

FRAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on the 11th March 2009

1. **Councillors present** were John Chappell (Chairman), Anne Wheatcroft, Cynthia Whyte, Peter Barfoot, Robin Eversden and Jill Vines.
Also present were Cllr Mary Penfold MBE District Councillor, Simon Vines (clerk) and eight members of the public.
2. **Apologies** were received from Cllr John Peake MBE County Councillor.
3. **The minutes** of the parish council meeting on the 14th January 2009 were approved.
4. **Matters arising not covered elsewhere**
 - 4.1. The clerk has spoken to Malcolm Osmond, Dorset CC Highways Dept and he will investigate the potholes and blocked gullies in Frampton.
 - 4.2. Robin Eversden has delivered the new picnic table to Tibbs Hollow.
 - 4.3. David Scoffield, Maiden Newton Rights of Way officer, has added some signs where, on the footpath between Longlands Farm and the top of Southover Bottom, the sign towards Longlands Farm points along the wrong side of a hedge.
 - 4.4. The clerk has contacted Jess Carver about the reseeding and the cutting back of the brambles in the play area.
 - 4.5. Robin Eversden said that he and Wendy Frampton will apply to the Magna tenants panel for funding to increase the height of the fencing between 1-6 Browns Place and the play area.
 - 4.6. Robin Eversden said that he had 'dog-proofed' the play area gates.
 - 4.7. The clerk reported that he had purchased an electronic mole deterrer and buried it in the cemetery.

5. Financial report

5.1. Balances:	Main a/c	£5175
	Paper a/c	£584
	Paper reserve a/c	£4291
	Play area a/c	£397
	Play area reserve a/c	£3582
	Clock a/c	£768

5.2. Receipts since 14th January 2009:

16/2/09	Paper money	Paper a/c	£381.75
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5.3. Expenditure since the 14th January 2009:

16/1/09	Clerks salary	Main a/c	£331.40
16/1/09	Admin expenses	Main a/c	£18.19
16/1/09	Cemetery and allotments - Land Registry fee	Main a/c	£40.00
19/1/09	Footlights digital piano	Paper a/c	£499.00
17/2/09	Cemetery and allotments land registration – Porter Dodson fee	Main a/c	£162.50

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6. Correspondence

- 6.1. A letter has been received from Michael Wright thanking the Parish Council for the new Footlights piano which will be available for use by other village organisations.
- 6.2. A letter has been received from Dorset CC about a road safety improvement of the A37/Church Lane junction. The improvement will take place in 2012 unless it can be fitted in earlier because other schemes have been delayed.

7. Approval of expenditure

- 7.1. The trustees of the Frampton Village Hall have written to the Parish Council requesting a contribution of £3800 towards the cost of the maple flooring in the new extension. A motion to grant £3800 to the village hall, proposed by Peter Barfoot and seconded by Cynthia White, was passed nem con. Anne Wheatcroft declared an interest as a village hall trustee, and Robin Eversden declared an interest because he was building the extension. Neither took part in the discussion or voted on the proposal.
- 7.2. A proposal to purchase four waste bins at a maximum total cost of £600, proposed by Peter Barfoot and seconded by Jill Vines, was passed nem con. The bins will be sited near the Millennium Green gate, by the entrance to the village hall car park, by the entrance to North Park and in the play area.

8. Planning and tree applications

- 8.1. There were no current planning applications within the parish.
- 8.2. The retrospective proposal to rebuild a pig unit and build a new slurry pit at Crockways Farm, Maiden Newton, was discussed. Robin Eversden said the new slurry pit was an improvement on the old, and that he disagreed strongly with the negative attitude of the parish council to development in the countryside. He said that he no longer wished to be a member of the parish council and left the meeting.

9. Cemetery and allotments – land registration

- 9.1. Porter Dodson have completed the registration of the cemetery and allotments with the Land Registry.

10. Allotments

- 10.1. The clerk reported that Mark Phillips wished to relinquish allotment number 1 but keep allotments 5 and 12. He intended to remove the rubbish and tidy up allotment for the next tenant. The allotment will be allocated to the person who has been on the waiting list the longest.
- 10.2. In answer to a question from the floor on whether it would be acceptable to store firewood etc. on an allotment the chairman said that the allotments were intended for cultivation and not storage.
- 10.3. A motion to adopt the new allotment rules, proposed by John Chappell and seconded by Jill Vines, was approved nem con. The new rules are included at the end of these minutes.

11. Grass cutting

- 11.1. A quote of £100 per cut of the cemetery, allotments, play area and Tibbs Hollow has been received from Jess Carver. A motion to accept the quote, proposed by Peter Barfoot and seconded by Cynthia Whyte, was passed nem con. The grass is normally cut 10 times a year.

