



**Minutes of the Framsdén  
Annual Parish Meeting  
held on  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022  
at Framsdén Village Hall**

10 in attendance, including 5 Parish Councillors along with the District Councillor and County Councillor

**1. Welcome**

The Vice-Chair welcomed everyone to the Annual Parish Meeting.

**2. Receive apologies for absence**

Jeannie Buckingham (Tree Warden), Christine Schofield (St Mary's Church), Mark Prangell (Framsdén Fundraisers), Brian Cox (Community Benefits Society),

**3. Agreement of Minutes of the Previous Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting 2021 as a true and accurate record, were proposed by Councillor Glenn Buckingham, seconded by Vice-Chair Dominic Vaughan, all voted in favour and **IT WAS SO RESOLVED**. The Minutes were signed by the Vice-Chair and the Clerk

**4. Matters arising from the previous Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

None

**5. To receive report from Framsdén Parish Clerk**

The Clerk presented the report, which is available in full on the village website.

**6. To receive report from the County Councillor, Cllr Matthew Hicks**

The full Annual Report from the County Councillor is available on the Framsdén village website. A brief summary was delivered to the meeting by Councillor Hicks.

On a local level Councillor Hicks was pleased to report that there is to be an ongoing programme of drainage works by Suffolk Highways, with work in Framsdén currently scheduled for June. The long awaited 40 mph speed limit has now been installed on the A1120 and a number of residents have been in contact to express their appreciation. A query was raised about a speed limit for Mill Hill on the B1077. Councillor Hicks stated that Suffolk Highways had conducted a survey and thought that a 40 mph buffer might be an option, but extending the 30 mph zone was not feasible. However, as had been the experience of getting the speed limit on the A1120 it would likely cost several thousand pounds and take a number of years to achieve.

Queries were raised about the ongoing lack of reliable broadband connections for the village. Councillor Hicks reported that he understood the third phase of the Project Gigabyte was currently out to tender, but could not provide any further details.

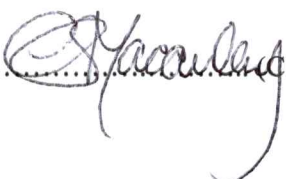

The changeover to LED lighting was applauded, as both an improvement to light pollution issues and an energy saving measure.

Grass-cutting was raised, there is significant lobbying for verges to be left natural, but Suffolk Highways have pledged to ensure that all junctions will be cut to allow for safe visibility splays.

It was noted that the Secretary of State has delayed the decision about Sizewell C until July, but a query was raised about how Suffolk County Council can square its environmental targets with adopting nuclear energy. Councillor Hicks stated that specialist advice had been followed.

**7. To receive report from the District Councillor, Cllr Suzie Morley**

The full Annual Report from the District Councillor is available on the Framsdén village website. A brief summary was delivered to the meeting by Councillor Morley.

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A question was raised about how the CO2 emissions are regarded as zero on the refuse vehicle fleet, simply because of the change to biodiesel, as this fuel still generates emissions. It was agreed that it was done through off-setting, with the carbon being absorbed by the crops when they grow, so the description of 'zero' was a bit misleading.

Following on from the carbon offsetting discussion a query was raised about the application process to receive trees and hedge plants from the District Council, with applications from Framsdens having failed as not being deemed 'of public benefit' as the trees were not on public land. Councillor Morley apologised for the application forms being misleading, but confirmed that trees were not available if they were to be planted on private land. This raised a counter argument, that the public benefit of carbon capture occurred wherever the trees/hedges were planted and by restricting access to the scheme to only public land it could lead to trees being planted in the wrong place.

The return of District Council staff to working in the office and being more readily available to help with queries was requested. Councillor Morley stated that the District Council is trying to continue with flexible work from home options as much as possible, as she believed that workers could still offer a good service no matter where they were based and less travelling would be beneficial to the environment. A general discussion revealed a deep divide of opinion on this matter, with some present stating that staff working from home had been used as an excuse to not deal efficiently with matters.

#### **8. To receive report from the Village Hall Management Committee**

Councillor Neil Mellor presented the report, which is available in full on the village website.

#### **9. To receive reports from Local Area organisations:**

The following offered reports on their activities in the past twelve months, those that offered short reports are included below, longer reports can all be viewed on the village website [www.framsdens.onesuffolk.net](http://www.framsdens.onesuffolk.net) under Parish Council/Annual Parish Meeting tab.

- a. Framsdens Fundraisers – The full report is available on the village website. The Clerk presented the report at the meeting and no questions were raised.
- b. Framsdens Community Benefits Society – The full report is available on the village website, along with the referenced Strategy Document. Councillor Neil Mellor presented the report.

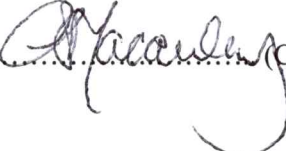

A query was raised about whether the Community Benefits Society is the same body as the Framsdens Pub Group. The answer was no – the Community Benefits Society was set up to attempt to purchase the pub and run it as a community venture, whilst Framsdens Pub Group was set up to fight a planning application for change of use of the building from a public house to a private residence. The query was raised in part to enquire where the fundraising received by Framsdens Pub Group had gone, it was believed that the money had been used for legal advice, but it appeared no accounts had ever been publicly presented. Councillors Claire Macauley and Glen Buckingham agreed to look into this matter and it was agreed to request that the Framsdens Pub Group report to the next Annual Parish Meeting.

- c. Woodland Group – The full report is available on the village website. Councillor Macauley presented the report.
- d. Table Tennis Club – The full report is available on the village website.
- e. St Marys Church – The full report is available on the village website.
- f. Framsdens Baptist Church – no report received.
- g. Helmingham Community Primary School – no report received
- h. Village Tree Warden – Councillor Macauley reported that the Framsdens Tree Warden has pioneered new way of raising seedlings, using Harrybeds, which has resulted in a number of oak trees being ready for Platinum Jubilee planting. During the course of the year a successful fruit tree grafting workshop had also taken place. A plea was put out for anyone in the village who has tree seeds to raise to get in touch, particularly small leaved lime, black poplar or English elm.
- i. Any other organisations not listed above - none

#### **4. Open forum for questions and discussion**

None

Meeting closed 8.51 pm

Signed  (Chair of meeting authorising minutes) Signed  (Clerk)