

# FRAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in the village hall at 7pm on the 14<sup>th</sup> May 2008

**Present:** John Chappell (Chairman), Peter Barfoot, Cynthia Whyte, Anne Wheatcroft, Robin Eversden, Jill Vines, Simon Vines (clerk) and seven members of the public.

**The Chairman** welcomed those present to the meeting.

**Apologies** were received from Mary Penfold and Colin Pook.

### **Chairman's report**

**Parish Plan:** The Parish Plan was completed under the leadership of Neil Hawkins and the team he organised and has been accepted by the Parish Council. A lot of work went into this and I should like to take this opportunity to thank all of those involved. The Parish Council has acted upon many of the issues raised in the plan and we hope to see some results in the near future.

**Pig Farm:** The proposed pig farm development at Crockway was probably our biggest challenge of the year and although we had a successful outcome we must remain vigilant regarding this sort of development that benefits developers at the expense of us all.

With the shorter time now given for planning consultation and for other issues such as flood warnings etc. it is important that the Parish Council should be able to contact interested parties and possible action groups in as short a time as possible. We did try to set up an email contact list but with limited success so if villagers want better communications from the Parish Council I would urge them to supply the Clerk with an email address.

**Precept:** We have not had to increase the precept for another year; this has been mainly due to keeping down the cost of grass cutting. The savings from this has allowed us to make a useful grant to the Village hall improvements.

**Waste paper money:** John Watts efforts in collecting waste paper continues to provide a substantial contribution to the waste paper fund for which the Parish Council is most thankful. However if the contents of the green recycling bags that are seen to be put out for collection every other Monday were taken to John we could do even better. The committee set up to administer this money has made a number of grants in the past year.

Finally I must thank my fellow councillors, and all others who have helped us, for the work and time they have put in to support the Parish Council. In particular I am deeply thankful to the Parish Clerk, Simon, who has put in a considerable amount of work to keep us functioning.

### **St Mary's C E V C First School Report from Joanne Holmes**

The school currently has 193 children on the school role in seven classes. The average class size is 28. 7% of the children are on the free school meal register. Debbie Layley has returned from her teaching exchange in New Zealand. Julie May has taken over teaching Maple class whilst Melanie Austin starts on her secondment with the local authority. Unfortunately Melanie will not be returning to Charminster school at the end of her secondment as she is to take the headship of Broadmayne school.

All our KS2 children are now getting a specialist lesson in French each week as part of a DASP initiative. The school is lucky to have Ursula Der, a language specialist from St Osmunds Middle School. She is very enthusiastic and encourages everyone to participate and enjoy themselves.

The breakfast club continues to be popular under the leadership of Ms Newman and Ms Pegram. The numbers are growing and the children enjoy their varied breakfasts at school. The

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after school club is also successful although it is growing at a slower pace.

A book fair held in the Autumn term raised over £800 for the school to buy new books.

At Christmas the children gave a fantastic performance of 'It's a Party'. For the first time ever they performed this in the Charlton Down ballroom to enable as many parents as possible to watch the performance. Despite the huge audience the children were unphased by their new environment and performed beautifully. A group of children also sang at Poundbury Garden Centre, Wolfeton Manor and Hyde Crooke Homes. The children also sent 122 Christmas boxes to the charity Samaritans Purse.

During the spring term a family SEAL programme was run for all parents and children within the school. SEAL stands for Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning and is a natural development of the work done already by the school. The programme is a new one and is being piloted and supported by the local authority, it was very well supported by the parents of the school and has been regarded a big success. The programme will continue to run in the summer term.

The school association continues to support the school and has recently agreed to fund benches for lunchtime eating in the hall, a set of T-shirts with the school logo for inter-school sports competitions and contributions to various school trips. Their Christmas Fair last year raised over £1000.

The school has also received various donations from local organisations for which it is extremely grateful including Charminster Parish Council, The Three Compasses and Waitrose.

The school has been awarded the Active Mark and FA Charter. The latter enabled the school to apply for and receive a grant for new football kit. The school is in the process of initiating the Rights Respecting School initiative. They hope to achieve Level 1 in this UNICEF led award soon.

The school continues to be heavily involved in DASP - the Dorchester area schools partnership. We have many groups representing the school including assessment, SENCO, maths, literacy, music, ICT, and headteachers.

The school continues to collect Tesco's Computer for Schools and Sports for Schools vouchers. Last Autumn it collected over 18 000 sports vouchers, from these it was able to acquire a balance beam, twin wheel, scooters, netball net, equipment for dancing and various small games.

