

## **MINUTES OF FRAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Held on February 19th 2026 at Frampton Village Hall**

**Present:** Cllr Burton (Vice Chairman), Cllr Hildred, Cllr Balgarnie, Cllr Pryke (Boston Borough Councillor – Kirton & Frampton Ward), Cllr Clare, Cllr Middleton (Boston Borough Councillor – Kirton & Frampton Ward), Cllr Fowler, Cllr Tennant, Cllr Daish (Lincolnshire County Councillor) and Cllr Ashton (Chairman).

**Absent:** Cllr Hladun and Cllr Rylott (Boston Borough Councillor – Kirton & Frampton Ward).

**In attendance:** Lana Maclennan-James (Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer) and two members of the public.

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

The chairman opened the meeting at 19:30 and the two members of the public spoke. One member is the neighbour of the Chunky Muffins Venue; she states that the day before the hearing she was disappointed to hear that no one could attend the meeting on our behalf and it was unfair to ask Ralph to do this as he was already there to speak on behalf of himself personally. She had hope that there would have been more support for this meeting but does appreciate that we raised an objection. There are issues arising again since the license has been approved, including a police call recently. Cllr Ashton is disappointed that Ralph did not get the time he needed during the hearing, unfortunately no one else was free in the middle of the day to attend the hearing. He continued to say that this is the first time these residents have attended a meeting to speak about this and he feels we did everything within the confinements of what we could do to object. The resident appreciates what the Council have done however, she feels alone sometimes in trying to deal with the issues brought by this venue. The other resident states that there was a need for the parish council to be more involved than just an objection letter, she asks what the council plan to do to monitor the site in the future. Cllr Ashton responded that we do have this point later in the minutes however we haven't got anything legal we can fight against if everything is approved and to the law. The first resident asked the council from the point of view of the traffic and noise, are they aware of the issues? Cllr Tennant and Burton spoke to say they are very aware and often raise it at nearly every single meeting due to the problems they are facing from the venue. Cllr Burton continued to say that he feels we did our best despite the unavailability of councillors to attend the meeting. The resident then asked if Lana could contact Anna at Borough Licensing and ask for diary forms or the best way for us to gather evidence that works for her as the biggest issue in the hearing was that there were no complaints or issues raised to the Borough Council prior to the application of the license and so evidence would need to be gathered going forward. The second resident said that she feels many residents won't complain due to thinking that nothing will come from it. Cllr Tennant agreed that logs should be kept over the next year to have evidence from traffic/noise/speed etc. nuisances, for when they reapply in a year.

### **73. Apologies for absence and reasons given (Agenda item 1 – 19.02.2026)**

Cllr Rylott and Cllr Hladun have given their apologies.

### **74. Declarations of interest in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 (Agenda item 2 – 19.02.2026)**

None.

## **75. Approval of minutes for meeting held 15<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026 (Agenda item 3 – 19.02.2026)**

Cllrs Fowler and Cllr Tennant need to be added to the minutes, other than this they were approved by all Councillors present and signed as a true and correct record.

## **76. Planning applications (Agenda item 4 – 19.02.2026)**

-An update on the approval of the Chunky Muffins application. –

Cllr Pryke shared information from the hearing, he was an objector in 2023 to the alcohol license application. The applicants used the same lawyer on this occasion who had to be spoken to by the Borough Council Lawyer at the time due to bullying behavior. Due to this history, Cllr Pryke found out who would be the Lawyer for the Borough Council, at this time they were hiring North Kesteven's Lawyer. Cllr Pryke informed this Lawyer of the applicants Lawyers previous behavior however, in the hearing the applicants Lawyer showed the same bullying and harassing behavior but the Borough Council Lawyer did not shut it down on this occasion. Cllr Pryke was disappointed that the Council proposed to vote to stop the meeting at the 3 hour mark, however within 30 mins of this the Borough Lawyer harassed the applicant who has now formed a complaint to the Borough Council. Because of this Cllr Pryke feels like we were let down by the Borough Council, as well as the obvious sense he got that many councillors in the hearing had not read through all the paperwork.

