

FRAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on the 13th January 2010

1. **Councillors present** were John Chappell (Chairman), Cynthia Whyte, Tony Lock and Jill Vines.
Also present were WDDC Cllr Mary Penfold, Simon Vines (clerk) and two members of the public.
2. **Apologies** were received from Anne Wheatcroft, Stephen Hebb and DCC Cllr Jill Haynes.
3. **The minutes** of the parish council meeting on the 11th November 2009 were approved.
4. **Matters arising not covered elsewhere**
 - 4.1. West Dorset DC have agreed to adopt 'Southover Lane' as the official name of the lane between the A356 and West Lodge, Southover. If the continuation of the lane to Southover Lodge were included then the postal addresses of all the properties along the lane would be changed which would be inconvenient for all concerned.
 - 4.2. Following a request from Heather Pook, supported by the Parish Council, for horse warning signs at the entrances to the village, Dorset CC have agreed to install one sign on the eastern approach near Peacock Lodge.
 - 4.3. Dorset CC have rejected a request from the parish council for a 30mph speed limit at Hampton Farm for the reasons below:
*'Firstly we as a Council are not allowed to implement speed limits that are less than 600 metres long, and they are not to be used to "cover up" for any other problem that is present. Also any speed limit needs to be seen by motorists as having a purpose, that's why we now commence them at the edge of a village or similar so motorists can see the houses etc and understand why the limit is in place.
I would anticipate that the vast (if not all) of the traffic using this road is very regular and will be aware of the "problems" at this location.
The matter of slurry etc on the road is an enforcement matter and is dealt with by our area office (as are highway defects) I will pass your email on to them and ask them to investigate both matters.'*
The clerk undertook to follow up the matter.

5. Financial report

5.1. Balances:	Main a/c	£2723	
	Paper a/c	£1747	
	Paper reserve a/c	£4294	
	Play area a/c	£0	
	Play area reserve a/c	£3981	
	Clock a/c	£919	
5.2. Receipts since 11 th November 2009:			
15/12/09	VAT refund	Main a/c	993.49
5/1/10	Allotment rents	Main a/c	100.00
5.3. Expenditure since the 11 th November 2009:			
17/11/09	VH rent for Play Area AGM	Main a/c	5.00
23/11/09	Clerks salary for Jul, Aug and Sep	Main a/c	272.67
25/11/09	Play Area inspection fee	Main a/c	97.25
30/11/09	Church clock maintenance	Main a/c	261.05
8/12/09	Grass cutting	Main a/c	155.00

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- 5.4. The Play Area NatWest current and reserve accounts have been closed and the balances transferred to new Play Area current and reserve accounts at Lloyds TSB.

6. Grants

- 6.1. A motion to grant the Frampton Village News £100 for 2009, proposed by Cllr Chappell and seconded by Cllr Vines, was passed nem con.
- 6.2. A motion to grant £3750 'in kind' from the paper fund to the Frampton Village Hall extension, proposed by Cllr Whyte and seconded by Cllr Vines, was passed nem con.
- 6.3. A motion to grant £2000 from the paper fund to St Mary's Church for essential repairs was deferred to the next meeting.

7. Correspondence

- 7.1. A letter about the highway 'lengthmans' scheme has been received from the Dorset CC. Dorset CC will subsidise the employment of lengthsmen by parishes, or groups of parishes, to carry out minor repairs, path clearing, etc. The clerk undertook to find out if any nearby parishes were considering the scheme.
- 7.2. A letter has been received advising that Frampton Village Hall has applied for a variation to its licence for selling alcohol
- 7.3. A letter has been received from West Dorset DC offering the loan of a skate park for special events such as fêtes etc. Cllr Whyte undertook to find out more.

8. Parish Council meetings in 2010

- 8.1. Ordinary meeting will be held at 7:30pm on Wednesdays 10th March, 14th July, 8th September and 10th November.
- 8.2. The annual parish meeting will be held at 7pm on Wednesday 12th May followed by the annual meeting (AGM) of the parish council. It was suggested that a speaker should be found for the parish meeting and refreshments provided.

9. Planning applications

- 9.1. An application for an extension at Court Barn, Southover, was discussed. It was agreed that the clerk should collate councillors' comments and circulate a draft for approval before submitting them to West Dorset DC Development Control.

10. Highways

- 10.1. Road grit bins were discussed, and it was agreed that, in addition to the bins near Tibbs Hollow and the entrance to North Park, the council should provide bins at the A356/Church Lane and A356/Rural Lane junctions, at the Tibbs Lane/Southover Lane junction and on the steep part of Langford Hill (the lane from Long Ash Garage down to the Sydling road). The clerk undertook to consult the highway authority on the siting of the bins and to determine the cost. Dorset CC will fill grit bins provided by councils and local residents.
- 10.2. Litter bins were also discussed. It was agreed that new bins be installed at the Millennium Green gate and at the entrance to North Park.

11. Play area

- 11.1. The play area equipment was inspected on the 10/11/09 and the report has now been received. The inspection found 1 moderate risk (associated with the aerial glider), 14 low risks and 4 very low risks. Moderate risk items should be rectified within 3 months and low risk items within a year. The clerk has passed copies of the report to members of the recently disbanded play area committee for their consideration.

12. Allotments

- 12.1. Three allotments have been re-allocated to Frampton residents who were on the waiting list, and rents for 10 allotments have been received. One allotment has become vacant

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because the existing tenant withdrew her application, and three may become available if a second existing tenant withdraws due to pressure of work. There are 14 allotments in all. Cllr Whyte undertook to advertise the vacant allotment in the Village News.

13. Grass cutting

13.1. The council was satisfied with the service provided by Jess Carver and the clerk undertook to ask him to quote for 2010.

There being no other business meeting closed at 8:38 pm.

Open Forum

Peter Cox reported that the signpost at the Langford Hill/Sydling road junction was broken, as were the street signs for North Park and Brownes Place. The clerk undertook to report the damage.

The frequent use of Church Lane by large tractors towing muck spreaders, and by heavy tanker lorries, despite the 'not suitable for heavy vehicles' signs, was discussed. It was reported that one tanker had got stuck, that a building and car had been damaged and that the road surface was suffering. In addition, the heavy traffic in the narrow lane was hazardous for pedestrians. Cllr Penfold agreed to take up the matter with the council.

The open forum closed at 8:55 pm

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