

FRAMWELLGATE MOOR PARISH COUNCIL



**Minutes of a Meeting of the Framwellgate Moor
Parish Council held remotely via Zoom on
2 December 2020 at 4.00pm**

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

Also in attendance - A Foster - Parish Clerk

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. **Apologies for Absence:**

All members present

2. **Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

No members declared an interest.

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

No questions submitted prior to the meeting.

4. **Police Report:**

No update received. Cllr Blenkiron has a query regarding a suspicious vehicle. The Clerk asked to forward to her and will send to the police.

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

Resolved That the minutes of the meeting held on 4 November 2020, were approved, and will be signed by the Chairman at the next possible opportunity.

6. **Clerks report**

After the problems with members accessing the zoom meeting in November, the Clerk purchased a subscription of Zoom for £11.99 per month, the fee will be paid via Paypal.

7. Parish Matters and on-going items

a) Planning Applications

See appendix 1

Resolved: To recommend approval

b) County Councillors Report

- Cllr Hopgood gave an update – Beech Close is on hold until a truck with a grabber can be ordered. If the costs remain the same as the original price of £300 which the Parish had previously agreed to pay, then this should be ordered. DCC to arrange and bill the Parish.
- The Chief Executive Terry Collins has retired, and John Hewitt will be interim CE for 1 year.
- Aykley Heads first site, plot C planning has been approved.
- Work to start on War Memorial this week.
- Cllr Wilkes updated on the Carrs – work should be completed by end of January
- Frankland Prison will arrange a site meeting with DCC to discuss the land they own in Brasside, to see if they can hand over the land to them. Cllr Wilkes will forward all future correspondence received via email to the members.
- Arniston Centre traffic continues to be chaotic with McDonalds and the petrol station. A meeting to be arranged to discuss what solutions they will come up with before it goes to planning.

c) Members Report

- **Cllr Blenkiron** – reports of litter at the Carrs, this to be reported to the Ranger
- The junction at VW garage urgently needs a no entry sign as the number of cars going down the wrong way is increasing, which will cause a serious accident. Cllr Wilkes will check with highways.
- The sign for Smithfield has still not been installed. Cllr Hopgood noted it has been ordered.
- He is disappointed with the yellow lines that have been installed. He suggests the lines that they have put down is not appropriate and should be reported. Cllr Hopgood will report.
- **Cllr Holland** suggests the Parish be involved in a meeting regarding Sniperly proposed development. All agreed a planning working group meeting needs to be arranged to discuss this further. It was also suggested asking the land developers to attend a Parish meeting to discuss their plans directly.
- **Cllr Moderate** wished to discuss the football club lease. He requested to have it minuted that he is not happy with the wording of the public consultation which is going in the newsletter, he thinks this is misinformation and it could be liable. He is disappointed with the business plan that the football club submitted. The Chair noted until the residents have been given a chance to give their views then nothing will be agreed with Durham football club. The football club will be asked to submit an improved business plan if

the public agree to the lease. Further discussions will need to take place with the club via the formed working group once feedback from residents is received. Other members agreed the business plan is not satisfactory, but the public consultation must take place in the newsletter before anything can be done as per Fields in Trusts request.

d) **Notes from working groups – previously circulated**

The virtual joint meetings for Finance and Governance and Building and Grounds working groups took place on 24 November 2020.

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

e) **Bowling green** – 3 quotes received for the wooden boards. The Clerk to speak with one company to get price for turf instead of seed. This to be brought to the next meeting for approval.

f) **Draft budget** – The draft budget has been discussed in the working group.

Resolved: It was agreed happy with the recommendations and will go to the January meeting in readiness for precept setting.

g) **Newsletter** – The Clerk distributed for approval. A change in wording for the consultation was discussed.

Resolved: It was agreed to the slight amendments proposed, get printed and have the solo delivery. The Clerk to arrange payment when due. £210 for printing and £440 + vat for delivery.

h) **Air source heat pump** – Recommendations from the working group was to go with the annual service

Resolved: It was agreed to go with these recommendations. This to be arranged for January.

i) **Tennis / MUGA cleaning** – It was noted the cleaning has been completed. The Clerk will set the free sessions on the tennis from 3 December

j) **Issue with bank -** Natwest have made an error and still have £1.10 in the old account.

Resolved – It was agreed to get letter signed and send asking for it to be transferred to Lloyds.

k) **Report from Greenkeeper** – The indicator on the parish vehicle needed repairing. He has raked out the matting at Abbey Road. The material to fill the gaps now needs to be purchased

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

Resolved: The Chair to sign at the next possible opportunity – Delegation, Equality and Diversity and Public Participation.

- m) **Training** – No training sessions planned.
- n) **Correspondence received** – Request for donation from the Mayors Appeal

Resolved: To agree to giving donation of £50.00. The Clerk to arrange payment.

- o) **Correspondence received after agenda published** – Nothing received
- p) **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 were approved and will be paid by BACS following the meeting

- a) That the sum of £1,261.26 be paid to Mr B Quinn Greenkeeper (December 2020 wage)
- b) That the sum of £674.96 be paid to Mrs A Foster - Parish Clerk (December 2020 wage)
- c) That the sum of £373.34 be paid to Durham County Council Pension Fund
- d) That the sum of £49.16 be paid to Mrs A Foster – varnish and postage
- e) That the sum of £500.00 be paid to J R Ritson – sanding of play area
- f) That the sum of £60.00 be paid to CDALC – training
- g) That the sum of £179.99 be paid to Batsons – grass cutting
- h) That the sum of £421.88 be paid to Rawlins – paint
- i) That the sum of £31.209 be paid to Safety Signs
- j) That the sum of £360.00 be paid to Mazars – external audit
- k) That the sum of £540.00 be paid to Dual Courts – cleaning of tennis/MUGA
- l) That the sum of £154.20 be paid to Paxtons – repairs to parish vehicle
- m) That the sum of £50.00 be paid to Majors Appeal.

Receipts – that the following amounts be noted:

- a) That the sum of £22.56 was received from Club spark – tennis bookings
- b) That the sum of £6,625.84 was received from DCC for drainage on football pitch

9. Date of Next Meeting

6 January 2021 to commence at 1.00pm (this to be a virtual meeting)

The meeting terminated at 5.52pm

Chairman

Date

Appendix 1 – Planning Applications - agenda item A

w/c 9 November 2020

DM/20/03181/FPA	40 Oatlands Way Pity Me Durham DH1 5GL	Erection of porch/hall extension to front and single storey family room extension to rear.
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DM/20/03182/FPA	10 Sniperley Grove Sniperley Park Durham DH1 5AA	Two-storey side and rear extension
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w/c 16 November 2020

DM/20/03205/FPA	20 High Carr Close Framwellgate Moor Durham DH1 5JP	Conservatory to rear
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DM/20/03223/FPA	31 Westcott Drive Framwellgate Moor Durham DH1 5AQ	Porch extension, conversion of original integral side garage into habitable accommodation, lean-to pitched roof and internal alterations
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w/c 30 November 2020

DM/20/03338/FPA	70 Newton Drive Framwellgate Moor Durham DH1 5BE	Detached annexe with bedroom, bathroom and living/dining/kitchen to rear garden
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