

FRAMINGHAM EARL ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 19th May 2015 at 7.00pm at Framingham Earl High School

Present: Cllr Linda Brook – presiding (LB), Cllr Judith Todd (JT), Cllr Barbara Uciechowska-Powell (BUP), Cllr Arthur O’Neil (AON), Cllr Jane Walker (JW), County Cllr Roger Smith (RS)

Apologies: Cllr Roy Whittaker, District Cllr Lisa Neal, District Cllr John Overton, Poringland Police Joseph Pike

Members of the Public: Six members of public: Sheena Florance Alf Callis, Pat Callis, Sarah Woodger, Jacob Rhodes, Mrs Rhodes.

Item		Action By
2015/1	Chairman’s Welcome Cllr Brook welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Cllr Todd for standing in for her at the Parish Council meeting held in March.	
2015/2	Apologies for absence Apologies were received from Cllr Whittaker, District Cllr Neal, District Cllr Overton, Joseph Pike, Poringland Police.	
2015/3	Minutes of the meeting held on 6th May 2014 – for acceptance. On the motion of Cllr Todd, seconded by Cllr Uciechowska-Powell it was RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 6 th May 2014 as a true and accurate record of the meeting and they were duly signed by the Chairman.	
2015/4	Matters arising None.	
2015/5	Chairman’s Report Cllr Brook read out her Chairman’s report. Key points from the report are summarised below; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Surprised and saddened by the resignation, for personal reasons of Judith Sykes, our Parish Chairman for the last 5 years. Thanks were expressed to Judith for all her hard work and dedication to Framingham Earl in both her roles as Councillor and then Chairman. - Thanks were expressed to Gina Lopes, previous Parish Clerk who resigned in September to become full time clerk to 	

	<p>Attleborough, and Andy Dye who stepped down as Councillor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yvonne Wonnacott started as new Parish Clerk in October. - We also welcomed Arthur O'Neil and Jane Walker as new Councillors. - We have had several planning applications over the year, the most high profile being the EACH application to build their new hospice. With regard to the proposal for 7 houses on Long Road, the Council stated objections, so far nothing more has been done and no building has started. The proposed 100 houses on the Earlsmead site in Pigot Lane are approved with conditions. - Charles Church agreed to fund a substantial portion of the costs in renovating the village sign. Thanks were expressed to Cllr Todd for all her endeavours regarding the village sign, and to Andy Dye, David Todd and John Brook who took the sign down. The sign is now ready to be installed back on the green and we hope to arrange an unveiling ceremony in the near future. - After the noticeboard on the village green was damaged beyond repair a new board was sourced and can now be seen on the side wall of the On Stop Shop. Thanks go to David Todd who sorted out the insurance claim for the damaged board, resulting in the receipt of the full value which paid for the new replacement board. Thanks were also expressed to David who so ably looks after the Parish Council's website. - In August an illegal transmitter was discovered high up on a tree in the Dell, resulting in the police having to come and remove the transmitter. - Despite a lot of time, effort and research there has been little progress and/or decisions made with regard to the roundabout. Being such a small Parish, Framingham Earl is of the opinion that the costs should be shared with Poringland on a pro rata basis of the number of households in each parish. - After the major water problems incurred just after Christmas in the Poringland, Framingham Earl and Stoke Holy Cross area, as a goodwill gesture Anglian Water donated £1,000 to each of the affected Parishes to be used for local charities and projects. Framingham Earl will further discuss and decide where best to use this money. - Thanks were expressed to our County Councillor Roger Smith for his very informative monthly updates and his continuing support and advice. Thanks were also given to our District Councillors John Overton and Lisa Neal for their contributions and help. - Finally thanks were given to all the Councillors for all their support and hard work throughout the year. 	
2015/6	<p>Other reports</p> <p>a) School Governors Report</p>	

	<p>Cllr Todd read out and provided a written report. Key points from the report are summarised below;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Framingham Earl High School continues to be held in high regard in the community due to its consistent GCSE results and the latest Ofsted rating of good. - The GCSE results last summer showed an improvement on the previous year and were up to 68% of pupils achieving 5 or more GCSE's including English and Maths. This is against a national average of 59%. - The long awaited Ofsted visit arrived last October and confirmed the school to be good overall. - The school enjoys its links in the community with 6YC members coming from the school. - The School Council is a powerful student voice within the school. Pupils have been involved in working as a group in their own right, as well as meeting with the leadership team and governors on a regular basis. - The school continues to excel in sport, with a number of pupils competing at high levels in various sports from football to rowing, table tennis to rugby. - The current number on role is 675. <p>b) Fuel Allotment Report</p> <p>Cllr Brook read out and provided a written report for the year ending December 2014. The balance carried forward was £1,633.89 with income of £884.07, giving a total of £2,517.96. Payments were £950.00 providing a cash balance at year end of £1567.96. Investments as at 31st December 2014 were £21,736 a decrease of £351.69 from December 2013.</p>	
2015/7	<p>Open Forum</p> <p>County Cllr Smith advised that Bramerton's Fuel Allotment Trust had undertaken a rebranding exercise changing their working title to "Bramerton Helping Hands" and advertising this heavily in the hope of encouraging more recipients by making the trust more approachable. Cllr Brook advised that they are looking at putting some information onto the noticeboards.</p> <p>Cllr Brook raised the continual problem of a blocked culvert overflowing on Gull Lane, resulting in water flowing constantly down the length of the lane, lifting the surface. Cllr Brook advised that this problem had been raised with Highways, reference number 507994, but to-date no action has been taken. County Cllr Smith to raise this issue with Bob Edwards at Highways.</p>	RS

Minutes prepared by Yvonne Wonnacott 20/05/15

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