

## **MINUTES OF FRAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 16<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2026 AT 1900 AT FRAMPTON VILLAGE HALL**

**Present:** Cllr Ashton (Chairman), Cllr Fowler, Cllr Hladun, Cllr Baggott, Cllr Claire, Cllr Hildred, Cllr Tennent, Cllr Middleton (Boston Borough Councillor – Kirton & Frampton Ward), Cllr Daish (Lincolnshire County Councillor), Cllr Burton and Cllr Pryke (Boston Borough Councillor – Kirton & Frampton Ward).

**Absent:** Cllr Rylott (Boston Borough Councillor – Kirton & Frampton Ward) & Lana MacLennan-James (Clerk & RFO)

**In attendance:** Members of the Public

### **1. Welcome from Cllr Stuart Ashton, Council Chair (Agenda item 1 APM 16.04.26)**

Cllr Ashton gave a welcome to all in attendance.

### **2. Approval of minutes from last year's Annual Parish Meeting 17.04.2025 - (Agenda item 2 APM 16.04.26)**

The minutes were signed and approved as a true and correct record.

### **3. To receive report from members of the Parish and Community groups (Agenda item 3 16.04.26)**

#### **Frampton History Group –**

We heard about the Spring and Autumn programmes, a plea for any old photos of the village for research. Alas a permanent home is sought for the archive going forward.

#### **St Marys Church – PCC (read by Clerk)**

Summary of the successful events over the last 12 months and an update on future changes within the building making it more of a public space.

#### **Frampton Charities -**

Brief summary of the function of the charity, including a rent review for tenants of land and a plea for anyone who may need or qualify for heating grant or education grant.

#### **WI –**

We have had another very successful year at Frampton WI. Our membership numbers continue to grow, and we are ever busy with our wide variety of sub-groups. These are instrumental in members getting to know each other much better. Members can dip in and out of the sub-groups as they wish, and there is a different mix of ladies at each one, which gives the opportunity to have conversations and build friendships in a smaller setting than our larger monthly meetings. It has really strengthened the bonds with members.

We have the book group, which is very well attended, and we have a wide variety of opinions on the book provided each month from the library.

Our craft group is very popular, and members have really enjoyed trying new things. The look of pride on some faces when they have produced something which they never thought possible, is priceless.

The monthly supper club continues to attract large numbers, and we are loving trying different establishments in the local area.

Sunday lunch club continues to be popular too – everyone loves a Sunday lunch!

The Tea Room Trail is enjoyed by many too – again visiting different cafes around us.

Our Culture and Movie Club gives members the opportunity to go and see a show or film. There have just been 2 or 3 members on some trips, but this means that they can see a show they fancied, rather than having to go on their own. Places visited this year include the Longest Yarn exhibition at Peterborough Cathedral, seeing G4 at the Stump, had a behind the scenes tour at Blackfriars Theatre, and the Behind The Seams talk at Stamford Corn Exchange.

Our small but still enjoyable Brunch and Lunch club is another offering – giving members the opportunity to enjoy a light lunch with fascinating conversations taking place.

Our newest foodie sub-group is Buffett Club. Members bring along a variety of food or dishes to share. We slipped up on our first meeting – forgot we had to employ portion control! This is now in hand and everyone who attends love to share food – often themed to the time of year.

We have a thriving Quiz group who attend local quizzes – The Mallard being the most frequent, but other quizzes too, including Frampton Village Hall and Kirton Town Hall.

Another new sub-group for those who want to burn off some calories is our Just Do It! group. We had a wonderful morning last November when we entered the Boston Santa Run, and a couple of members have done the Parkrun in Boston, and other activities are planned.

10 ladies are looking forward to our upcoming Cruise at the beginning of May. I am hoping that this will be the first of many such bookings.

Our members are very active in volunteering in local events, by baking and supporting the café at St Mary's for the Spring Craft Fayre, Flower Festival, Harvest Festival, Autumn Craft Fayre and the Christmas Tree Festival.

We have also been axe throwing and are attending a Boston United football match this month.

We continue to support local charities by collecting tablet blister packs, stamps, old bras and ink cartridges. We also support Haven (Women's Aid) and have donated money in lieu of sending Christmas Cards and for Christmas jumper day, and we donate toiletries and cleaning products which are always in need by them.

The Committee continue to work extremely hard to provide these activities for our members, and we also have a trusted team of helpers too.

Frampton WI is a wonderful team effort – ensuring there is something for everyone. This year is our 90<sup>th</sup> year, a wonderful achievement, always meeting at Frampton Village Hall, making us the longest individual hirer. We have great things planned for this year to celebrate this milestone.

### **Hubberts Bridge Community Centre-**

In a good and improving state of repair, bookings healthy but could be better. Volunteers thin on the ground for the committee, currently seeking a part time booking clerk, paid role.

