

MINUTES OF FRAMPTON PARISH ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

Held on May 21st 2026 at Hubberts Bridge Community Centre

Present: Cllr Ashton (Chairman), Cllr Burton (Vice Chairman), Cllr Hladun, Cllr Claire, Cllr Daish (Lincolnshire County Councillor), Cllr Balgarnie, Cllr Hildred and Cllr Pryke (Frampton Parish & Boston Borough Councillor – Kirton & Frampton Ward).

Absent: Cllr Fowler, Cllr Middleton (Boston Borough Councillor – Kirton & Frampton Ward) and Cllr Rylott (Boston Borough Councillor – Kirton & Frampton).

In Attendance: L Maclennan-James (Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer) and one member of the public.

Pre-meeting - 10 minutes allocation for the Police and public to speak:

The member of the public in attendance came to share her disappointment that there was not an official objection submitted to recently discussed planning application for Chunky Muffins. As well as this, she shared that Cllr Middleton had advised the Parish Council in the last meeting that they should take independent advice prior to an objection however, she continued to say that this is incorrect advice as this should only be done if there is a conflict of interest. The resident is disappointed that Cllr Middleton appears to keep on defending the planning application and believes that Cllr Middleton may be in favour of the applicant. personally, and the application, it was noted that this was also Cllr Pryke's opinion.

Cllr Ashton responded to say, he took the suggestion as a response, due to experience that Cllr Middleton has on planning matters but the resident does not believe this is the case. A brief discussion was had on how people at that meeting comprehended the advice that Cllr Middleton shared. Cllr Pryke has asked democratic services in Boston Borough whether Cllr Middleton has previously advised others to get legal advice for objections as Cllr Pryke is of the same mind as the resident in the belief that Cllr Middleton is acting in favour of the applicant. Cllr Pryke continued to say that he is also disappointed that the Parish Council did not do an official objection. Cllr Ashton responded to inform everyone that whilst he did object to the planning, he did not specify in his response that it was an objection and so it has not been taken as such. The member of the public feels as a resident that she has not been supported, to which Cllr Ashton gave his apologies that this objection was done incorrectly. Cllr Pryke has previously asked for this application to be put to a planning committee, to which all objectors will be invited to attend. If we do get this committee meeting, it is his understanding that Cllr Ashton should be able to attend to state the Parish council's position and he hopes that someone/people would attend on behalf of the council. Cllr Ashton replied to say that we learnt from the last planning meeting that the Parish council do need someone to attend on their behalf and we will always try to send a representative.

The resident and others have contacted an employment planning consultant/solicitor who have submitted a very in-depth objection. Cllr Pryke spoke that the applicants for Chunky Muffins have built things without the right planning and licensing many times over the last 10 years that has been missed by multiple Boston Borough Officers which the legal experts have said is unbelievably incorrect. Cllr Pryke has asked some of the Boston Officers to visit the site but suspects the visit would be whilst the premises is not in use, they may also refuse to do a site visit entirely. Cllr Ashton asked what the main issue is, the applicants, the venue or the activities inside the venue? The resident and Cllr Pryke answered that it is all of the above with additional intimidation and very loud events commencing in 2009, when some neighbours initially contacted environmental health about the noise and light level.

Cllr Ashton ended the discussion to say should a planning committee be held, one of us will be there in support of the residents to object. Cllr Daish has gained some information from LCC that he will forward on to the Clerk, for example, there is zero permission regarding the roads which there should have been when there is an application

for building changes/permissions. The resident responded that highways have responded on the planning portal and said that they agree with this planning application going ahead. The resident invites all the councillors to read the objections on the Boroughs planning website.

106. To elect a chairman and complete a Declaration of Acceptance (Agenda item 1 – 21/05/2026)

No nominations were given prior to the meeting, Cllr Ashton offered to stand again as Chairman, all were in favour except from Cllr Pryke who is against it due to the mishandling of the recent planning application.

107. To elect a Deputy Chairman and complete a Declaration of Acceptance (Agenda item 2 – 21/05/2026)

Cllr Burton does not wish to stand as the Deputy Chairman again, Cllr Ashton thanked him for his time in the role. No nominations were given for a new Deputy Chairman. There will be no Deputy until someone volunteers.

