

FRAMWELLGATE MOOR PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

County Councillor M. Simmons
2 Police Representatives

Apologies: - Councillor C. Lowery

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.

No member declared any interests

Min.No.2613

Report of Community Police

The Chairperson welcomed the Police Representatives to the meeting.

A report was circulated to the meeting and included the following for the preceding month, as follows:

- Burglaries, Thefts and Anti Social Behaviour in our area.
- A particular increase in road related nuisances over the Christmas period.
- Details of PACT meetings and priorities

The Police representatives responded to questions on their report and the Chairperson then thanked the representatives for their attendance.

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Report of Neighbourhood Warden

In the absence of the Neighbourhood Warden representatives there was no report given to the meeting.

Min.No.2615

Approval of the minutes of previous meeting held on 4th December 2013

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

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Matters arising from the previous meeting held on the 4th December 2013

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting held on 4th December 2013

Min.No.2617

One Offs Programme

The following update was given to the meeting

Project No

1. New Website

Virtuoso had been contacted and a meeting would be held later this month. The Council noted the

initial budget for this project of £1500 was unachievable but within the overall costs of all the one-off projects there was some scope to increase this budget provision.

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8 & 9 Various projects which would be progressed through a meeting with Councillor Gates.

2, 10 Finalised and amounts paid in relation to grants to the FMYCA and the Charity shop
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6 & 7 Projects abandoned in relation to new vehicle access and a new storage container.

An further update would be given to a future meeting.

Min. No.2618

Public Matters

There were no members of the public present at the meeting therefore there were no items submitted for consideration.

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Members Matters

Councillor Blenkiron reported on the lighting situation in Bridgemore Grange which is also of a similar poor standard to the lighting in the Smithfield area. The Council agreed to request a progress report from Durham County Council on this matter, and a previous item, regarding a seat repair in Lilac Avenue which is still outstanding, previously reported by Councillor Gates.

Min.No.2620

Report from Unitary County Councillors

The Chairperson welcomed County Councillor Simmons to the meeting.

A report was given to the meeting on items raised by the Parish Council at a previous meeting and included:

- Footpaths in the Parish, particularly in the Finchale area where the likely project cost is too high for this to be completed.
- The lighting position in the Smithfield area is still outstanding.
- The next key date on the review of the County Structure Plan is July 2014.

The Chairperson thanked the County Councillor for her attendance and report.

Min.No.2621

Clerks Report

a. From County Council

(i) Planning Applications.

The Council considered lists of Planning Applications received since the previous meeting following which the Council agreed to make no formal comment

All applications considered were as follows :

1. **List dated 2nd December 2013**
There were no applications from this list
2. **List dated 9th December 2013**
There were no applications from this list
3. **List dated 16th December 2013**

<u>App. Number</u>	Applicant	Location	Proposal	Case Officer	Decision Level
<u>CE/13/01562/TPO</u>	Mr Crisp	39 The Orchard Pity Me Durham DH1 5DA	Crown reduction of 1 no. maple tree by 1.8m	Miss Michelle Hurton	Delegated

4. **List dated 23rd December 2013**

<u>App. Number</u>	Applicant	Location	Proposal	Case Officer	Decision Level
<u>CE/13/01577/AD</u>	Durham Christian Partnership - Charity	Emmanuel Church 11 Front Street Framwellgate Moor Durham DH1 5EJ	Erection and display of non illuminated fascia signs	Mr Stephen Potter	Delegated
<u>CE/13/01589/AD</u>	Eldiss Motors	Elddis Transport (Consett) Ltd Finchale Road Framwellgate Moor Durham DH1 5HE	Erection and display of 1no. internally illuminated totem sign	Mr Stephen Potter	Delegated

b Other Correspondence

(i) Durham Indoor Bowling Club

The Council considered a request for a meeting and financial assistance. It was agreed to invite this organisation to a future meeting of the Parish Council

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(ii) Real Care Ltd

Further clarification was sought on the status of this organisation following which it was agreed to donate £50 to them in response to their donation request.

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(iii) F.M.Y.C.A.

Following consideration, it was agreed to formalise the position of 5 existing Trustees who are presently Councillors on the Parish Council, as follows:-

K.Gates , C.Hillary, T.Moderate, T.Simpson, A. Smith

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(iv) Royal Garden Party Nominations for 2014

It was agreed to nominate Councillor Lowery for consideration at this years party.

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(v) LGPS Valuation

The Clerk advised that the Pension rate for Employers would remain at 18.7% for three years commencing on 1st April 2014.

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c Verbal Update

(i) Photographs had now been ordered of the new vehicle launch.

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(ii) The Snowgritter for the new vehicle was now stored on our existing lockable container.

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(iii) A meeting had been requested with the local Primary School to discuss collaborative working in relation to winter gritting

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New Vehicle Feedback

This had been reported by the Clerk in his earlier report to the meeting.

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Finance / Governance Reports

a) Accounts for Payment / Approval of Expenditure for 2013-2014

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:

51. J G Paxton and Sons	
- Vehicle tipper tarpaulin and spares	£7.94(includes VAT)
52. FMYCA	
- Grant towards festive lighting	£340.00
53. Newsprints Ltd	
- New Vehicle Photographs	£28.20 (includes VAT)
54. Durham County Pension Fund	
- Pension contributions for December 2013	£244.32
55. HMRC	
- Tax and NI for 3 rd quarter to 03.01.14	£735.51
56. Real Care Ltd	
- Donation	£50.00
57. F.M.Y.C.A.	
- Hire of Hall	<u>£143.50</u>
TOTAL	<u>£1549.47</u>

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(b) 2nd Budget Monitor for 2013 – 2014 and Precept for 2014-2015

The above report had been previously circulated and for 2013 – 2014 covered the first 8 months of the financial year where it was noted that in overall terms everything was within budget with reserves estimated to be around £32k at 31st March 2014, assuming that expenditure is expended as projected. In relation to the precept for 2014 – 2015 the precept report was agreed with a precept amount of £40,660 which ensured that the Council Tax level for the Parish would be the same as the current year with reserves estimated to be around £30k at 31 March 2015, again assuming that expenditure is expended as projected

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Date of Next Meeting

This was agreed as Wednesday 5th February 2014 at 6.30pm.

The meeting concluded at 7.45pm

Signed as a true and correct record

.....Chairperson

.....Date