



**Minutes of the Framsdan  
Annual Parish Meeting  
held on  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 7.30pm  
at Framsdan Village Hall**

14 in attendance, including 6 Parish Councillors.

**1. Welcome**

The Clerk welcomed everyone to the Annual Parish Meeting and asked for a Councillor to come forward to Chair the meeting. Councillor Claire Macaulay was proposed to act as Chair by Councillor Dominic Vaughan, seconded by Councillor Nicola Whitmore, all voted in favour and **IT WAS SO RESOLVED.**

**2. Receive apologies for absence**

Matthew Hicks (County Councillor), Brian Cox (Community Benefits Society), Mark Prangell (Framsdan Fundraisers), Mike Creasy (Framsdan Baptist Church), Christine Schofield (St Mary's Church), Jeannie Buckingham (Tree Warden)

**3. Agreement of Minutes of the Previous Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting 2022 as a true and accurate record, were proposed by GB, seconded by CM, all voted in favour and **IT WAS SO RESOLVED.** The Minutes were signed by the Chair and the Clerk

**4. Matters arising from the previous Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

One matter that was queried at the 2022 meeting was about the Framsdan Pub Group, it has been confirmed that this organisation has now been absorbed by the Framsdan Community Benefits Society.

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

The Clerk presented the report, which is available in full on the village website. A query was raised about whether there is any retention of funds for the Play Area as the work has not been completed correctly. The Council confirmed that there is a substantial figure that has been held back for payment only when the snagging issues are resolved.

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

The full Annual Report from the County Councillor is available on the Framsdan village website

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

The most recent reports received from the District Councillor are available on the Framsdan village website.

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

Councillor Ian Seager presented the report, which is available in full on the village website. The Committee have renamed themselves colloquially as 'The Village Hall Team' to try and encourage new members. A query was raised about bookings and income, the Parish Clerk confirmed that the income is still well below pre-pandemic levels and this is why the recycling income is so important. A query was raised about whether all groups pay for the use of the hall, it is understood that there is a reduced rate for fundraising events and charity groups. There was a discussion about the financing of the hall and encouraging usage, although the precept raised by the Parish Council is also a back-up source of funding to ensure the continuity of the hall for use by the community.

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

**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.framsden.onesuffolk.net](http://www.framsden.onesuffolk.net) under Parish Council/Annual Parish Meeting tab.

- a. Framsdén Fundraisers – The full report is available on the village website – presented by Richard Green. Huge gratitude is expressed to the trustees that will soon be standing down from Framsdén Fundraisers for all the work that they have done for the village.
- b. Framsdén Community Benefits Society (incorporating Framsdén Pub Group) – The full report is available on the village website – presented by Mike Muldoon. The AGM for the group is taking place at the end of April and there are plans to try and take advantage of the King’s Coronation ‘Big Help Out’ day, by seeing if the owner of the Doberman Inn would like help tidy up the outside of the building, the CBS is awaiting to find out if this is agreed. A question was raised about the cost of engaging a surveyor and it was confirmed that a grant had been received to cover this cost.
- c. Woodland Group – The full report is available on the village website – presented by Councillor Claire Macaulay. A question was raised about thinning out Ash trees, it was confirmed that there are plans to do this, explaining that part of the income of the group is sourced from the sale of firewood.
- d. Table Tennis Club – The full report is available on the village website - presented by Councillor Ian Seager. It was noted that there is a further Table Tennis group that meets separately, which demonstrates the strong interest in this sport in the village.
- e. St Marys Church – The full report is available on the village website – presented by the Parish Clerk. Councillor Ian Seager queried whether it would be useful for the Parochial Church Council (PCC) to advertise their AGM and other events via the Parish Council email distribution system. Councillor Nicola Whitmore explained that the legal requirement is for the AGM notice to be put on the church door, but would take the suggestion back to the PCC.
- f. Framsdén Baptist Church – A short message was read out by the Parish Clerk on behalf of the Chapel Elders: “We at Framsdén Baptist Church love God’s Word the Bible. We meet every Sunday at 10.45 am to worship God and to hear the Bible clearly explained. It is a source of truth in a confused world, a source of hope in a troubled world, and our anchor in stormy seas. We share tea or coffee after our one-hour service and we extend a very warm welcome to any who would like to come to our bright and colourful chapel to spend an hour with us.”
- g. Village Tree Warden – The full report is available on the village website – presented by Councillor Claire Macaulay. A query was raised by parishioner about what is being done to ensure that the trees that have been planted will grow. Councillor Glenn Buckingham explained that a lot of watering took place over the drought period and the trees would be monitored, but it would be good to get more volunteers to help re-stake any trees that have been affected by deer. There are also plans on the Helmingham Estate to look at ways of controlling the deer numbers to help ensure that trees in the village can grow well. Councillor Claire Macaulay asked that people walking round the village alert the Tree Warden if any trees that have been planted need any maintenance.
- h. Sustainable Framsdén CIC – The full report is available on the village website – presented by Councillor Claire Macaulay. A question was raised about the Community Power Generation scheme that is being proposed and how locally produced electricity is actually retained within the community. Councillor Glenn Buckingham said it was accounted for via a smart metering system and Councillor Claire Macaulay explained that there may also be some battery usage to store electricity for times of non-generation of electricity.
- i. Any other organisations not listed above - none

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

None

Meeting closed 8.50 pm

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