The children continue to have a wide range of after school clubs they can attend from year 1 onwards. So far this year they have been able to choose from gymnastics, recorder, French, craft, animation making, country dancing, computers, tag rugby and football. They will continue to be offered a wide range during the summer term.

The school year will continue to be busy and this summer year 4's are off to Carey Camp, year 2 will visit Streetwise in Bournemouth, the football team will represent the school at various football festivals and the school will hold its annual Arts and Science week and sports day. Finally the School Association will hold its annual barbeque to raise funds on Friday 20th June at 5.0pm.

### **Frampton Village Hall report from Colin Pook**

2007 has been a year focused on funding the extension of our village hall. Our 2007 year started off particularly well with Mike Keene's 50/50 Auction extravaganza. I say that because Mike seems to have an eye for items with potential and due to his enterprise and expertise a total of £2675 was raised, much of the other 50% payment due to vendors having also been waived by donors. Dougal Whyte, Dave Drake, Stephen Hebb, Brian Wilcox, Peter Wren and Dave Hooper spent much time and effort helping Mike.

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The Waste Paper Fund Committee considered our request for help and £3000 was promised for kitchen costs.

The Autumn Bazaar which the Village News team were not too enthusiastic about running was hijacked by me and we raised some £450 for our efforts. Thanks to all the Trustees who helped and to those others who helped on the day.

The Christmas Supper dance is always a good fundraiser and the 2007 event was no exception, thanks to Pauline Macey and her helpers and great support from the village the event raised a record £624.

Meanwhile Rene Green continued her popular Bingo evenings raising considerable amounts for our funds.

After Christmas it was the turn of Frampton Footlights, and our friends in that august body put over £700 into the fund from their excellent 3 play presentation in February and March. They haven't finished yet, as on the late Spring Bank Holiday there will be a display of pantomime costumes, sets and memorabilia from earlier years by Rene Green and her team.

Meanwhile we have organised working parties to maintain the grounds of the hall and river bank, and Dave Drake, sometimes helped by Brian Wilcox, has continued to quietly maintain the hall, and Joan has continued as our general caretaker.

Our friends on the Millennium Green Trust have cut and strimmed grass for us as part of the cooperation we enjoy with other village groups. Many others have turned up to help on our cleanup days.

It was some time ago now that Peter Wren took over as our Lettings Secretary and he has been a great ambassador for our hall because of the way he does that job; his easy manner, and nothing seems to be too much trouble in helping hirers.

Recently we have seen a start on the scheme for the extension of the hall, and many have said to me that nothing encourages support more than seeing something happening on site. My thanks to Robin Eversden who, with Guy, Reuben Waterman and their helpers descended on the hall last week, cleared the site and started erecting the steelwork. We must realise that undertaken in this "self help" way the work will take some time. When the new work is weather tight and completed so far as is practicable, only then will the new and old be put together by removal of the separating wall. At that time there will be inevitable disruption to our letting programme, but it will be minimised so far as possible.

My thanks tonight to all the Trustees for their years work and particularly to David as Clerk and Bob as Finance man.

Last of all I would pay tribute to two of our Trustees who have retired during the year, or will retire tonight. Mike Keene has been an inspiration to us since his arrival in the village some years ago but has inevitably found himself ever more thinly spread with his increasing involvement in the Village News and the Thursday Club. Many thanks, Mike, for what you have done for the hall.

Oscar Winsey retires this evening and I would thank Oscar for his unswerving loyalty and tenacity in achieving for us, all he has in more years as a member of the Trustees than I as a relative newcomer can remember. Without his enthusiasm it is probably unlikely that the hall we are in tonight would have been built in 1989. We shall miss Oscar for his words of wisdom, and sometimes of caution, which has made the institution of the Frampton Village Hall what it is today, but it must be most gratifying to see the enthusiasm with which improvements to the hall are proceeding.

### **Play area report from Wendy Frampton**

The play area was working well and fund raising during the spring had realised approximately £250. A new picnic table made from recycled plastic had just been delivered.

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### **Keep Fit report from Wendy Frampton**

Keep fit, which aims to cover its costs and also to raise money for the Joseph Weld hospice, will be taking a break in the summer.

### **Rights of Way report from Peter Cox**

Peter and Audrey have re-waymarked most of the RoW in the parish over the last few months. In doing so they have encountered a number of problems which have been reported to the county council. In particular, the bridleway from Notton Hill Barn to Compton Valance has remained closed for years because an active badger set made the path unsafe for horses. The path is perfectly safe for walkers and the clerk undertook to contact the county council about the closure. The footpath along Magiston Farm drive has at last been officially recognised.

**There being no questions meeting closed at 7:26pm**

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