

Chair of the
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**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Framwellgate Moor Parish Council held on
Wednesday 5th March 2025 at 6:00pm at The Pavilion Building, Front Street, Framwellgate
Moor, Durham, DH1 5BL.**

1	Attendance: Councillors and Apologies for absence Chair, G Blenkiron, P Dawson, T Moderate, M Wilkes, M Charlton, R Perry, D Wheeler , E Pears, E Clarkson Clerk- J Turnock Durham County Council – G Knight Member of the public Karen Willis Apology – A Hopgood
2	Declarations of interest and dispensation requests Noe
3	Public participation (please notify the Chairman or Clerk in advance) None - one of the public in attendance
4	Draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Council on 5th January and associated actions Agreed and Actions from previous meeting agreed with non closed items moved forward.
5	Financial matters Spend from previous month and anticipated spend going forward Agreed
6	Use of Management Companies on New Build sites G Knight guest speaker from Durham County Council attended to give the County Councils view on use of Facilities Management Companies, issues discussed around cost implications of taking on new build sites, potential options for the council going forward.
7	Update on Groundsman The Clerk gave an update on the current situation with regards the sick absence of the groundsman. An update was read out and also advice from HRBP both of which are hard copies held with the minutes of the meeting Action – Clerk to Engage Occupational Health to undertake an assessment Action – Clerk to advertise Groundsman's role on a temporary contract. Action – Engage with DCC to undertake an initial cut of the bowling green Action – Review of the Groundsman's role prior to appointment

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8	<p>Durham Youth Donation</p> <p>T Moderate gave an update on the meeting with Durham Youth, the bank details had changed however no correspondence had taken place between the two sides since 2022 and the question was raised as to why we should continue supporting a charity with no contact and currently with more than £200,000 banked.</p> <p>Options were proposed by G Blenkiron and Seconded by M Charlton (amended following representation by T Moderate.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue to pay and back date from the point of Durham Youth changing bank account details 2. Cease all contributions with immediate effect and not backdate any payments <p>For both options Advise Durham Youth to re-apply once the new council is in place.</p> <p>Following a vote 5/4 in favour of option 2.</p> <p>Action- Chair to write to Durham Youth that the money would be ceased and no back money – this decision would be revisited on application after the elections.</p> <p>Action – Clerk to remove the Standing Order from the banking.</p>
9	<p>Playpark maintenance work and Quote for the gates</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The clerk read out a communication that the previous quote from DCC agreed at the council meeting had increased by £120 due to further inspection of parts. 2. The quote for the removal and replacement of the two gates into the playpark was read out to councillors <p>Action – Clerk to confirm the increase in cost with DC for playpark maintenance</p> <p>Action - M Wilks to discuss with DCC to potential for a fence outside of the gate onto the main road</p> <p>Action – Chair and the Clerk to explore other potential options and prices</p>
10	<p>Elections</p> <p>Clerk distributed application forms for upcoming elections, and gave timescales of when applications need to be completed and where they should be handed in</p>
11	<p>Website</p> <p>The upgrading to the website was discussed and the move to .gov.uk e-mail addresses.</p> <p>In addition to comply with audit requirements Netpower has been approached to provide iCloud storage with access to all councillors.</p> <p>Action – Clerk to circulate .gov.uk -mail addresses</p> <p>Action – E Pears to set up workshops to help councillors log on to their .gov.uk website</p> <p>Action – clerk to confirm with Netpower the set up of the cloud based storage (£408 set up and £60 annual costs)</p>
12	<p>Clerks Report</p> <p>Clerk noted a change of licencing for the Hotel Chocolate retail outlet on the Arnison Centre</p>
b	<p>Planning applications</p>

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	One application submitted HMO of Newton Drive Accpeted
c	County Councillors' reports None
e	Councillors report Parking of private vehicle on the path outside of Pasha Pizza – M Wilkes to speak to owner direct Graffiti on bus shelters on the front street was noted. Chair noted the meeting with New College and the potential for some work to get don by the students.
f	Groundsman's report None
13	Correspondence Covered under the clerks report
14	Urgent matters None
15	Date and time of next meeting. <i>Resolved:</i> That the next meeting Wednesday 2 nd April 2025 @ 18.00
	The meeting ended at 19:55

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