108. Apologies for Absence and reasons given (Agenda item 3 – 21/05/2026)

Cllr Fowler and Cllr Rylott (Boston Borough Councillor – Kirton & Frampton) gave their apologies.

109. Declarations of interest in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 (Agenda item 4 – 21/05/2026)

None.

110. Approval of minutes for meeting held 19th March 2026 (Agenda item 5 – 21/05/2026)

Cllr Pryke would like the planning application on the last minutes 99.1 amended as it should be Marsh Farm Cottage instead of just Marsh Farm. After this amendment the minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record.

111. To receive, consider and approve the income and expenditure 25/26 and asset register for publication. Agenda item 6 – 21/05/2026)

The ledger and asset register were sent around prior to the meeting. Cllr Burton informed the council that the Civic Regalia is listed as £1 for a purchase cost as it was gifted and so a nominal figure was written.

112. To receive annual internal audit report & approve publication. (Agenda item 7 – 21/05/2026)

The internal audit report was also sent around prior to the meeting and Cllr Ashton briefly went through it during the meeting. This was approved for publication.

113. To receive, consider and approve the Annual Governance Statement 25/26 and for the Chair and Clerk to sign. (Agenda item 8 – 21/05/2026)

The annual governance statement was sent around prior to the meeting, this was approved signed in the meeting by the Clerk and the Chair.

114. To receive, consider and approve the bank reconciliation, variance analysis and Annual Accounting Statement 25/26 and for the Chair and RFO to sign. (Agenda item 9 – 21/05/2026)

The bank reconciliation, variance analysis and annual accounting statement were sent around prior to the meeting, the annual accounting statement was then signed in the meeting by the Clerk and the Chair.

115. To approve the dates of the elector's rights to be exercised (Wed 3rd June – Tuesday 14th July). (Agenda item 10 – 21/05/2026)

The elector's rights dates were approved.

116. Planning applications (Agenda item 11 – 21/05/2026)

116.1 – B/26/0177 – Four Crossroads Inn – The Councillors spoke on how they are the only pub in the village in a day and age when they are few and far between. However, they agreed that the application would have been better prior to commencing works which seems to have been the case for most applications. Cllr Hildred said that they are doing their best to stay open and looking at the car park it is working, visually it isn't ideal but he wouldn't object. Cllr Pryke asked if planning was only applied for due to a complaint, Cllr Ashton does believe this is the case. Cllr Pryke did make the comment that the structure is too big. Cllr Burtons only comment is he would like to see the big sign post moved to the carpark, which is being looked in to by highways. Cllr Hladun said he has seen that building boarded up which is a much worse sight than the current lot and it has many customers. Cllr Ashton would like to write to the Borough to say we have no harsh objections in essence but we would have preferred the application prior to works commencing, if this does happen again the Parish Council will not support it.

116.2 – B/26/0202 – College Farm – Solar panels – Things like this have to happen as it is a environmental farm tenancy. No objections.

116.3 – B/26/0201 – Tree removal with TPOs at Frampton Hall – None.

117. To discuss the environment of the Parish (Agenda item 12 – 21/05/2026)

- a) Cllr Balgarnie shared that she went on an energy efficiency course last week representing Frampton and she has an exam coming up for it and so will be able to advise if ever needed.
- b) Cllr Balgarnie reported some fly tipping that was collected promptly after reporting to fix my street.
- c) Cllr Burton shared that the 40mph speed limit has been reinstated on Middlegate Rd.
- d) Cllr Daish gave his application to fill the Parish Councillor space that Frampton have, the clerk can add this to the next agenda. He stated that he feels he can contribute a lot to the Council as a Councillor instead of a guest.
- e) Cllr Daish shared that the LCC AGM is tomorrow (22nd May), it is being filmed.
- f) Cllr Daish also reminded the council about the grants available from LCC.
- g) Cllr Daish briefly spoke on an update on the Local Government Reorganisation. He questioned whether the amenities currently provided by LCC will be inclusive or charged to groups separately.
- h) Cllr Hladun shared that HBCC held their AGM this last week with the usual attendees. The new sound system is in and new gardener appointed. The car park barrier is now ready to install which will hopefully be this weekend. They are still in need of a new bookings clerk. The bingo is very well attended. There will also be a 50th year anniversary weekend in October, there a few ideas and plans in place for this.
- i) Cllr Pryke has had speeding complaints regarding Middlegate Road and Bannisters Lane.
- j) Cllr Pryke reported some fly-tipping on Frampton Roads.

