

Chair of the
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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Framwellgate Moor Parish Council held on Wednesday 8th January 2025 at 6:00pm at The Pavilion Building, Front Street, Framwellgate Moor, Durham, DH1 5BL.

1	Attendance: Councillors and Apologies for absence Chair, G Blenkiron, P Dawson, T Moderate, M Wilkes, M Charlton, R Perry, D Wheeler, A Hopgood, E Pears, E Clarkson Clerk J Turnock Apology – M Charlton
2	Declarations of interest and dispensation requests G Blenkiron section 14 – motion on use of Facilities Management Companies at new builds
3	Public participation (please notify the Chairman or Clerk in advance) None
4	Draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Council on (insert date) Agreed and Actions from previous meeting agreed with non closed items moved forward.
5	Election of Vice Chair Peter Dawson was elected Vice Chair
6	Financial matters and Asset Register Spend from previous month and anticipated spend going forward Agreed Clerk mentioned the Overstatement of Assets solution is in place.
7	Dispensation for M Simons Dispensation was agreed for M Simons, going forward the policies will be reviewed to ensure that there is no ambiguity Action – Clerk and Rachel to review policy and to clarify the 6-month requirement for a dispensation.
8	Charities Commission Update The current Trustees for the Council cannot be identified therefore new Trustees need to be appointed. Rachel Perry and Peter Dawson have volunteered to be the new Trustees going forward

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	Action – Clerk to Notify Charities Committee for the new Trustees
9	<p>Precept</p> <p>It was agreed to raise the precept by 7.5% which will be an increase of approximately £2.76 on the council tax</p> <p>Action Clerk to complete precept form for the 17th January 2025</p>
10	<p>External Payment of Wages</p> <p>It was agreed to employ and external body to pay staff wages.</p> <p>Action Clerk to engage Jacks accountancy to commence payments form 1st April.</p> <p>Action Clerk to engage Groundsman for their wages to be paid month end.</p>
11	<p>Youth Club Funding</p> <p>Action – Clerk to contact Durham Youth to request numbers of parishioners impacted by the Durham Youth</p>
12a	<p>Clerk’s Report</p> <p>It was agreed to raise the hours of the clerk to 20 to be reviewed May 2025</p> <p>It was agreed to pay the excess hours for the Clerk</p> <p>Action Pay hours to be increased to 20 from 1st January 2025</p>
b	<p>Parish matters and ongoing items</p> <p>It was agreed to procure and frame photos for the Parish Building</p> <p>Action Chair to procure photos of the parish and have framed for Pavillion Building and a new clock.</p>
c	<p>Planning applications</p> <p>Only one planning application for the parish submitted, M Wilkes made councillors aware – general discussion on how the council challenges planning applications</p>
d	<p>County Councillors’ reports</p> <p>M Wilkes raised the issues of parking in Brasside and the temporary yellow lines which will be applied</p> <p>A Hopgood raised the issue of the speed limit on the road outside of what was Finchale Training College</p>
e	<p>Members’ reports</p> <p>T Moderated pointed out that snow clearing could not take place on the Front Street due to the new sped bumps.</p>
f	<p>Groundsman’s report</p> <p>Clerk appraised the council that the Groundsman is currently off sick and other than a sick note via e-mail no communication had been received.</p>
13	<p>Policy Review:</p> <p>Policies previously reviewed by P Dawson and updated were agreed. However, a decision was required on increasing the hourly rate.</p>

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	<p>Action Clerk to notify users that hourly rates would increase to £10.75 per hour and there would be no half hourly rates.</p> <p>Resolved:</p>
14	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>1. Response re motion from previous meeting on use of Facilities Management Companies to maintain new housing estates.</p> <p>Action Clerk to invite head of planning to next council meeting</p> <p>Action MP to be invited to Parish meeting to discuss national issue</p> <p>2. Complaint from a Parishioner about the paths between Newton Hall and Brasside, a response was received that the paths were not in a dangerous state but maintenance work would be undertaken within the next financial year</p>
9	<p>Urgent matters</p> <p>None</p>
10	<p>Date and time of next meeting.</p> <p>Resolved: That the next meeting Wednesday 5th February 2025 @ 18.00</p>
	<p>The meeting ended at 20:30</p>

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