

# **FRAMWELLGATE MOOR PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the monthly Meeting of the Parish Council on Wednesday 1st October 2014 held in the Pavilion Building, Front Street, commencing at 6.30pm.

Present:- Councillors: - G. Blenkiron (Chair), C.Lowery, T.Simpson, A.Smith, K.Gates, D.Gill, T. Moderate and P.Wolstenholme

One Member of the Public  
County Councillor Hopgood  
County Councillor Wilkes  
County Councillor Simmons  
CREE Representative

Apologies: - Councillors:- C.Hillary, K. Willis and S.Kennedy

## **Declarations of Interest**

The Clerk requested that all members of the Council declare whether or not they had any personal and / or prejudicial interest in any items of this month's agenda.

There were no declarations of interest made.

Min.No.2771

## **Notices of Motion**

There were no notices of motion submitted.

Min.No.2772

## **Report of Community Police**

In the absence of the Community Police there was no report to be considered.

Min.No.2773

## **Approval of the minutes of previous meetings held on 3rd September and 18th September 2014**

The minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated and were confirmed as a true and correct record and they were signed by the Chairman.

Min.No.2774

## **Matters arising from the previous meetings held on the 3rd September and 18th September 2014**

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting held on 3rd September and 18th September 2014.

Min.No.2775

## **CREE Project**

The Chairman welcomed Lisa Rooks to the meeting who presented full details of the project to the Parish Council, following which the Chairman thanked Lisa for her attendance after answering questions raised by members.

Members agreed to note the content of the project and to inform the Clerk if there was interest in becoming an additional volunteer for the project.

Min. No.2776

## **Public Matters**

There were no matters raised by members of the public.

**Min.No.2777**

## **Members Matters**

The following items / issues were raised to be actioned / followed up for attention :-

- Abbey Road Playing Field – Problems with an overhanging bush causing an obstruction to the gate entrance which the Parish Council agreed to prune back in order to keep the area safe and accessible to the general public.
- Blackpath Area – Problem with students engaging in drug activities which has been taken up with the responsible authorities and the Police were to monitor the position.
- Prison Vehicles in Lower Newton – Complaints from residents about the regular parking of vehicles in the layby before the Railway Bridge
- Priory House – The Council would continue to monitor the traffic situation particularly as there are a lot of children playing in that area.
- Transporter problem in Abbey Road – The current problem is now being exacerbated by local employees also parking vehicles in the area and the grass verge being used to sell cars.

**Min.No.2778**

## **Report from Unitary County Councillors**

The Chairman welcomed County Council representatives to the meeting and their report included the following issues:-

1. They had requested further updates for residents from various departments in respect of issues raised at Priory House in Pity Me.
2. Dryburn Road and Blackie Boy Roundabout area resurfacing were almost complete.
3. There has been a major crackdown on dog fouling started in Pity Me area. Any resident with information about perpetrators requested to call Durham County Council on 03000262000 with details.
4. Council housing repairs set to start in November 2014 on Hudspeth Crescent / The Avenue, which will include new driveways. Originally no driveways were planned and repair work was to be done in 2016.
5. Its been established that pre-planning discussions over Fire Station site now appear to include retail element. No further details at the moment but the situation will be monitored.
6. The National Post Office Nationally has been contacted in respect of proposals to move Post Office from current location to Nisa store. Consultation running until 6<sup>th</sup> November. Have discussed issues of crossing and safety with County highways and planning officers, but they do not consider there are any actionable requirements.
7. Various areas of litter and litter-picking carried out including paths at Hudspeth Crescent, Front St Pity Me and also Potterhouse Lane verges.
8. County Plan – County Councillors are to make representations to inquiry - greenbelt, housing, relief roads. overdevelopment, lack of infrastructure.
9. County Councillors have raised issues about significant problem of sickness absence and lack of proper management at County Hall.
10. Currently in negotiations over price for a parking bay on Hudspeth Crescent, and a price to start verge hardening on Brasside Finchale Road, starting at far end of village.

The Chairman thanked them for their attendance and report.

Min.No.2779

### **Clerks Report**

#### **a. From County Council**

##### **(i) Planning Applications.**

The Council considered lists of Planning Applications received since the previous meeting

All applications considered were as follows :

1. **List dated 1st September 2014**

There were no applications from this list

2. **List dated 8th September 2014**

There were no applications from this list

3. **List dated 15th September 2014**

<b><u>App. Number</u></b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Case Officer</b>	<b>Decision Level</b>
<u>DM/14/02692/FPA</u>	Sainsbury's Supermarkets Limited	Sainsburys Arnison Retail Centre Pity Me Durham DH1 5GD	Erection of an A1 Retail Pod adjacent to Supermarket providing Dry Cleaning Services	Allan Fenwick	Delegated
<u>DM/14/02693/AD</u>	Sainsbury's Supermarkets Limited	Sainsburys Arnison Retail Centre Pity Me Durham DH1 5GD	Internally Illuminated Signage to Retail Pod	Allan Fenwick	Delegated

4. **List dated 22nd September 2014**

There were no applications from this list

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51. BDO -Audit fee for 2013-14 Accounts	£360.00(Includes VAT)
52. D. Temple -Clerks Expenses for half year to 30.09.14	£104.57
53. Durham County Pension Fund -Pension contributions for September 2014	£244.32
54. HMRC -Income Tax and National Insurance for second quarter 2014-15	£704.38
55. J.G.Paxton and Sons Ltd - Paint for Pavilion Changing Rooms	£24.30 (includes VAT)
56. Jewsons Ltd - One off Projects	£14.94 (includes VAT)
57. Lion Containers Ltd - New Storage Container (includes delivery)	£2076.00 (includes VAT)
58. Great North Air Ambulance - Donation	£50.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>£5325.79</u></b>

**Min.No.2785**

(b) 1st Budget Monitor 2014 – 2015

The Council considered a detailed Income and Expenditure statement together with a Reserves Statement for the period to August 2014. The report was approved and its content noted.

**Min.No.2786**

(c) Precept 2015 – 2016

A discussion took place on the financial requirements for next financial year following which it was agreed to frame next years budget around fixing the Parish Precept at a level which would ensure no increase on the Parish Council Tax levy compared with the present level.

**Min.No.2787**

**Date of Next Meeting**

This was agreed as

Wednesday 5th November 2014 at 6.30pm

The meeting concluded at 8.00pm

**Signed as a true and correct record**

.....Chairperson

.....Date