Cllr Pryke specified to the Borough Council that he was speaking for Frampton Parish Council as well as for his personal and borough standing reasons, however, they denied him this opportunity and so he changed his plan speech to include the points from the Parish Council meeting. The overall answer he received is that more evidence and complaints would need to have been logged to stand against this license. He found out that within the Frampton postcode the police did not have specific complaints that speeding occurs in correlation to events at the venue to submit to the Borough Council. Cllr Pryke does do checks to ensure the venue is compliant to their license, he has however on several occasions found they have not been. Cllr Pryke spoke to Inspector Cotton who said that all we can do is keep a record and evidence for nuisances so that he can justify allocating resources to the area.

There was a threatening letter from the applicants' solicitors threatening legal action from Cllr Pryke's letter which hasn't moved forward but they have also lodged a formal complaint against Cllr Pryke for abuse of his Councillor position due to sending a letter to residents.

During the hearing, the venue stated how many visitors they get per day which has more than halved since there application in 2023 so business may not be doing too well.

Cllr Ashton suggested that he and Lana make a response and go back to the Borough Council will the complaints we have regarding the hearing such as not allowing Cllr Pryke to speak on behalf of the Parish Council and how the conditions stipulated will be tracked. Cllr Pryke also asked that the council write thanks to those who did complain.

B/26/0017 – Bank Farm – There were no objections but Cllr Hildred asked about noise made by the silos, however, Cllr Ashton doesn't believe that silos typically make much noise but is happy to drive passed tomorrow to check.

B/26/0094 – West End Road – this is in Kirton.

B/26/ - Fen Lodge, Frampton Lane – No complaints or concerns.

## **77. To discuss the environment of the Parish (Agenda item 5 – 19.02.2026)**

- a) Cllr Hladun shared that HBCC is ticking along nicely and they are planning to go ahead with a new sound system which is much in need. it will be approx. £6000 plus vat. Outside funding is being looked into but any help from parish will be appreciated.
- b) Cllr Hladun has had a serious chat with one Hubberts Bridge resident regarding speeding motorists along Station Road. A digital speed monitor would offer some comfort to the residents if this can be done. Cllr Ashton says we will look in to this.

- c) Cllr Clare shared that the memorial grass has been cut.
- d) Cllr Clare also had a complaint about walkers taking a shortcut in the new builds at Middlegate Road and ruining the grass instead of taking the long way around.
- e) Cllr Burton attended St Michael's pancake night earlier in the week and said that it was a wonderful night with over £160 raised and a good time had by all 70+ people who visited.
- f) Cllr Burton has at the request of Cllr Ashton has put in an article in the newsletter regarding the RSPB parking.
- g) Cllr Burton has reported fly tipping on Millfield Lane on flyswat who have now collected it.
- h) Cllr Burton attended a WI quiz at Frampton Village Hall and he thanks Cllr Balgarnie, WI and Frampton Village Hall for a wonderful night. £450.00 were raised.
- i) Cllr Middleton reported that the £1000 grant has been approved for St Mary's defibrillator.
- j) Cllr Balgarnie spoke that it may be worth while purchasing some speed signs that we can pull exact data from like Sutterton.
- k) Cllr Daish shared that the budget deadline is tomorrow for Lincolnshire County Council.
- l) Cllr Daish also shared that highways have given permission for the road to be used as access for the recent planning application for 10 dwellings.
- m) Cllr Ashton has had 2 residents contact him concerned about Fen Road being closed and the increase of traffic on such a small road. Cllr Daish would like some feedback on how the diversions are working in order to go to highways, he asked if the residents can email him.
- n) Cllr Pryke has also had concerns from residents regarding the diversions on Fen Road.
- o) Cllr Pryke shared that Kirton has a deal on 3 speed signs that they are proposing to put on their own roads and not joint with Frampton, the next stage is to get the relevant person from road safety to advise the best place to put them, Willington Road, Station Road and Boston Road.
- p) Cllr Pryke thanked the wombles who did a big ditch clean recently.
- q) Cllr Pryke has been told that a resident has a video of an attempted fly tip in Frampton but the Borough Council cannot do anything as it was more than three months ago.
- r) Cllr Pryke had a complaint about the vigorous hedge cutting near his area, 14 bird boxes have been demolished, he thinks this was by Lincolnshire County Council and will contact them via Cllr Daish.
- s) Cllr Pryke has had two complaints about uncollected bins in the last month, one from Frampton which was a blue bin. When this happens the contact center is supposed to check the cameras on the lorries to see if the bin was out on time, it was not out on this occasion. This is something that he asked if Lana can put in the magazine if necessary.
- t) Cllr Pryke shared that Black Sluice are working with RSPB to lend them a powerful pump to put water back in to the reserve as their own pumps keep failing.
- u) Cllr Pryke also gave an update on Local Government Reorganisation and people are urged to look at the documents online about the possible suggestions and submit their opinions.
- v) Cllr Ashton shared that Cllr Burton will be retiring as vice chairman at the AGM so other Councillors to be prepared to stand. Cllr Burton has been the official councils representative on Frampton Church Village Hall for 24 years and would be open to another Councillor taking on this role.

