

**FRAMWELLGATE MOOR PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Framwellgate Moor  
Parish Council held remotely via Zoom on  
2 September 2020 at 1.00pm**



**Present:** Councillors N Martin (Vice Chair) A Hopgood, G Blenkiron, P Dawson, C Hillary, T Johnston, T Moderate, FM Simmons, JG Holland and M Wilkes

**Also in attendance** - A Foster - Parish Clerk

The Vice Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

1. **Apologies for Absence:**

Cllr K Willis – Cllr Wilkes to arrive late

2. **Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

No members declared an interest.

3. **Questions from members of the public:**

No questions submitted prior to the meeting, no members of the public present via zoom.

4. **Police Report:**

Newsletter submitted and circulated prior to the meeting.

5. **Minutes of Council meeting (previously circulated)**

***Resolved*** That the minutes of the meeting held on 1 July 2020, were approved and will be signed by the Chairman at the next possible opportunity.

6. **Clerks report**

- The electricity supply is now changed over to Octopus from 1 September.
- The lady using the Abbey Road field requested a half price reduction to use the field. It was agreed not to give a reduction.

## 7. Parish Matters and on-going items

### a) Planning Applications

See appendix 1

**Resolved** To recommend approval

- b) Banking update – The Clerk is still awaiting final bank statement and to see if N Power pay the income from the solar panels into the new bank account. If so the Natwest bank account will be closed.

### c) County Councillors Report

See appendix 2

**Allotments** – the County Councillors are looking at setting up an allotment site with an allotment association to do the management of the site. The Vice Chair suggested this needs to be approved by the Full Council before anything is set up. All agreed if funding is sought then it will come to Full Council for approval.

### d) Members Report

Cllr Blenkiron – Has received several complaints from residents regarding the buses being re-routed at the Arniston Centre, due to the queues at McDonalds. Cllr Hopgood has raised issues already with McDonalds and will continue to liaise.

He asked when the road will be re-opened to the recycle centre, as the diversion is causing problems to residents. Cllr Hopgood noted end of September is the date planned, but the queues for the recycle centre are still very large and this will probably be extended.

He requested a new sign for Smithfield. Cllr Hopgood will see if one can be installed

Cllr Johnson – She wishes to know what the improvements to the Carrs reserve are. Cllr Hopgood to send over the application to give her an idea to what is planned, but essentially it will be to improve accessibility, seating and improve paving

Cllr Dawson – Although the new cycle lanes are a welcome addition, the signage is very contradicting, stating 20mph only at some part of the road, but other signs still stating 20mph. He noted there is too much street furniture on the road. Cllr Hopgood to see if the signs can be moved or changed.

### e) Notes from working groups – previously circulated

Two virtual joint meetings for Finance and Governance and Building and Grounds working groups took place on 21 July and 28 July 2020.

The notes were agreed as a true record. All items that need approving to be separate agenda items.

- f) **LTA booking system** - The Clerk noted the date for installation is 14 September, the paperwork has all been sent back to LTA. All electrics are now in place. It was recommended starting the new booking system from 1 October.
- g) **Carrs Nature Reserve** – Cllr Wilkes has requested £2,000 towards the work planned. Other funding needs to be secured first.

**Resolved:** All agreed to give a donation of £2,000 towards the improvements. This will be kept on hold until all other funding is in place.

- h) **Play areas** – All play areas are now open to the public. It was noted that the Clerk used delegated powers to purchase the necessary items listed in the safety report. The costs came to £484.52.

To have the equipment sanded the cost to employ someone is £500. A sander has been purchased to enable to greenkeeper to keep on top of any further work needed in the future.

**Resolved:** It was agreed to have the items sanded professionally at £500.

- i) **Durham Football Club** – A new working group was formed to discuss the request from the football club to lease the field. Further meetings and discussions to be taken before any decision is made.

**Resolved:** To discuss further was agreed by the majority. Cllr Moderate wished his objection to be minuted.

- j) **War Memorial Pathway** – Cllr Wilkes will chase DCC re the work that needs completing before the transfer is made. To note the cost for transfer has reduced to £229.32

**Resolved:** All agreed that the Clerk to complete all paperwork if this is done before the next meeting.

- k) **Christmas Lights** – This to be placed on the working group agenda to get costs for Christmas 2021.

- l) **Drainage problems on King George V field / football goalposts** – Cllr Hopgood still in process of applying for funding for the drainage. The goal posts will have to be put on hold this year.

- m) **Paint for play area** – Costs to purchase the paint for the play area has come in at £55.00 per 2.5 ltr tin.

**Resolved:** It was agreed to purchase one tin of each colour required. As soon as paint received, the sanding to be completed and painted immediately.

- n) **Steps and hand rail / urgent work required (to note)** – Costs to repair the steps has come in at £2,600 to install a hand rail will be £2,656. To note the Clerk used delegated powers to repair the bottom steps and the path as was deemed urgent at a cost of £550.

**Resolved:** It was agreed to put this on hold until the lease of the football field is known. Also, to cordon off the steps and put notice stating dangerous, do not use.

- o) **Water heaters in changing room toilets** – Costs have been received ranging from £500 to £772 to repair or replace water heaters. It is not known why they have been disconnected.

**Resolved:** It was agreed to have further investigation into why they have been disconnected before any work to be done.

- p) **Report from Greenkeeper** - Nothing received

- q) **Policy review** - All policies have been distributed for approval prior to the meeting.

