

FRAMWELLGATE MOOR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly Meeting of the Parish Council on Wednesday 2nd July 2014 held at Framwellgate Moor Youth and Community Centre, Front Street, commencing at 6.30pm.

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

One Member of the Public
Two Police Representatives
County Councillor M.Simmons
Two County Council Officers

Apologies: - Councillors:- C.Hillary

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.2731

Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion submitted.

Min.No.2732

Report of Community Police

The Chairman welcomed the two Police Representatives to the meeting and a report was circulated at the meeting as follows:-

The report for June included statistics on
Violence
Burglaries
Thefts
Criminal Damage
Vehicle or Road Related Crime
Suspicious Activity

It was also noted that there had been a slight decline in calls received compared with 4/5 months ago.

Min.No.2733

Approval of the minutes of previous meetings held on 4th June 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.2734

Matters arising from the previous meetings held on the 4th June 2014

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting held on 4th June 2014.

Min.No.2735

Updates by Durham County Council Officers

a) Transporters Offloading in the Abbey Road Area

The Chairman welcomed the Officer to the Parish Council Meeting.

An update was given by the Officer including an apology for the length of time it had taken to resolve this long – standing issue.

Moving forward, it was suggested by the Officer, that the two local garages be approached once again about this ongoing practice with a strong message that alternative offloading arrangements must be made as a matter of urgency.

The position would then be monitored by Durham Country Council, our Parish Council and the Local Police and a review be carried out in the next three months.

Min. No.2736

b) State of the Environment in the Durham County Council Area

The Chairman welcomed the Officer to the Parish Council Meeting.

An update was given by the Officer including the measures already taken to tidy up and correct some of the specific areas of concern described by the Parish Council to Durham County Council.

In addition, the Parish Council were reassured that, as a result of recent Staff changes, Durham County Council were becoming more proactive in dealing with such issues. The Parish Council accepted this reassurance but agreed to monitor and review the position in the coming months.

Min. No.2737

Public Matters

There were no matters raised by members of the public.

Min.No.2738

Members Matters

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

- St Cuthberts Avenue – Drains had been inspected.
- War Memorial Site – Durham County Council still investigating.
- Centenary Celebration for World War 1 – Reconsider position at a future meeting.
- Abbey Road Field – Obtain quotations for renewal / repair of matting.
- Brasside Area – Network Rail have returned to the affected area and carried out an excellent job.
- Area around the CARRS – Dog fouling issues which need a deterrent.
- Smithfield Area – Weed spraying is required and this needs to be part of a future maintenance programme.
- Priory House Car Parking – Evidence of indiscriminate parking which has been referred to the County Councillors for attention.
- Outstanding items from previous meetings to be followed up by the Clerk with the relevant organisations.

Min.No.2739

Report from Unitary County Councillors

The Chairman welcomed County Councillor Simmons to the meeting who gave a comprehensive report which included the following issues:-

- Frankie and Bennys Planning Application – The applicant will be responsible for closing the yellow gates in the affected area.
- Beech Road – The County Council Highways Committee will consider all the issues at their meeting in July.
- Review of Bowling Clubs – Detailed arrangements on this will follow and the Parish Council needs

to see that detail in order to assess any affect on the Parish Council
The Chairman thanked County Councillor Simmons for her attendance and report.

Min.No.2740

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 2nd June 2014**

<u>App. Number</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Proposal</u>	<u>Case Officer</u>	<u>Decision Level</u>
<u>DM/14/01269/FPA</u>	Sainsbury's Supermarkets Ltd	Sainsburys Local 26 Front Street Framwellgate Moor Durham DH1 5EJ	Plant to rear of building	Tim Burnham	Delegated
<u>DM/14/01298/FPA</u>	Mrs J Allport	39 Durham Moor Crescent Framwellgate Moor Durham DH1 5AS	Erection of first floor extension above existing garage and single storey extension to rear	Michelle Hurton	Delegated
<u>DM/14/01427/FPA</u>	Mr S Crabtree	4 Durham Road Framwellgate Moor Durham DH1 5AL	Front Porch, Two-Storey Side and Single-Storey Rear Extensions	Sue Hyde	Delegated