## **78. To discuss the final plan for the March Quiz (Agenda item 6 – 19.02.2026)**

Cllrs Burton, Balgarnie and Ashton will have a team, Cllrs Clare, Tennant and Fowler cannot attend. The quiz man is booked for the date and a prize similar to last year will be bought.

## **79. To discuss the right of way at Days Yard (Agenda item 7 – 19.02.2026)**

Cllr Hildred reported that the right of way has been blocked off by the people renting the home and a resident has complained as it was always an access point for horses and to the field behind it. He states that it has been a

track for as long as he has been in Frampton (since a child). Cllr Hildred has spoken to the owner of the land who said he does not believe there is any right of way on this track. If the development goes ahead and the nearby road becomes used then black sluice may need the track to access the drain. Cllr Hildred could not find any evidence on any ordinance survey maps that it is a public right of way. LCC has sent a letter to the rental resident to remove fencing that was put up in the past.

Cllr Hladun emailed to say he is unsure if permission has been sought for this.

Cllr Ashton suggested we watch what happens here in the next couple of months.

### **80. To discuss the Parish Council Supplying Porta-toilets for Framfest 2027 (Agenda Item 8 19.02.2026)**

Cllr Clare received a request from Jo for July 2027. There have been a few new rules stipulated like no trailers in the field. The council had no objects and unanimously agreed to fund this.

### **81. To discuss the quotes received for the Bus Shelter Installation (Agenda Item 9 -19.02.2026)**

The Clerk has received 3 quotes for the bus shelter-

- Euroshel – £12,385.00 – This company do not do a concrete base so this would be purchased separately
- ACE - £11,250 + VAT inc concrete base
- Externiture - £13,999.10 inc VAT – concrete base tbc.

The grant funding is £3000 per shelter so we can put £6000 towards the bus shelters. Cllr Ashton will take this back to Orchard Park on what he would like us to do.

### **82. Clerks Report & GDPR (Agenda item 10 – 19.02.2026)**

The clerk has prepared a safeguarding policy to be adopted, this has been shared with Councillors.

The following policies also need approval, there are no changes but they need to be rechecked every year or two, code of conduct, privacy policy and complaints procedure.

All councillors agreed for these policies to be adopted.

### **83. Correspondence received (Agenda item 11 - 19.02.2026)**

- St Michaels Hall have sent their thanks for the electricity grant.

- We have had an invite for a representative to attend the living wash workshop in Kirton Town Hall on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March – Organised by the RSPB with a light lunch and tea/coffee provided. No cost mentioned.

- LCC have postponed the structures works on the Harris's Bridge due to budget constraints. It will be reopened on Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>.

-Kirton parish emailed at the end of January about purchasing joint speed signs, the clerk responded to say we are interested and asked if there are plans/ideas shared with the council but had no response.

### **84. To discuss financial matters/payments (Agenda item 12 - 19.02.2026)**

a) BACs to be approved:

Hall Hire for Frampton Village Hall - £144.00 – This was approved.

End of Year Audit – Approx £120.00 - Approved.

Date	Description	Invoice/Remit No	Amount	VAT
07/01/2026	Mid Year Audit		70.00	
09/01/2026	Wages		160.65	0.00
19/01/2026	Service Charge Bank		4.25	0.00
23/01/2026	LALC Sub		411.44	0.00
26/01/2026	HMRC VAT		+2485.49	0.00
29/01/2026	St Michaels ELEC Grant		625.78	0.00
29/01/2026	A S Landscape – Hedges Mark		400.00	0.00

b) Update on bank account - £54,654.38

Clerk to add a point to the next agenda about what to do with the excess funds.

**85. Date, time and venue of next meeting (Agenda item 13 - 19.02.2026)**

The next meeting will be held on March 19<sup>th</sup> at Hubberts Bridge Community Centre.

The meeting ended at 21:10.