**Resolved:** The Chair to sign at the next possible opportunity – Lone Worker, Grievance and Disciplinary, Health and Safety and Public Filming

- r) **Training** – No training planned

- s) **Future meetings** - Holding future meetings via Zoom at 1pm or reverting back to face to face at 6pm was discussed.

**Resolved:** It was felt it was still not safe to carry out face to face meeting and to continue using zoom at 1pm, but review regularly.

Cllr Wilkes arrived at 2.15

- t) **Correspondence received** - Nothing received

- u) **Correspondence received after agenda published** – Nothing received

- v) **Urgent issues for noting** - (The Clerk to use delegated powers). Any items members wish to place on next month's agenda

## 8. **Financial Matters**

**Payments** - The following items were paid via BACS using delegated powers with communication with the Chair/Vice Chair during the month of August

- a) That the sum of £1,261.06 be paid to Mr B Quinn Greenkeeper (
- b) August 2020 wage)
- c) That the sum of £657.08 be paid to Mrs A Foster - Parish Clerk (August 2020 wage)
- d) That the sum of £373.34 be paid to Durham County Council Pension Fund
- e) That the sum of £82.22 be paid to Mrs A Foster - Office 365, key cut, cleaning material, paper and accident book
- f) That the sum of £715.44 be paid to DCC = legionella bill
- g) That the sum of £550.00 be paid to John Ritson - work carried out
- h) That the sum of £40.70 be paid to Max Recycle

- i) That the sum of £22.13 be paid to Paxtons - strimmer wire
- j) That the sum of £22.00 be paid to Fuel Genie

**The following were approved and will be paid by BACS following the meeting**

- k) That the sum of £1,261.06 be paid to Mr B Quinn Greenkeeper (September 2020 wage)
- l) That the sum of £657.08 be paid to Mrs A Foster - Parish Clerk (September 2020 wage)
- m) That the sum of £373.34 be paid to Durham County Council Pension Fund
- n) That the sum of £25.0 be paid to J & M Lawnmower - repair on lawnmower
- o) That the sum of £131.52 be paid to Caloo - spare parts for play equipment
- p) That the sum of £935.18 be paid to Shaun Stokoe - electrics for LTA
- q) That the sum of £423.67 be paid to Proludic - spare parts for play equipment
- r) That the sum of £2,000 be paid to DCC - Grant for Carrs Nature Reserve
- s) That the sum of £89.75 be paid to Mrs A Foster - sander / cleaning / stationery

**Receipts** – that the following amounts be noted:

- a) That the sum of £2,500 was received from DCC - members fund for LTA
- b) That the sum of £600.00 was received from Durham football club
- c) That the sum of £480.00 was received from Casual Bowlers
- d) That the sum of £573.41 was received from HMRC VAT reclaim
- e) That the sum of £600 was received from Framwellgate Workingmens Club

**9. Date of Next Meeting**

7 October 2020 to commence at 1.00pm (this to be a virtual meeting)

The meeting terminated at 2.30pm

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**Chairman**  
**Date**

## Appendix 1 – Planning Applications - agenda item A

w/c 13 July 2020

DM/20/01630/PNT	MBNL	Land South Of Main Road Garage Front Street Framwellgate Moor DH1 5EJ	To install new 20m high monopole, 4 no. new cabinets and to relocate 2 no. existing cabinets, and associated ancillary works
DM/20/01662/FPA	Mr Gary Bankhead	25 Mere Drive Pity Me Durham DH1 5DD	Replace existing polycarbonate conservatory roof with a tiled roof.
DM/20/01721/FPA	Mrs Ellen Powell	Land To The East Of 11 Finchale Road Framwellgate Moor DH1 5JN	Erection of 1no. two storey dwelling with associated access and landscaping

w/c 21 July 2020

DM/20/01768/FPA	Durham Christian Partnership Community Shop	12A Front Street Framwellgate Moor Durham DH1 5EJ	Change of use from flat to shop storage
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w/c 3 August 2020

DM/20/02002/FPA	Lidl Great Britain Limited	Lidl Uk Gmbh Wheatlands Way Pity Me Durham DH1 5GB	Full Planning Application for proposed extension to the existing foodstore, with associated external alterations
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## Appendix 2 - County Councillors report

- Continued work on parking and traffic at the Arnison Centre, mostly taken up by the queues for McDonalds drive thru and the knock on effect for other businesses, cars and bus services. The site owners and McDonalds have finally conceded that a second exit is required from the site, this is currently in the early stages of being looked at.
- County council meetings are scheduled to continue to run virtually via Microsoft Teams until at least December, all are available to be viewed on YouTube.
- Cllr Hopgood has a meeting later this month to discuss the plans for moving some council employees back into offices.
- The plans for the shopping outlet on the Elddis site have now been approved by the Secretary of State so will be going ahead.
- The long awaited yellow lines around the area should be going in soon as the enforcement order connected to them comes into effect from 3<sup>rd</sup> September
- The response re the proposal of an allotment site to the rear of Flambard Road has been excellent, we now have clear evidence of need and consultation so work can begin on costing the project and applying for grant funding.
- The cycle lanes along Front Street, Pity Me are now in place with work starting on lining Rotary Way this week. New speed limits are also in force in some of these areas.
- Cllr Wilkes is progressing with the plans for The Carrs nature reserve