

FRAMWELLGATE MOOR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Framwellgate Moor Parish Council held at the Pavilion, Framwellgate Moor on 7 September at 6.00pm



Present: Councillors – P Dawson (Vice Chair), G Blenkinsop, D Wheeler, SD Williams, M Charlton, M Wilkes, A Hopgood, and FM Simmons

Also in attendance - A Foster - Parish Clerk

1. **Apologies for Absence:**

Apologies received from K Willis (Chair) and T Moderate.

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

No members declared any interests

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

No members of the public in attendance

4. **Police Report:**

No police present, report submitted regarding anti social behaviour at the Arniston Centre, section 59 notices have been displayed around the area, which means vehicles can be seized if found to be causing anti social behaviour without issuing further notices.

Cllr Williams attended the PACT meeting. A letter was sent to local residents regarding the drug problems around the area from the college. The members were unhappy to think the police had sent this letter to residents and not included the Parish Council or County Council in this consultation.

There has been no further 'Friends of Fram' meetings since 2021 with the college/police.

It was suggested inviting the Assistant Chief Constable to attend a meeting. Cllr Hopgood to get his details. A group meeting is arranged with the local inspector on 9 November, only 2 councillors and the Clerk can attend.

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

Resolved That the minutes of the meeting held on 6 July 2022, were approved, and was signed by the Chairman. Cllr Williams asked for the wording to be changed to 'offered instead of agree to the pavilion for free'

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

The Clerk spoke of the trouble she has had with BT over the installation of broadband. She is still awaiting costs to install the pole. It was suggested seeing if the new dongle that is available would be a better alternative, she will investigate and come with more information.

7. Parish Matters and on-going items

a) Planning Applications

See appendix 1

Resolved: To recommend approval.

Cllr Hopgood left the meeting at 6.40pm

b) Sniperly Park planning

A committee meeting took place on 6 September, this is now going to a public enquiry in the new year. It was suggested holding a working group meeting to discuss what the next steps are and to arrange a member of the council attending to give a presentation on why not happy for the application to proceed. They would like to work in partnership with the two local parish councils.

c) County Councillors Report

Framwellgate Moor Front Street Regeneration plan- Cllr Wilkes gave an update to the following questions.

a) If the cycle Bollards are to be removed as part of this following on from the consultation with the public (also Highway Code has changed regarding the laws surrounding cyclists)

- *This is a separate issue to the regeneration; he will check to see if they will be removed.*

Cllr Charlton arrived at the meeting at 7.00pm

b) 20 MPH zone when is this expected to be a permanent measure

- *Yes, this will be permanent measure after statutory consultation has taken place, no dates yet.*

c) To discuss having signs installed to advertise free parking at the community centre and church to alleviate parking on the Front Street

- *Cllr Wilkes will look at if extra signs could be made available*

d) Members Report

- Cllr Willis - Brasside are experiencing boy racers on an evening racing up and down the main road towards Finchale Abbey. It was suggested contacting the police and trying to take number plates.
- Cllr Williams has been contacted by the community centre/church to get the Parish Council to promote their 'Place of Welcome and Warmth' project. She

suggested as soon as they get approval to do this and pass all the information, the Parish will be able to promote. All agreed

- Cllr Williams would like to apply for Britain in Bloom. Cllr Wilkes noted the Parish will be responsible for purchasing, planting and watering the beds from 2023. This will be looked at in more detail.
- Cllr Williams would like to hold a scarecrow project, this to be brought up next year.
- Cllr Williams has resigned from the Liberal Democrats and will continue as Parish Councillor as Independent.
- Cllr Williams noted there is now a vacancy as a school governor.
- Cllr Blenkiron asked if the trees at Abbey Road could be cut back as they are stopping the lights getting through. The Clerk to contact Northumbrian Water as that is who are responsible for them.
- Cllr Blenkiron asked if the bus stops on Finchale Road could be made into bays this would stop the queue of traffic being backed up. Cllr Wilkes will ask Highways
- Cllr Blenkiron asked if purchasing water butts to help water the plants. It was agreed to purchase.

e) **Allotments**

Cllr Wilkes to contact Durham County Council to see where things are at.

f) **Heat pump service**

The annual service is due, the cost is £235 + vat

Resolved It was agreed to have the service carried out by Alto Energy

g) **CCTV maintenance contract**

CDS have given a quote of £195 + vat to carry out an annual contract

Resolved It was agreed to have the contract put in place.

h) **Asbestos survey**

The annual survey is due in November

Resolved It was agreed to ask Omega for a quote to carry this out

i) **Monthly accounts**

The Clerk distributed the bank reconciliation and bank statement for approval

Resolved: The documents were approved and signed by Cllr Simmons

j) **Local history group**

Cllr Williams gave a brief update and noted a meeting to be arranged to see if any interest with local residents. She would like the Parish Council to be seen to be driving it forward.

