

# FRAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the parish council meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> November 2009

1. **Councillors present** were Cynthia Whyte (Chairman), Anne Wheatcroft, Tony Lock, Jill Vines and Stephen Hebb.  
Also present were WDDC Cllr Mary Penfold, Simon Vines (clerk) and seven members of the public.
2. **Apologies** were received from John Chappell and DCC Cllr Jill Haynes.
3. **The minutes** of the parish council meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> September 2009 were approved.
4. **Matters arising not covered elsewhere**
  - 4.1. Samways Bridge has been inspected by the Bridge Management section of the Dorset Engineering Consultancy which is part of Dorset CC. The missing paint has been noted but remedial action has been delayed until the spring to avoid painting in cold, damp conditions which are not recommended by the paint suppliers.
  - 4.2. The pavement near Peacock Lodge and the footpath between the A356 and the A37 have been cleared by the county council.
  - 4.3. Notices concerning the exchange of the old village green land for the new village green land have been posted and plans are available in Frampton Garage. The 'stopping up' of the new village green, ie removing from the highway, will be a separate process.
  - 4.4. Stephen Hebb has replaced Peter Barfoot as a signatory.
  - 4.5. West Dorset DC agreed in an email that Southover Lane can be adopted as the official name of the lane between the A356 and West Lodge. In reply the parish council suggested that Southover Lane should continue to the end of the lane at Southover Lodge but there has been no response. The parish clerk undertook to follow up the matter.
  - 4.6. The play area equipment has had its annual inspection but the report was yet to arrive.
5. **Affordable housing**
  - 5.1. Rob Aspray of West Dorset DC Community Protection Division spoke about affordable housing. Many families cannot afford a realistic rent and there is sufficient demand to warrant the construction of more affordable housing in West Dorset. There are ten households on the housing register with connections to Frampton but at present these households have no priority in the allocation of the 8 affordable properties in North Park and 20 in Sheridan Close etc. Brownes Place was built for households with local connections but because the houses were completed during a recession the households were forced to drop out and the houses were bought by Magna.
  - 5.2. As Frampton has no development boundary, affordable housing would be one of the few permitted developments. Planning agreements drawn up during the planning process could be used to give households with local connections priority in the allocation of the housing as has been found to work at Neil's Field in Maiden Newton. The parish council might be asked to help with a survey of demand and the identification suitable, low cost, land. The empty properties at New Frampton Court are not suitable for affordable housing because the rents would be far too high.
6. **Financial report**
  - 6.1. Balances:

Main a/c	£2421
Paper a/c	£1747
Paper reserve a/c	£4294
Play area a/c	£397

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	Play area reserve a/c	£3584	
	Clock a/c	£919	
6.2.	Receipts since 9 <sup>th</sup> September 2009:		
14/9/09	Transfer from main a/c	Clock a/c	50.00
29/9/09	Precept	Main a/c	2250.00
13/10/09	Waste paper money	Paper a/c	394.67
6.3.	Expenditure since the 9 <sup>th</sup> September 2009:		
15/9/09	DAPTC subscription	Main a/c	150.58
16/9/09	External audit fee	Main a/c	166.75
13/10/09	Grass cutting	Main a/c	188.00

### 7. Precept for 2010/11

- 7.1. A motion to maintain the precept at its present annual level of £4500, proposed by Cllr Wheatcroft and seconded by Cllr Vines, was passed nem con.

### 8. Invoices

- 8.1. A motion to pay Smith of Derby £261.05 for the maintenance of the church clock, proposed by Cllr Lock and seconded by Cllr Hebb, was passed nem con.

### 9. Correspondence

- 9.1. A letter has been received from Smith of Derby asking the parish council to confirm that their engineer was not exposed to asbestos when he serviced the church clock. In the 2008 quinquennial inspection report the church architect states that the only areas that may contain asbestos are the boiler room and the organ blower box. There is no mention of asbestos in the tower. The clerk undertook to inform Smiths that in the opinion of the church architect there was no asbestos in the tower.
- 9.2. A letter has been received from Heather Pook about the need for horse warning signs in the village. Riders use the A356 at least five times every day and there have been a number of near accidents and also abuse from drivers. The parish council decided to support the installation of the signs.

### 10. Play area

- 10.1. At the play area sub-committee AGM on the 4<sup>th</sup> November it was decided to dissolve the sub-committee because there was no longer a need to raise funds for the play area.
- 10.2. Wendy Frampton will continue to inspect the equipment on a regular basis and report any faults to the parish council.
- 10.3. The parish council agreed that the play area current and reserve accounts should be moved from NatWest to Lloyds TSB (the parish council bank) to reduce paperwork when signatories are changed. Two new accounts will be set up at Lloyds TSB.
- 10.4. The Parish Council gave a special thank you to all those involved in getting the play area renovated to its present excellent state, and all their hard work over the last few years in fund raising, with a particular thanks to Wendy Frampton.

### 11. Allotments

- 11.1. The allotment agreements were due for renewal on the 1<sup>st</sup> November. The clerk reported that as the result of an inspection of the allotments at the end of October it had been decided that two of the tenancies would not be renewed because the allotments concerned showed little or no sign of cultivation during the last year. The three allotments released would be offered to Frampton residents on the waiting list on a first come first served basis.

There being no other business meeting closed at 8:39 pm.

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### Open Forum

Peter Cox reported that:

- a grant of £5k had been made towards improvements to the Toller to Powerstock footpath/cycle track along the old railway line.
- the bus service was unreliable, the first bus in the morning had failed to come on at least two occasions, stranding people who trying to get to work and hospital appointments.
- the first bus to Dorchester in the morning stops at Hardy's Statue before turning right to the hospital. Passengers have to alight in the middle of the road which can obviously be dangerous.
- the 08:45 bus from Maiden Newton to Yeovil passes through Frampton on its way to start at Maiden Newton but won't stop in Frampton because the service starts in Maiden Newton!
- parking on the Dorchester Road near the entrance to Manor Farm Cottages and New Frampton Court was a continuing problem. There had also been a large number of cars associated with a weekday evening service in the church.
- there was a continuing safety problem at Hampton Farm because vehicles were travelling too fast on a road made slippery by cow slurry which also conceals the potholes. The clerk undertook to investigate the possibility of a 30mph speed limit through the farm.

The open forum closed at 8:50pm

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