

FRAMWELLGATE MOOR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Framwellgate Moor Parish Council held at the Pavilion, Framwellgate Moor on 2 February 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

1. Apologies for Absence:

Cllrs Thorns tendered her resignation. The Clerk to contact Electoral Services and display the notice of vacancy.

2. Disclosable Pecuniary and any other Interests

No members declared any interests.

3. Questions from members of the public:

No questions submitted

4. Police Report:

No police present but report submitted. Parking problems continue to be a problem at the schools, they will monitor the situation. They have passed the parking on pavements issue onto parking services. A youth was in possession of an air rifle, which was seized, and he is currently being investigated. To make residents aware of bogus tradespeople who are in the area.

The members have asked if Joy Allen the Police Crime Commissioner could attend another parish meeting to discuss the police service in the area. The Clerk to invite her.

5. Minutes of Council meeting (previously circulated)

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 5 January 2022, were approved, and was signed by the Chairman.

6. Clerks report – update from previous meeting

The Clerk spoke of the recent burglary at the Pavilion container. She has contacted the insurance company where £125 excess is in force. The new chainsaw and leaf blower and saw were stolen. They also broke two cameras. She has been in touch with a company to repair, but as the system is old a new system would need to be installed as a new cameras wouldn't work. Other quotes to be sought asap.

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 planning to put in a formal objection based on lack of parking provision and access to the site.

b) Proposed Base Station

A site meeting with the agents is arranged for 10th February to discuss possible locations.

c) **Sniperley Park** – No further update following the online consultations which took place in January. Cllr Hopgood noted the master plan is still under discussion and nothing can be put in place until that is finalised.

d) County Councillors Report

- Cllr Wilkes discussed after the latest storm that Finchale Village had no power, but they all came together as a community. He mentioned the work at Abbey Sports Centre is almost complete, including heat pump, solar panels and play area.
- Cllr Hopgood spoke of the City of Culture bid and the devolution deal. She discussed all items on the budget which will go to cabinet and then full council for approval. There will be zero increase in precept.

e) Members Report

Cllr Williams asked again about the parking space outside Newcastle Terrace and if could be removed as it causes an obstruction. Cllr Wilkes noted is awaiting the report from DCC regarding the improvements to Front Street.

Cllr Wheeler asked if the trees at the back of Hartside could be cut down as they broke in the storm. Cllr Wilkes will contact DCC.

f) **Allotments** - No update, will await the final training and arrange a meeting. It was suggested joining the National Allotment Society as will get 10% discount through the training.

Resolved: It was agreed to join the society at £66 minus the discount. The Clerk to sort the application out.

g) **Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations** - It was suggested holding a joint meeting with all other community groups within the Parish. A date of 17 February was agreed.

h) **Tree planting** – Planting a tree at the Memorial Garden was discussed. Further discussions need to take place.

i) **Projects 2022** – This item to be placed on the next agenda.

The Chair wished to note that she was under the impression the Memorial Garden was for all and not just the Wars.

j) **Monthly Bank reconciliation** - The Clerk distributed the quarterly reconciliation and bank statement

Resolved: It was signed by Cllr Hopgood

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 – Conflict of Interest, Environment and General Data Protection Regulations.

l) **Report from Groundsman**

A tree snapped at the Memorial Garden during the recent storm, a tree surgeon needed to be employed to shred the broken tree at a cost of £200. The Clerk used delegated powers in conjunction with the Chair. He has done a mini service on all machinery. All parks checked and no further damage after the storm. Still finding drug paraphernalia around the King George field. The members wished to thank him for coming in on a Sunday to help with the damage.

As he uses his own equipment that he requires to carry out the work effectively, the council have agreed to get an agreement in place to purchase this equipment off him and place on the asset register. The Clerk and Chair to agree costs of his equipment and arrange payment at the next meeting.

m) **Training** – Dates of future training

- 14 June 2022 6pm Village Greens
- 12 July 2022 6pm Common Land
- 9 August 6pm Rights of Way

n) **Correspondence received**

Nothing received

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 £783.45 be paid to Mrs A Foster - Parish Clerk (February 2022 wage)
- b) That the sum of £1,352.41 be paid to Mr C Elton – Groundsman (February 2022 wage)
- c) That the sum of £412.08 be paid to DCC pensions
- d) That the sum of £11.99 be paid to Zoom – paid via Pay Pal monthly
- e) That the sum of £5.00 be paid to Smarty – paid via Pay Pal monthly
- f) That the sum of £83.31 be paid to Octopus – direct debit
- g) That the sum of £7.00 be paid to Lloyds bank – service charge
- h) That the sum of £10.00 be paid to EE phone – direct debit
- i) That the sum of £50.00 be paid to Durham City Youth for grant – standing order
- j) That the sum of £26.01 be paid to Fuel Genie

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- k) That the sum of £52.59 be paid to Paxtons – various items
- l) That the sum of £10.00 be paid to CDALC – training
- m) That the sum of £3.41 be paid to Max recycle
- n) That the sum of £194.64 be paid to Mission Heatings – water heater
- o) That the sum of £65.11 be paid to Mrs A Foster – various items
- p) That the sum of £201.23 be paid to Proludic – swing seat
- q) That the sum of £200.00 be paid to S Mole – tree surgeon
- r) That the sum of £88.80 be paid to Turfcare – fertiliser

Receipts – that the following amounts be noted

- a) That the sum of £20.00 was received from WI – room hire
- b) That the sum of £20.00 was received from Forest School
- c) That the sum of £1,408 was received from HMRC – vat return

9. Date of Next Meeting

2 March 2022 to commence at 6.00pm

The meeting terminated at 8.00pm

Chairman
Date

Appendix 1 – Planning Applications - agenda item A

w/c 17 January 2022

DM/21/04274/AD	Happy Wanderer 3 Beech Road Framwellgate Moor Durham DH1 5JE	Erection and Display of 1 no illuminated pole mounted sign, 2 no non-illuminated pole mounted signs, 1 no illuminated individual fret lettering sign and 2 no non-illuminated wall mounted signs to front and 1 no illuminated fret lettering sign to side.
DM/21/04300/TPO	39 The Orchard Pity Me Durham DH1 5DA	Crown reduce and reshape by 2.5m and crown thin by 10% to 1 no. Willow (1) and fell 1 no. Conifer (2)
DM/22/00027/FPA	Happy Wanderer 3 Beech Road Framwellgate Moor Durham DH1 5JE	Raised terraced area with brick piers and metal railings to front