12. Homewatch

- 12.1. PCSO Jackie Allen would like to hold a Homewatch meeting in the village but unfortunately is away on the day of the annual parish meeting (27th May) which would have been a convenient opportunity. The chairman undertook to discuss alternative dates with the Homewatch coordinator, Tony Grace.

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13. Transport

- 13.1. The bus service through Frampton has been significantly reduced during school holidays as the chairman discovered during the recent half term. Mary Penfold reported that Sydling had no service at all and a taxi service had been arranged for two days a week. The clerk undertook to contact the neighbouring parishes to find out if there were any plans to lobby for an improvement of the service during school holidays.

14. Election

- 14.1. Mary Penfold reported that she would be standing in the West Dorset DC election in May. John Peake was retiring from Dorset CC

The meeting closed at 8:39pm

Open Forum

Peter Cox asked who the parish council representative on the Brown's Educational Trust was. Jill Vines replied that she was the representative and that the church representatives were Tony Warne and Mandy Palmer. The trust had not received its £30 income from Crockway Farm this year.

Peter Cox asked whether any action had been taken to fill the vacancy on the parish council. The clerk replied that there had been no action, and Peter Barfoot said that the council were not obliged to fill the vacancy.

It was reported that the two large beech trees in the rectory garden adjacent to Church Lane were in a dangerous condition. The clerk undertook to report the matter to the highways authority.

The open forum closed at 8:43pm

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FRAMPTON ALLOTMENT RULES 2009

- 1 The parish council own a number of allotments which it rents out on an annual basis for the enjoyment and recreation of the tenants. The allotment rules below are made under Section 28 of the Small Holdings and Allotments Act 1908.
- 2 Vacant allotments must be offered to applicants on the waiting list kept by the parish council. Priority will be given to applicants living within the parish.
- 3 Tenants may not assign, sublet or part with possession of any part of their allotment.
- 4 Tenancies will start on the November 1st and run for 12 months, except that in 2009 there will be a seven month tenancy that will start on April 1st and end on October 31st.
- 5 Tenants must pay the rent determined by the council before the first day of the tenancy. The council may offer discounts on whatever basis the council decides.
- 6 The rent may be increased provided the council takes reasonable steps to give tenants 12 months notice. Unintended failure to give notice to a tenant will not invalidate that tenant's rent increase.
- 7 Tenants must use allotments for their own personal use and must not carry out any business or sell produce from allotments.

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- 8 Allotments must be kept clean, free from weeds, well manured and maintained in a good state of cultivation and fertility. At least 75% of the area must be used directly for cultivation.
- 9 Allotments must not be used to grow any crops for which compensation may be payable at the end of the tenancy.
- 10 Paths between adjoining allotments must be kept reasonably free from weeds up to the nearest half width by each adjoining tenant. Tenants must also keep fences and gates within the boundary of their allotment in good repair and hedges properly trimmed.
- 11 Tenants must not cut or prune any trees adjoining the allotment except with the agreement of the council.
- 12 Bonfires are not allowed except between October 1st and March 31st and then solely for the disposal of diseased plant material. Fires should not be left unattended or allowed to cause a nuisance to other tenants.
- 13 Only items and materials required directly for the cultivation of allotments may be taken to, or stored on, allotments. The allotments must not be used to store building materials or rubbish of any kind.
- 14 Only chemicals available for garden use by the general public may be used on an allotment, farm strength chemicals are prohibited. Carpet and underlay may not be used because when wet for long periods they release poisonous chemicals.
- 15 Tenants must not cause, or allow, any nuisance or annoyance to other tenants.
- 16 Dogs must be on leads and under control while on the allotments.
- 17 Animals other than hens or rabbits must not be kept on allotments. Hens and rabbits must be kept so they are not a nuisance or prejudicial to health. Beehives are not permitted.
- 18 The central path must be kept clear of obstructions at all times.
- 19 No buildings, walls or structures may be put on an allotment except for a small shed or greenhouse. Any shed or greenhouse must be maintained in good condition or the council may require it to be removed. Structures that adversely affect neighbouring plots by blocking light, etc are not permitted.
- 20 Disputes between tenants should be referred to the council and the decision of the council will be binding on all the tenants involved in the dispute.
- 21 The council may terminate Allotment Tenancies by:
 - i. twelve months written Notice To Quit expiring at any time between November 1st to March 31st inclusive; or
 - ii. if the tenant is in breach of these rules one month's Written Notice To Quit.
- 22 Tenants may terminate Allotment Tenancies by giving the council one month's written notice.
- 23 Tenants must immediately inform the council in writing of changes of contact address.
- 24 Notices served by the council may be posted to the last known address of the tenant or left on the allotment.
- 25 On termination of a tenancy for whatever reason the tenant must remove all rubbish from the allotment and leave it tidy. All structures such as polytunnels, etc must be removed unless agreed otherwise with the council. The tenant will be liable for any costs incurred by the council in removing rubbish, structures, etc that has been left on the allotment.