**MINUTES OF FRAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Held on 20th June 2024 at Frampton Church Village Hall**

**Present: Cllrs Ashton (Chairman), Cllr Burton (Vice Chairman), Cllr Clare, Cllr Balgarnie, Cllr Tennent and Cllr Alison Austin** (Lincolnshire County Councillor)**.**

**Absent: Cllr David Middleton (Boston Borough Councillor – Kirton & Frampton Ward), Cllr Claire Rylott (Boston Borough Councillor – Kirton & Frampton Ward), Cllr Fowler, Cllr Hildred, Cllr Hladun and Cllr Ralph Pryke (Frampton Parish & Boston Borough Councillor – Kirton & Frampton Ward).**

**In attendance:** Lana Maclennan-James (Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer)

*Pre-meeting - 10-minute allocation for the Police and Public to speak:*

Member of the public - Cllr Chris Astell (Kirton Parish Council) spoke to Dave Scotney who asked this to be shared in the meeting. He is hoping to fix up the bus shelter on Middlegate road / Westgate Road and would like some funds to enable him to do so. He has Mended the cage bin but needs a little bit of help with funding to clear moss, fix the down pipe, clean graffiti, to tidy up and paint the seat. He is prepared to do the work if we can provide some monies for him and his helpers. Cllr Astell will send pictures.

**1. Apologies for absence and reasons given (Agenda item 1 – 20.06.24)**

Cllr Rylott, Cllr Fowler, Cllr Middleton, Cllr Hildred and Cllr Pryke all gave their apologies for being unable to attend as they had prior engagements at this time.

**2. Declarations of interest in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 (Agenda item 2 – 20.06.24)**

No declarations made.

**3. Approval of minutes for meeting held 16th May 2024 (Agenda item 3 - 20.06.24)**

Council agreed and approved previous minutes.

**4. Planning applications (Agenda item 4 - 20.06.24)**

None to discuss.

**5. To discuss environment of the Parish (Agenda item 5 - 20.06.24)**

a) Cllr Clare shared that the fallen lamppost mentioned in the previous meeting (in Kirton) has been taken away.

b) Cllr Clare shared that the old school house has been broken in to, at least one of the culprits have been identified.

c) Cllr Clare shared that at Parkview, Thornimans lane, the culprits who previously vandalized this property returned in the previous days but were told to leave by local residents. This has been logged on 101.

d) Cllr Clare has painted the bench & the notice board at the church.

e) Cllr Austin spoke to a resident in regards to wanting a pedestrian crossing at Middlegate Rd/London Rd/Boston Rd, however County wise, it falls in Cllr Brookes area.

f) Cllr Austin – Also received the Swineshead Road speeding email - Cllr Austin will visit the area and will discuss with the local highways manager.

g) Cllr Austin shared that the 40mph speed limit on Fen Rd is coming soon. This is supported by the Council. Cllr Pryke emailed his thoughts on this prior to the meeting and would like the Council to consider asking for the speed limit to be lengthened as has been requested to him by residents. The clerk is to ask for the addresses of the residents who requested this, so that the speed monitor can be put nearby.

h) Cllr Austin that on Hall lane there is to be repairs to a culvert and there will be road closures.

i) Cllr Clare asked Cllr Austin to look in to Millfield lane, Middlegate road bushes on the west side as they are blocking the view as turning out of the junction.

j) Cllr Balgarnie shared that there is an event on at RSPB this weekend so will likely be a lot of congestion. (40th anniversary).

k) Cllr Ashton spoke on the work for the bus shelter brought to attention by Cllr Aslett. Council agreed that they would pay up to £100 towards it. Cllr Burton shared that this man (Dave Scotney) is constantly out helping tidy/fix things around Frampton.

l) Cllr Ashton shared that the beacon lighting was a lovely evening for everyone involved.

m) Cllr Pryke shared via email that the Framfest attendees complained about the narrowness of the footpaths in the area because of overgrowing vegetation and unswept leaves. I've referred to LCC.

n) Since the last meeting Cllr Pryke has reported four fly tips on Frampton Roads, two quite large on one weekend;

o) Cllr Pryke has reported an estate agent sign tied to the street sign for West End Road (Mathers); it was removed, but replaced shortly afterwards; he will try to check it again. LCC told me they never give permission for things on street signs;

p) Cllr Pryke has reported the wonky double bend sign on Frampton Roads;

q) Cllr Pryke shared that residents on Ralphs Lane have complained about speeding, especially at weekends. The traffic from the Wyberton direction is apparently the worse of the two. Would the PC consider erecting its speed warning sign if it's not in use elsewhere?