k) **Policy review**

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

Resolved: The Vice Chair to sign – (dignity at work / health and safety / grievance and discipline / lone worker / public filming). All members to sign the health and safety and dignity at work document to say have read and agree. The Council agree to take the pledge for dignity at work, the Clerk to complete the application.

l) **Memorial garden update**

Cllr Blenkiron gave an update on the project. The council has been successful in the 106 application form. Unfortunately, since first getting costs, some of the items have gone up in price. There is a 16 week delay before delivery. He distributed photos of the seats, coal tub and asked for feedback re locations. It was suggested holding a site meeting so everyone could see in person where to locate them.

m) **Christmas 2022**

Cllr Blenkiron gave an update on what Cllr Willis has arranged. A tree has been kindly donated by Pity Me nursery. Cllr Willis will supply battery operated lights. Asking residents if they wish to put on a bauble was suggested. It was noted a banner stating donated from the Nursery would be installed. Cllr Wheels said his work have said they will supply the banner with the wording but only charge for the material. A switch on will be arranged.

n) **Extra sign**

It was suggested getting another metal sign for the side wall at the Pavilion. The cost would be £163 + vat. Having plaques in the Pavilion was suggested.

Resolved: It was agreed to purchase.

o) **Emails**

This to be brought to the next meeting.

p) **Report from Groundsman**

A report was read out of what work has been carried out. Unfortunately, he accidentally put the wrong fuel in the van which needed to be rectified. The Clerk used delegated powers to get the van flushed.

It was suggested finding out if he has the qualifications to do tree surveys, if so to start a tree report. Also, to look to see if any of the Ash trees have Ash die back.

- q) **Training**
 - No training planned
- r) **Correspondence received**
 - Thankyou letters received from the Mayors appeal and food bank donations that were given in July.
- s) **Correspondence received after agenda published**
- t) **Urgent issues for noting** - (The Clerk to use delegated powers). Any items members wish to place on next month's agenda

9. **Financial Matters**

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

The following were paid in August

- a) That the sum of £798.81 be paid to Mrs A Foster - Parish Clerk (August 2022 wage)
- b) That the sum of £1,384. be paid to Mr C Elton – Groundsman (August 2022 wage)
- c) That the sum of £412.08 be paid to DCC pensions
- d) That the sum of £333.32 be paid to HMRC
- e) That the sum of £90.00 be paid to Turfcare – top soil
- f) That the sum of £150.00 be paid to Forest school
- g) That the sum of £290.99 be paid to RAC – engine flush
- h) That the sum of £88.38 be paid to Mrs A Foster – avast/water meter
- i) That the sum of £19.96 be paid to MKM – cement
- j) That the sum of £774.00 be paid to CIA – tennis gates
- k) That the sum of £146.67 be paid to fuel genie

The following to be approved and paid by BACS or direct debit following the meeting

- l) That the sum of £798.61 be paid to Mrs A Foster - Parish Clerk (September 2022 wage)
- m) That the sum of £1,384.78 be paid to Mr C Elton – Groundsman (September 2022 wage)
- n) That the sum of £412.08 be paid to DCC pensions
- o) That the sum of £333.12 be paid to HMRC
- p) That the sum of £36.71 be paid to Octopus – direct debit

- q) That the sum of £7.00 be paid to Lloyds bank – service charge
- r) That the sum of £20.92 be paid to EE phone – direct debit
- s) That the sum of £50.00 be paid to Durham City Youth for grant – standing order
- t) That the sum of £18.95 be paid to Mrs A Foster – cleaning supplies
- u) That the sum of £222.50 be paid to Fuel Genie
- v) That the sum of £460.02 be paid to Paxtons – chainsaw / oil
- w) That the sum of £432.84 be paid to Batsons – grass cutting
- x) That the sum of £313.88 be paid to Alphabet finance – car lease (paid by DD)
- y) That the sum of £360.00 be paid to Mazars external audit.
- z) That the sum of £54.99 be paid to MKM – work boots

Receipts – that the following amounts be noted

- a) That the sum of £208.52 was received from Tennis bookings
- b) That the sum of £32.70 was received from the MUGA
- c) That the sum of £620.00 was received from Fram workingmen’s Football Club
- d) That the sum of £95.00 was received from Forest school

10. Date of Next Meeting

5 October 2022 to commence at 6.00pm

The meeting terminated at 8.25pm

Chairman
Date

Appendix 1 – Planning Applications - agenda item A

DM/22/02005/FPA	Bonesi	50 Finchale Avenue Brasside Durham DH1 5SD	Single storey rear extension
DM/22/01916/FPA		8 Durham Road Framwellgate Moor Durham DH1 5AL	Front porch, two-storey front and side extensions, loft conversion with re-roofing, introduction of rooflights and insulated rendering to upper rear elevation

DM/22/02520/FPA

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Rear and front extensions