### **Frampton Hand Bell Ringers –**

Having lost 4 members they have gained another 4 who although inexperienced are keen, and they hope to be at level competent to perform in public by the end of the year.

### **St Michaels Church & Church Hall –**

In a good sate of repair but struggling to attract any sort of significant booking revenue. There is a skeleton staff of 4 volunteers wondering what the future holds.

### **RSPB –**

We were to learn that the wetland habitat had been quite the opposite over last summer due to the dry conditions and the failure of pumps. Numbers and bird visits were down as a result but it is still a very popular and important reserve in the UK.

### **Frampton Village Hall -**

Upbeat summary of bookings and income with plans in place for improvements.

### **Friends of Frampton churches – Read by Louise Balgarnie for John Cooper**

1. A steady year for FOFC
2. Events monthly of coffee mornings with bacon rolls trialled in the later months continued all year, well attended each month.
3. We held our new tradition of Afternoon Tea event at St Marys with a speaker in the summer, well attended by over 70 guests with our speaker Queen Victoria! entertaining us. A hot day , the church was a welcome relief to us all .
4. We also started drinks in the Bell tower evenings, which were a success with the glorious weather we were having. We will continue with these this year.
5. In September, we had Helen Verney singing for us, Showtunes, which the Church was the greatest venue for the sound. A fantastic night, and we hope to have Helen back again.
6. We supported the Flower festival, the Harvest Festival and the Christmas tree festival at St Marys Church with FOFC decorated items, with a blue theme – with Maria making all the logos. A great promotion of FoFC and supporting a great cause.

Our small but enthusiastic committee are seen in many guises around the village but continue to being committed to reserving the churches in Frampton we are looking forward to the projects for improving our beautiful buildings for all in the community / We welcome any ideas and support from all and are grateful to those that hep and attend our events . Membership is still from just a £5 donation. please join us. We have forms.

### **Frampton Pre School –**

We continue to hold sessions daily 9.15 to 12.15pm term time only.

Since the government funding roll out the majority of children are funded and only very few pay for their sessions.

We continue to offer early years education and are inspected by OFSTED and our grading continues to be “Good”.

The children have been enjoying lots of different activites inside and outside of the Hall and we celebrate different festivals and events.

We have enjoyed the different national charity events such as “Comic relief”, “Children in Need” and “Christmas Jumper Day”.

We held a Party for the children at Christmas and had a very special visitor who had a present for each child.

For Mother’s day we invited Mummy’s ad Nannys to share cake and take part in craft activities together, this went really well.

Last year we had an outing to Millers wood, which we were able to offer at a small fee, but unfortunately due to lower child numbers this year it isn’t financially viable to do this this year.

We have enjoyed being asked to take part In the Church events and the children have been super creative when making the displays.

We love what we do at preschool and staff really do care and go over and above their roles, being in a village hall does sometimes prove difficult with all the hoops we have to go through with Ofsted, Lincolnshire county council and Health and safety etc, but we keep going.

If any one can help get the word out where we are and what we do we really would appreciate it.

### **Frampton Gardening Club –**

Frampton Gardening Club has continued to grow in the last year which has been welcome news to its attendees.

In May 25, at its AGM, three of its committee members resigned and it was feared that it may fold, however over a tea break 4 new committee members volunteered, and the old and new committee has worked hard to refresh the club and support its growth. The Committee have met regularly, led by Ray Harding, Chair and Treasurer and supported each other in developing the club further.

This has been achieved by the variety of speakers, on a number of interesting topics, from how to not overwater and drown your houseplants, to RHS Gardens and their beauty. Other events have been introduced such as flower/plant competitions as well as the annual produce show in August, which was a resounding success with over 44 submissions.

The annual trip was well received with this year's trip to Fairhaven Water Gardens and East Ruston Vicarage being oversubscribed with additional tickets needing to be purchased. The Post-Christmas Lunch was very popular with over 30 members attending.

The Gardening Club continues to attract new members and in March 26, thirty-one members attended, three being visitors. Attendance has been consistent and growing in numbers. Frampton Gardening Club has its own face-book page which is regularly updated with posts being boosted to increase the number of followers. The club is initiating its own 'Whatsapp' group to facilitate improved communication.

The bank balance is positive with income being generated on subscriptions, meeting attendance, monthly raffle, teas and coffee donations and a bring, share and donate table where plants, seeds, home grown fruit and vegetables are shared for a small donation.

#### **4. Chairman's report (Agenda item 4 APM 16.04.26)**

Cllr Ashton thanked everyone for coming and sharing their reports.

#### **5. Questions and comments (Agenda item 5 APM 16.04.26)**

None.