

FRAMWELLGATE MOOR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Framwellgate Moor Parish Council held at the Pavilion, Framwellgate Moor on 5 January 2022 at 6.00pm



Present: Councillors – K Willis (Chair) P Dawson (Vice Chair),
G Blenkiron, T Moderate, SD Williams, D Wheeler, M Wilkes, M Simmons

Also in attendance - A Foster - Parish Clerk

The Chair wished all the members a Happy New Year

1. **Apologies for Absence:**

Cllrs Thorns and Hopgood gave their apologies.

To note no call for election so the council are now able to co-opt, the Clerk to arrange advertising the notice. The Clerk to send a letter of thanks to Colin Hillary for all his hard work when involved in the Parish Council.

2. **Disclosable Pecuniary and any other Interests**

Cllrs Moderate, Wilkes and Simmons declared an interest in agenda item 7b

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

No questions submitted

Lateral flows have been taken by all members before the meeting. This will be done before every meeting. If residents wish to attend, they must show results of a negative result first until restrictions are lifted. The Clerk to add to the notice so residents are aware.

4. **Police Report:**

No police presence but report submitted. There have been some burglaries that are being investigated, graffiti around the Parish has been reported. Those involved in egg throwing have been identified and dealt with. PACT meetings have been suspended due to covid.

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

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 1 December 2021, were approved, and was signed by the Chairman.

6. **Clerks report – update from previous meeting**

Turfcare have said they will start the work before end of February

7. Parish Matters and on-going items

a) Planning Applications

See appendix 1

Resolved: To recommend approval for all except the Hawthorne House. The Clerk to contact Karbon Homes and ask if the houses will be for sale or rent and ask about parking spaces, which the proposed amount of one per household is not adequate.

b) Proposed Base Station

Cllrs Moderate, Wilkes and Simmons declared an interest and took no part in the vote.

A pre application requested by Cornerstones to install a mast outside the King George was discussed.

Resolved: All members agreed they are not opposed to a mast being installed, but feel this location is not suitable, however, they would like to hold a site meeting with the agents to discuss other suitable locations within the Parish boundary of King George V.

c) Sniperley Park – Application received for 1550 dwellings, public house, local centre and primary school. Further online consultations to take place.

d) County Councillors Report - Cllr Wilkes gave an update

- First cabinet meeting will take place next month to consider precept, extra spending commitments.
- Still working on the Front Street with Street Scene concentrating on pavements and crossings. The bollard at the fish shop to be reported.

e) Members Report

Cllr Blenkiron wanted to bring up that he was told by the police to remove a post on Facebook, which he had posted after being told by a resident that markings had been made outside houses and to make residents aware. He feels that this is not the way the police should be behaving. Cllr Wilkes to speak to the Sergeant to find out what the problem is.

Cllr Williams asked if the parking space outside Newcastle Terrace could be removed as it causes an obstruction. Cllr Wilkes noted this was already in hand.

Cllr Wilkes would like to get funding to improve the play area at The Avenue, but wished to know if it is well used.

f) **Allotments**

Cllr Wilkes gave an update, he would like to hold a meeting to go over all documents that are required. He will wait until after the training has taken place.

g) **Virtual meetings**

CDALC have asked if all Parish Councils can show support for changing legislation re holding meetings virtually if required.

Resolved: It was agreed to send the letter to the MP in support of this.

h) **Quarterly Bank reconciliation**

The Clerk distributed the quarterly reconciliation, budget and bank statement

Resolved: It was signed by Cllr Simmons

i) **Final budget** – The budget was distributed for any final amendments and approval

Resolved: The final budget was approved

j) **Precept setting**

Resolved It was agreed not to increase the precept this year. The Chair and Clerk signed the request form.

k) **Policy review**

All policies have been distributed for approval prior to the meeting and reviewed by Cllr Simmons

Resolved: The Chair signed the following policies – hire agreement / lettings policy and outside games area.

l) **Bowling Green**

The fees for the next season were discussed

Resolved: It was agreed to have set times for them to play, to sign an agreement and to increase the fees to £50 per season.

m) **Report from Groundsman**

Nothing to report.

n) **Legionella report**

The water heater which operates two hot taps is not working. The report has said this needs to be repaired.

Resolved: The Clerk to get costs and if not too expensive to use delegated powers to get repaired.

o) **Training**

Confirmation of Allotment training on 3 dates in January

Members interests training – 18 January - free event

p) **Children's swing**

The seat on the swing broke and needed to be repaired urgently. The Clerk used delegated powers to order new part at a cost of £167.69

q) **Correspondence received**

Nothing received

r) **Correspondence received after agenda published**

Nothing received

s) **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 £783.45 be paid to Mrs A Foster - Parish Clerk (January 2022 wage)
- b) That the sum of £1,352.41 be paid to Mr C Elton – Groundsman (January 2022 wage)
- c) That the sum of £412.08 be paid to DCC pensions
- d) That the sum of £1,082.72 be paid to HMRC – tax/NI
- e) That the sum of £11.99 be paid to Zoom – paid via Pay Pal monthly
- f) That the sum of £5.00 be paid to Smarty – paid via Pay Pal monthly
- g) That the sum of £156.18 be paid to Octopus – direct debit
- h) That the sum of £7.00 be paid to Lloyds bank – service charge
- i) That the sum of £10.00 be paid to EE phone – direct debit

- j) That the sum of £50.00 be paid to Durham City Youth for grant – standing order
- k) That the sum of £28.14 be paid to Fuel Genie

The following to be approved and paid by BACS following the meeting.

- l) That the sum of £617.73 be paid to Paxtons – various items
- m) That the sum of £10.00 be paid to CDALC – training
- n) That the sum of £1.43 be paid to Max Recycle – overweigh load

Receipts – that the following amounts be noted

- a) That the sum of £181.57 was received from Eon – solar panels
- b) That the sum of £50.95 was received from Ofgem – heat pump
- c) That the sum of £160.00 was received for holding first aid course
- d) That the sum of £30.00 was received from Durham Deaf

9. Date of Next Meeting

2 February 2022 to commence at 6.00pm

The meeting terminated at 8.20pm

Chairman
Date

Appendix 1 – Planning Applications - agenda item A

w/c 6 December 2021

DM/21/04036/FPA	Former Hawthorn House Hawthorn Place Pity Me DH1 5DL	Erection of 9no 3 bedroom dwellings (C3) with associated access, parking and landscaping
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w/c 13 December

DM/21/03650/PNC	East Moor Leazes Farm Brasside Durham DH1 5SG	Conversion of existing agricultural barn to 1 no. dwellinghouse including alterations to facilitate conversion
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The Craft Union Pub Company Limited	Queens Head (formerly the Tap and Spile) 27 Front Street Framwellgate Moor	Minor variation application To permit alterations and to amend the plan that attaches to the premises licence following internal
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refurbishment incorporating some
changes to the fixed seating.