

Chair of the
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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Framwellgate Moor Parish Council held on Wednesday 3rd September 2025 at 6:00 pm at The Pavilion Building, Front Street, Framwellgate Moor, Durham, DH1 5BL.

1	<p>Attendance:</p> <p>Councillors</p> <p>Chair G Blenkiron, R Dodds, M Charlton, D Wheeler, R Perry, E Clarkson, M Wilkes, A Hopgood, E Pears G Tidbury</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>J Turnock</p> <p>Members of the public</p> <p>Vic Aymard</p> <p>Apologies</p> <p>Nil</p>
2	<p>Declarations of interest and dispensation requests</p> <p>D Wheeler noted an interest in item 8 specifically Remembrance Day parade, the Clerk advised that he did not believe that Cllr Wheeler stood to gain financially and that he should be allowed to participate in any debate and vote.</p>
3	<p>Public participation (please notify the Chairman or Clerk in advance)</p> <p>None</p>
4	<p>Review minutes from 2nd July 2025 and actions agreed.</p> <p>Minutes were accepted as a true reflection with a minor amendment of the spelling of M Wilkes name</p> <p>Outstanding Action Clerk to review better water rate provision</p> <p>Action M Wilkes to look at the trees overgrowing on the blackie boy roundabout.</p> <p>Action M Wilkes to contact Kirsty re speed issues around the parish</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>Clerk notified council that any councillor can come in and scrutinise the accounts at any time.</p>
6	<p>Clerk Update</p> <p>Co-opting Vacancy</p> <p>Clerk read out coopting statement from Vic Aymard and it was agreed that Vic is co-opted</p>

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	<p>and that all</p> <p>Action Clerk to meet Vic to complete all necessary paperwork</p> <p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Octopus energy would be installing the smart metre into the Pavillion • Clerk to investigate interest accounts. • Metal bins were delivered to replace the damaged bins around the playing field. <p>Groundsman Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The clerk gave a general overview of the work the groundsman was undertaking including clearing out of broken items and replacing some items. <p>Planning applications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circulated and agree although a query around the number of pages fo the last planning e-mail was raised.
7	<p>Parish Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wilding of certain areas of the Parish <p>Action it was agreed as part of the parish plan to look at what areas could be wilded and maintained</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website items <p>The two items were agreed and sent to Netpower for publication.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk <p>Figures for the temporary patch and total relay were communicated to council, it was deferred until the next meeting to receive advice from a specialist company.</p> <p>Action Clerk to write to DCC to ask if they have a maintenance team that could undertake a temporary fix on the muga.</p> <p>Remembrance Day – Clerk and D Weeler to work together to plan the parade</p> <p>Christmas celebrations – A Hopgood to look at a Christmas tree, organising Santa clause and putting initial plans together for e light switch on 30th November.</p> <p>Dedication Bench, it was agreed not to allow a memorial bench in the memorial garden</p> <p>Action – clerk to write to parishioner, who requested the bench, to confirm council decision</p> <p>Flagpole maintenance contract discussion – it was decided not to have the maintenance contract</p> <p>Action – clerk to write to DCC to ask if they have a maintenance provision that could be used.</p> <p>Tennis coaching request, a request for support from a tennis coach to set up coaching classes on a Monday</p> <p>Option 1 coach to be given 1 month free and 2 months are £5</p> <p>Option 2 Coach should be charged full price</p> <p>Vote 5/4 in favour of option 1 with one abs tension</p> <p>Action Clerk to communicate decision with Tennis Coach 1month/2 months decision</p>
8	<p>County Councillors Report</p>

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	<p>M Wilkes raised an issue that he had been asked by a parishioner What would happen with flags and graffiti.</p> <p>Action Clerk to write to parishioner to explain that any flag put up without consent on parish land and any graffiti would be removed.</p> <p>A Hopgood made the parish council aware that the new school building for Framwellgate Moor had been reached and work would start immediately.</p>
	The meeting ended at 20.30 next meeting October 1st

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