of Dorchester Road has now been strimmed.
- 4.7. The play area committee is short of a second member from the parish council, the bank signatories have yet to be changed and a date for the play area committee AGM has yet to be arranged.

### 5. Parish council vacancy

- 5.1. Peter Barfoot resigned from the parish council on the 5<sup>th</sup> August after ten years. The chairman and councillors thanked Peter for his long service and for his contribution to the parish.
- 5.2. A notice of vacancy has been posted and unless a petition for an election has been received by the 16<sup>th</sup> September the parish council may fill the vacancy by co-option, in which case the vacancy will be advertised in the FVN.

### 6. Financial report and annual accounts

6.1. Balances:	Main a/c	£726
	Paper a/c	£1352
	Paper reserve a/c	£4293
	Play area a/c	£397
	Play area reserve a/c	£3583
	Clock a/c	£869

#### 6.2. Receipts since 8<sup>th</sup> July 2009:

13/7/09	From Frampton VH	Main a/c	6166.28
23/7/09	Paper money	Paper a/c	393.40
31/7/09	VAT refund	Main a/c	474.14
5/8/09	From St Mary's PCC	Clock a/c	50.00

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### 6.3. Expenditure since the 8<sup>th</sup> July 2009:

22/7/09	Clerks salary & admin expenses	Main a/c	346.10
28/7/09	Labour and materials for VH	Main a/c	6000.00
17/8/09	Labour and materials for VH	Main a/c	1091.22
20/8/09	Grass cutting	Main a/c	188.00

### 7. Approval of the annual return

- 7.1. The annual return for the parish has been approved by the external auditors, BDO Stoy Hayward. The auditor's reported that 'the Council failed to approve the accounts by the statutory deadline of the 30<sup>th</sup> June as quoted in the Accounts and Audit (amended) (England) Regulations 2006'. The council failed to meet the deadline because there was an unexpected delay in the local inspection of the financial records due to matters beyond the control of the council. It was decided that next year the council should appoint another inspector if a similar situation arises.
- 7.2. A motion to approve the annual return, proposed by Cllr Wheatcroft and seconded by Cllr Whyte, was approved nem con.

### 8. Bank account signatories

- 8.1. A motion that Stephen Hebb should replace Peter Barfoot as a bank signatory, proposed by Cllr Chappell and seconded by Cllr Whyte, was passed nem con.

### 9. Correspondence

- 9.1. A letter has been received from Sweet-UK (South West England Environmental Trust) asking for confirmation that the play area, towards which SWEET-UK made a grant, is still in use. The clerk undertook to reply.
- 9.2. A letter about road works planned for 2010/11 has been received from Dorset CC and Frampton is not on the list. The clerk undertook to enquire when the Church Lane/A37 junction was going to be improved.
- 9.3. A copy of a letter from Maiden Newton PC to Dorset CC about the much reduced bus service has been received. The clerk undertook to write to the CC asking for re-instatement of the previous level of service.
- 9.4. A letter has been received from Robert Aspray, WDDC Community Protection Division, asking to discuss affordable housing issues with the parish council. He will probably attend the meeting in November.

### 10. Planning and tree applications

- 10.1. An application at Court Barn for the change use of an agricultural barn to the 'storage of domestic vehicles' was discussed briefly. The council decided to object to the application because the original permission for the barn was granted only because it was needed for the farm, and any change from agricultural use would be a clear example of 'creeping development'.

### 11. Highways

- 11.1. Although known locally as Southover Lane, the road over Samways Bridge to Southover is not named on maps. The clerk undertook to try to get the Southover Lane adopted as the official name.
- 11.2. It was reported that cars and vans were travelling too fast on Southover Lane and the clerk undertook to follow up the county council review of speed limits (Southover Lane is derestricted).

### 12. Play area

- 12.1. Wendy Frampton said that the annual safety inspection of the play area equipment was due and the clerk undertook to arrange it.
- 12.2. Wendy Frampton reported that the netting on the play area gates had been removed and that dogs were getting in again. There was a plan to weld steel mesh to the gates

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but Cllr Chappell warned against attaching anything permanently to the gates in case it invalidated the 'safety certification' of the gates.

- 12.3. The brambles from some North Park back gardens were overhanging the play area again and the clerk undertook to ask Jess Carver to cut them back.

There being no other business meeting closed at 8:21 pm

### **Open Forum**

Peter Cox reported that parking on the Dorchester Road near the entrance to Manor Farm Cottages and New Frampton Court was becoming a problem and on occasions he had had difficulty pulling out of his drive because parked vehicles obstructed his view along the road.

It was reported that the footpath along the south side of the junction of the A356 and the A37 had become very overgrown. The clerk undertook to report the matter.

The open forum closed at 8:27pm

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