- k) Cllr Pryle shared that a resident asked if the enforcement officers could be contacted about the increase in fly-tippers or if a camera can be put up. He has contacted Boston Borough who do not think the fly-tipping is severe enough.
- l) Cllr Pryke was also asked whether the trees on Middlegate Road have TPOs, he has looked it up and noticed the recent ones but he did not see anything about replacing these.
- m) Cllr Pryke said that the Boston is going to put out a call about how residents want to spend the pride awards money. They are looking at smaller amounts of spending for this.
- n) Cllr Claire asked if she can purchase some dog waste signs on behalf of the Parish Council for the War Memorial. This was agreed.
- o) Cllr Hildred has spoken to the workers on the Fen Road Bridge, they hope to be finished by the end of next week.
- p) Cllr Hildred walked the footpath down West End Rd Frampton after previous comments in a meeting, he cannot see the problem with the footpath.
- q) A scam has come to light in Kirton with the new houses, if you lease a new house and do not inform the Council that this has happened then council tax is not paid nor is this chased by Boston Borough in any haste.

118. To discuss the recruitment of Councillors (Agenda item 13 – 21/05/2026)

Cllr Ashton is saddened that Cllr Tennant has resigned but wishes her well with her planned move. The vacancy has been broadcasted and we have had an interest from Cllr Daish.

119. To discuss the homing of the Parish Archive (Agenda item 14 – 21/05/2026)

Cllr Ashton shared that during Joan Deanes presentation at the last meeting, she asked that the Parish Council think on a place for the Frampton Archive to be held in the future. There are some ideas of this place. St Michael's were approached and would be a possibility. Cllr Ashton thought of St Michael's hall as an archive/village museum due to the income it could receive and its lack of hiring stability at this time. The hall would be happy to keep the archives in a locked room if needed, it can be accessed when required.

The council are all in favour of finding a home within Frampton for the archive. The Clerk to enquire with the storage center on Boardside's for a price.

120. Clerks Report & GDPR (Agenda item 15 – 21/05/2026)

120.1 – The clerk asked if any Councillors would like to see anything in the newsletter.

121. Correspondence received (Agenda item 16 – 21/05/2026)

121.1 – Email from Resident regarding speeding – London Road in to West End Rd. The correspondence we received is very similar to previous that we have had and dealt with as much as we can as a Parish Council.

121.2 – Streetlight repair from Boston Borough – quoted £1270 + VAT as well as a charge from LCC of £325 and possibly more if road control is needed. The council agreed for this to be paid.

121.3 – Email from Councillor Pryke received day of meeting –

The email was shared with the Council. Cllr Pryke asked about the discrepancy in replacement costs and insurance cover. Cllr Ashton shared that we cannot price exact replacement costs for some items, the insurance cover was worked out by approximating what it would cost to rebuild/buy. He also questioned the ownership of the Bus Shelter on London Road, this is confirmed to be owned by the Parish Council due to an email received from LCC previously. He also questioned the reserves held by the parish council and asked why the councils are

not being held in a high percentage interest bank account. Clerk to respond to Cllr Pryke others questions and to look in to savings accounts for the reserve funds to be on the next agenda.

122. To discuss financial matters/payments (Agenda item 17 – 21/05/2026)

a) BACs to be approved:

Internal Audit - £51.75

Please note the bank account amount given in the last meeting was incorrect, it should have been £51,068.56 as per bank reconciliations.

Payments were approved to be paid.

Date	Description	Invoice/Remit No	Amount	VAT
02/04/2026	Louise Fish and Chips		370.05	0.00
17/04/2026	BBC Precept		7224.48	0.00
17/04/2026	Service Charge		4.25	0.00
20/04/2026	Wages		279.91	0.00

b) Update on bank account as of 30/04/2026 - £57,638.83

Clerk to look in to the lighting cost taken from the precept payment compared to previous years and so on.

123. Date, time and venue of next meeting (Agenda item 18 – 21/05/2026)

The next meeting will be the 18th of June at Frampton Village Hall.

Cllr Hildred gave his apologies.

The meeting ended at 21:40