r) Cllr Pryke shared that visitors to the bird reserve who complained about the state of the road from Kirton to the RSPB were directed to him as the nearest Councillor. Apart from the general complaints of a bumpy road surface, the worsening camber and rudeness of drivers who won't move over at all, they specifically requested that signs be erected to tell drivers to use the passing places (such as we have on Millfield Lane West already). Some of the passing places are metalled but others aren't and may only be gateways. He requests the PC asks for an inspection by LCC and a meeting with us to explore improvements.

s) Cllr Pryke also shared that at a Boston Council meeting this week, senior local police officers offered members their regular updates on local policing (which used to go only to council officers). Councillors agreed to this and Cllr Pryke asked for the offer to be extended to Parish Councils as the Police/PCSOs no longer attend PC meetings. The Police agreed, but we don't know yet whether it'll be an opt-in or a generally circulated email.

**6. To discuss and approve a plan for a future FPC Event and TENs License (Agenda item 6 - 20.06.24)**

Cllr Ashton confirmed that the Council is all still in favour of doing a village pub idea, which is where the Council set up a “pub” in each village hall in rotation starting in the autumn. Cllr Burton suggests FCH in October. We need to think of a name and make a sign. The plan is to have food, drinks, darts / quiz night. We are just to agree tonight the principle of it. On Saturday 19th October there is a quiz night at St Michaels. Cllr Balgarnie is going to check with Jo if any Saturdays in October are free Cllr Balgarnie.

**7. To discuss the Church Hall Car Park proposal. (Agenda item 7 - 20.06.24)**

In the green space behind FCVH, it has been previously suggested that a car park could be put at the end of the green space to enable to open it up to people. There is no intention to put in facilities at this point. The Clerk is to find out about permissions and the cost for around 20/30 spaces. The obvious problem is that it is narrow in and out. The parish council aren’t paying for it but will cover Lana’s wages to look into and assess the cost. Frampton Charities own the field.

**8. Clerks Report & GDPR - approval of new privacy notice & accessibility statement (Agenda item 8 - 20.06.24)**

Unanimous adoption for policies

**9. To receive, consider and approve income & expenditure 23/24 statements & asset register for publication. (Agenda item 9 – 20.06.24)**

The council were sent all information prior to the meeting to check.

The council approved all forms.

**10. To receive annual internal audit report & approve publication. (Agenda item 10 - 20.06.24)**

All Councillors were sent the internal audit report prior to the meeting, they are happy with the things listed to improve & steps already made to do so. The report was approved for publication.

**11. To receive, consider & approve the bank reconciliation, variance analysis and annual accounting statement 23/24 and for the chair and RFO to sign. (Agenda item 11 - 20.06.24)**

The council approved all of the forms and it was signed.

**12. To approve dates of the electors rights to be exercised - (Agenda item 12 - 20.06.24)**

Dates 24/06/2024 – 02/08/2024 have been selected and approved.

**13. Correspondence received (Agenda item – 13 - 20.06.24)**

* Asda funding email to be looked at in the future.
* TPO email from Mr Udy, update that nothing is happening as of yet.
* Outer Dowsing email - Cllr Burton will be attending

**14. To discuss financial matters/payments (Agenda item – 14 - 20.06.24)**

a) BACs to be approved:

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| Date | Description | Invoice/Remit No | Amount | VAT |
| 17/05/24 | Clerks Wage | N/A | -£631.61 | £0 |
| 17/05/24 | Cloud Next Email System | 220031 | -£59.98 | £9.99 |
| 20/05/24 | Zurich Insurance | 532717401 | -£462.84 | £0 |
| 20/05/24 | LALC Web Maintenance | 14880 | -£108.00 | £18.00 |
| 20/05/24 | Bates Environ – FRAMFEST | 66659 | -£702.00 | £117.00 |
| 29/05/24 | LALC – Training session | 14680 | -£30.00 | £5.00 |
| 29/05/24 | LALC – Membership  | 14486 | -£379.28 | £0 |
| 05/06/24 | Clarks Clerical – IA  | 240529FPC | -£120.00 | £0 |
| TOTAL | TOTAL | TOTAL | -£2493.71 | £149.99 |

b) Update on bank account - £48,281.24

**15. Date, time and venue of next meeting (Agenda item – 15 - 18.04.24)**

The next meeting will be held on July 18th at 19:30 at Hubberts Bridge Community Centre.

The meeting ended at 20:40.