2. **List dated 9th June 2014**

There were no applications from this list

3. **List dated 16th June 2014**

There were no applications from this list

4. **List dated 23rd June 2014**

<u>App. Number</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Proposal</u>	<u>Case Officer</u>	<u>Decision Level</u>
<u>DM/14/01657/AD</u>	Pets At Home Ltd	Unit 1 Mercia Retail Park Pity Me Durham DH1 5GF	Erection of illuminated and non-illuminated signage	Tim Burnham	Delegated
<u>DM/14/01694/FPA</u>	The Restaurant Group	Pets At Home Arnison Retail Centre Pity Me Durham DH1 5GB	Illuminated signage and freezer unit to rear	Tim Burnham	Delegated

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Min.No.2741

b Other Correspondence

(i) Appeals for Donations

The Learning Library application was received.

Mayor Appeal 2014-15 – The Parish Council agreed to donate £100 to this appeal.

Min.No.2742

(ii) Durham Indoor Bowling Community Association Ltd

There will be an open day on Saturday 6th September 2014 at 10am and everyone at the Parish Council welcome to attend.

Min.No.2743

(iii) Model Financial Regulations

These had been recommended by the CDALC and would be examined by the Parish Council with a view to introducing them for our Council.

Min.No.2744

(iv) Planning Event

This would take place on 30th July as a training event for a maximum of 2 members per Council to attend.

Min.No.2745

(v) Casual Help for the Community Centre

The Council considered a request from the FMYCA for help to fill a vacancy within their organisation. After careful consideration of all the issues it was agreed that our Greenkeeper could not undertake the duties as required by the FMYCA.

Min.No.2746

(vi) Application to use the KGV Football Field

The Council considered an application from the Framwellgate Moor Under 14 girls team to use the pith on a Saturday during the football season 2014/15. This request was agreed to.

Min.No.2747

(vii) Framwellgate Moor Play Area in Brasside

The Council considered a detailed item of correspondence from the County Council Leisure Team regarding acquiring land and investing in new play equipment. The Council agreed to seek further information from their local County Councillors in order to obtain the up to date position as it had been quite a while since this had been first mentioned, and then reconsider the proposal at a future meeting of the Parish Council.

Min.No.2748

(c) Verbal Update

The Clerk reported that he intended to draft a Parish Newsletter over the Summer and invited all members of the Council to send to the Clerk and items for inclusion. The printing and distribution arrangements would be in line with the normal arrangements.

Min.No.2749

One off Projects

The Clerk reported progress to date on the agreed programme of works including the new website which would be going live over the Summer together with individual progress reports on the other items in the programme. In particular it was noted and agreed to now proceed with the quotation from the second lowest tenderer in respect of the construction of the base unit for the storage container for the reasons given.

Min.No.2750

Finance / Governance Reports

a) Accounts for Payment / Approval of Expenditure for 2014-2015

The Clerk asked for confirmation of the Members actions in agreeing to the usual salary and wages

paid in accordance with conditions of service, and employment contracts, since the last meeting AND the following Accounts, report previously circulated, it being noted that some additional Accounts below were also presented and agreed at the meeting:

22. Jewsons	
- Materials for one off projects	£302.75 (including VAT)
23. Durham County Pension Fund	
- Pension contributions for June	£244.32
24. HMRC	
- Tax and NI- 1 st Quarter 2014-15	£665.98
25. Jewsons	
- Materials for one off projects	£182.34 (including VAT)
26. K.Jones Electrical Services Ltd	
- one off projects electrical work	£736.08 (including VAT)
27. Batson Landscape and Tree Care Ltd	
- Cutting KGV field for June	£75.17 (including VAT)
28. Jewsons Ltd	
- Materials for one off projects	£38.99 (including VAT)
29. Durham County Council	
- Mayoral Appeal 2014/15	£100.00

TOTAL **£2345.63**

Min.No.2751

Date of Next Meeting

This was agreed as
Wednesday 3rd September 2014 at 6.30pm.

The meeting concluded at 8.30pm

Signed as a true and correct record

.....Chairperson
.....Date