

FRAMSDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Friday 13th January 2017 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Chair Nicola Whitmore (NW), Nigel Hutchinson (NH), Ian Seager (IS), Debra Pearce (DP) and Claire Macaulay (CM)
In attendance: Cllr Tim Passmore (TP), four members of the public. The FF representative joined the meeting at 9pm.
Apologies: Cllrs Glenn Buckingham (GB), James Young (JY)
References: FF – Framsdén Fund Raisers, PC – Parish Council

Opening

The Chair opened the meeting at 7.30pm. At the request of The Chair, agenda item 4 (District Councillor's Report), was moved to the start of the meeting.

FPC 04/0117

Receive District Councillor Tim Passmore's Report

Council precept is not yet set. Suffolk Foundation Report: the Social Mobility Index shows Waveney as the 8th worst District and Ipswich as the 23rd in England and Wales. Cllr Passmore thought education and isolation to be among the major causes. Conversely Mid Suffolk is high up on the list for Social Mobility, so a localised problem.

Policing in Suffolk is currently financed at c. £5/capita/year, which is less than Norfolk receives. Suffolk has 480 parishes.

New Chief Executive is now in place; Mr Charvonia previously was the CE at Waveney.

Move to Endeavour House is well underway.

Levels of dementia (in Suffolk?) by 2020 are thought to reach 15 thousand (half of whom will be over 85 years old and 12 thousand of whom will be 65+).

Civil parking income to local authorities rather than central government.

Income for Suffolk, releases the police for other work, self-financing. Should be in place by the end of February generating an income of £250k, £10k per district. Potentially greater than £250k as revenue from on-street parking. However cost of survey and signage will eat into this income. End date of implementation 04/2019 at the latest.

Doberman Inn as a community asset. Cllr Passmore cited 'The Case is Altered' in Bentley as a successful example of when a pub is purchased by the community and offered to put Framsdén in touch with those who run 'The Case is Altered' should the community consider purchasing it. The Case is Altered includes a community shop/deli, coffee shop and restaurant. Bentley has a population of c.500.

FPC02/0117

Public Participation

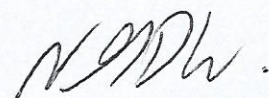
A member of the public asked where the increase in cost has come from in order to justify an increase in the precept. See FPC11/0117

New members of the community raised three issues (i) expressed concern about the speed of the traffic through the village at certain peak times; advised to speak to Cllr TP. (i) Internet speed. Concern can be registered with BT.

Suggested that an email could be sent out via FF

CM

(iii) Possibility of allotments in the village. NW advised that as the PC holds no land if 5 or more households requested allotments an approach could be made for some land, but warned that in the past this had resulted in a less than favourable response as Framsdén PC do not own any land.



- FPC06/0117 **Approve Minutes of meeting held on 11th November 2016 as a true record of the meeting**
These were approved and signed by the Chair.
- FPC11/0117 **Draft Budget and Precept for 2017/18**
Cllr GB had put forward a proposal of a 20% increase in the precept. However after much deliberation it was with deep regret that the PC felt it had no option other than to opt for an increase of £48% (£0.41 increase per household per week or £21.58 per household per annum). The PC found itself in a difficult position with increases in the clerk's hours and training costs to meet legal requirements and the extra hours due to vh administration as well as expenses as a result of legal requirements to make provision to pay the clerk's pension contribution should they request it. This increase has been implemented with a view to keeping future increases to a minimum and with consideration of the fact that past years have seen no increase at all.
- FP12/0117 **Five Year Action Plan**
Budget for routine maintenance of VH deferred until the next meeting.
- FP13/0117 **Community Assets.**
Definition of a community asset was covered again.
Request was received from the owner of the pub to remove The Doberman from the Community Asset Register. This request was unanimously declined.
Registration of the Doberman to be notified to the Parish via FF. **CM**
Registration of Eade's Orchard as an asset is almost complete. **IS**
Other assets under consideration for registration are Tollgate Corner, Playground, land opposite pub. IS suggested that members of the PC should take on an asset to register to lighten the load for the clerk.
- FP14/0117 **Play Area** update deferred to next meeting owing to absence of JY.
- FP17/0117 **PCC request for funding for new lawn mower**
Request received from PCC for £350 as part funding for a new lawn mower. It was decided in light of the discussion re increasing the precept that the funding should be £250 which is more in line with the figure set aside to pay for the parole team to come in and work in the churchyard.
- FP19/0117 **Correspondence for Information**
Place of Worship grant information passed on to Christine Schofield **NW**
- FP21/0117 **Finance**
NW requested advice as to how to pay outstanding bills in the absence of a clerk. If the cheque book can be found DP has offered to sign any cheques required.
- FP22/0117 **VH Lease**
NW to attend meeting at Birketts Solicitors to discuss further 18.01.17
- FP23/0117 **VH Matters**
Some thought needs to be given to giving the VH a deep clean post decorating, then some sort of cleaning rota to ensure the kitchen and toilets are clean for anyone hiring the hall.
Mr. Moyce has requested a 2% increase to cover increased costs (materials, wages & employee pension requirements etc.) for the internal painting works due to the delay from the date of quotation to the date of implementation. The original quotation was April 2015. The PC agreed with the revised quotation. Mr. Moyce should be able to commence work in a week or so but certainly this month.

IS spoke to Mr Moyce re boxing in of electrics as cost was under £300 it was given approval.

FP24/0117

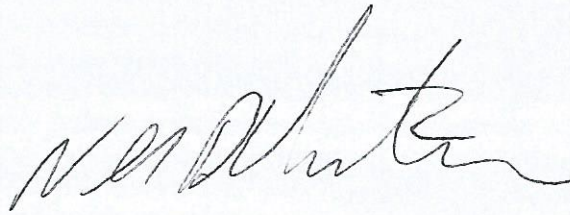
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FF representative enquired as to whether there were any particular projects they could offer financial support with: Play area refurbishment. Planters for VH. Replacements for broken/torn chairs in VH

FP17/0117

New Clerk

Members of the public were excluded to discuss the appointment of the new clerk. It was agreed that IS would approach Steve Barron to ascertain if he were still interested in the post and if so an informal meeting would be arranged for Sunday morning (15.01.17).

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