



Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Framwellgate Moor Parish Council held on Wednesday 2nd July 2025 at 6:00 pm at The Pavilion Building, Front Street, Framwellgate Moor, Durham, DH1 5BL.

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| 1 | <p>Attendance:</p> <p>Councillors</p> <p>Chair G Blenkiron, R Dodds, M Charlton, D Wheeler, R Perry, E Clarkson, M Wilkes</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>J Turnock</p> <p>Members of the public</p> <p>J Howle, P Dawson, T Moderate</p> <p>Apologies</p> <p>A Hopgood, E Pears</p> <p>Both M Charlton and M Wilks apologised as they needed to leave at 7 for other commitments.</p> |
| 2 | <p>Declarations of interest and dispensation requests</p> <p>None we received in advance R Perry declared and interest in item 8 in becoming a future committee member of Durham City Youth Charity. –</p> |
| 3 | <p>Public participation (please notify the Chairman or Clerk in advance)</p> <p>James Howle – presented to the parish council regarding the vibrations from the speed bumps effecting his house.</p> <p>M Wilks responded that some levelling of the speed bumps had taken place but would check to see what other action could be taken.</p> <p>J Howle thanked the council and left at this point</p> <p>Action Mark to contact Highways department to look at further actions especially in the light of the Police informing the council that the appropriate speed reduction had not taken place.</p> <p>P Dawson on behalf of Barbara Kirby and Sheila Morris live on Dryburn Road and have two observations to make regarding some of the trees on their curtilage - is there anything that the county council can do to make this safer</p> <p>One tree has a severe amount of dangly branches which some people have duck to avoid - the path is uneven due to erupting tree roots and is a potential trip hazard.</p> <p>The other is that there are telephone lines converging on the tree which would make it very difficult to fix in the event of storm damage to the tree. What would be the best option to have this looked into?</p> <p>Action M Wilkes to raise and issue with the County Council to cut back some of the trees and or to notify the relevant utilities company to identify a solution.</p> |

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| | P Dawson thanked the council and left at this point |
| 4 | <p>Review minutes from 4th June 2025 and actions agreed.</p> <p>Minutes were accepted as a true reflection with a minor amendment of the section a statement was placed in.</p> <p>Action Clerk to contact M Wilkes to confirm no response re the gate to the park.</p> <p>Action Clerk to contact A Hopgood for updating on grass cutting in Brasside and on the A167</p> <p>Action Clerk to contact E Pears to confirm tennis fees had been updated on website.</p> |
| 5 | <p>Finance Report</p> <p>Clerk presented Invoices and receipts for previous month and reconciliation which were agreed by M Charlton and D Wheeler.</p> <p>Two additional transactions were noted as they were after the updates £218.50 to pay for Occupational Health and £1268 receipts for EON from solar panels.</p> <p>Clerk notified council that two new signatories were in place</p> |
| 6 | <p>Co-opting Vacancy</p> <p>Clerk read out coopting statement from Gary Tidbury and it was agreed that Gary is co-opted. It was also noted that K Willis had resigned, and an additional vacancy existed.</p> <p>G Blenkiron proposed seconded D Wheeler that Gary accepted, and the additional vacancy advertised.</p> <p>Action Clerk to notify Gary that he was successful.</p> <p>Action Clerk to advertise vacancy until 25th August and statements will be read out at the September meeting.</p> |
| 7 | <p>Groundsman Update</p> <p>Clerk confirmed that all paperwork had been completed and the previous groundman's position was terminated.</p> <p>Clerk confirmed that the new groundman's contract had been agreed and commenced July 1st</p> |
| 8 | <p>Grants</p> <p>It was agreed to contribute the following.</p> <p>NHS foundation trust £50 proposed G Blenkiron second M Charlton</p> <p>Durham Youth £500 proposed M Wilks second G Blenkiron</p> <p>Mayors Appeal £50 proposed G Blenkiron seconded M Charlton</p> <p>Action Clerk to contact all three to confirm payment details and pay the agreed amount</p> |
| | M Wilks, M Charlton and T Moderate left at this point |
| 9 | <p>Clerks Report</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wasp's nest removed from outside of Pavillion Building 2. Locksmith fixed lock on back door 3. Second AUTH's were now in place. 4. Haystacks will no longer be hiring the room from mid-July |

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| | <p>5.</p> <p>6. Fire risk assessment had been undertaken by the clerk.</p> <p>7. Rationalisation of the agenda to take place</p> |
| 10 | <p>Parish Matters and ongoing items inc. forward plan</p> <p>Clerk to contact councillors to agree a date and time for the forward plan proposed 26th Aug 4-6</p> |
| 11 | <p>Planning Applications</p> <p>None for Framwellgate Mor Parish received.</p> |
| 12 | <p>County Councillors Report</p> <p>M Wilks had given updates on the traffic measures, planning matters and the removal of the cycle tubes before leaving.</p> |
| 13 | <p>Members Report</p> <p>Nothing was noted</p> |
| 13 | <p>Correspondence</p> <p>A thank you from St Cuthberts for the donation was received and read out</p> |
| | The meeting ended at 19.10 next meeting September 2nd. |

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