

FRAMINGHAM EARL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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Minutes of the Annual meeting Framingham Earl Parish Council held on Tuesday 19th May 2015 at 7.30pm 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 R Smith

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
2015/8	Election of Chairman Linda Brook was proposed for the position of Chair by Cllr Uciechowska-Powell and this was seconded by Cllr O’Neil. All other councillors present supported the proposal. Linda Brook accepted the position of Chair.	
2015/9	Election of Vice-Chairman Judith Todd was proposed for the position of vice-Chair by Cllr Walker, and this was seconded by Cllr Uciechowska-Powell. All other councillors present supported the proposal.	
2015/10	Apologies for absence Apologies were received from Cllr Roy Whittaker, District Cllr Lisa Neal, District Cllr John Overton, Poringland Police Joseph Pike.	
2015/11	Declarations of interest None.	
2015/12	Suspension of meeting for Public Participation Resolution to suspend the meeting to invite members of the public to speak. Sheena Florance raised the issue of the seemingly excess speed of the traffic travelling up and down Long Road (limit 40 mph), would it be an idea to have a police presence with a speed gun. Cllr Todd advised that it was asked whether Long Road could be 30mph however was advised no. Cllr O’Neil to make enquiries to ascertain	AON

	if a speed survey can be carried out on Long Road, and whether speed signs have to be paid for by the local Council. Cllr O'Neil to report back his findings.	
2015/13	Minutes of the meeting held 3rd March 2015 – for acceptance. On the motion of Cllr Walker, seconded by Cllr Uciechowska-Powell it was RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 3 rd March 2015 as a true and accurate record of the meeting and they were duly signed by the Chairman.	
2015/14	<p>County Councillors Report</p> <p>NCC Cllr Smith presented his report and highlighted the following aspects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Caistor Roman Town Family Fun Day takes place on Saturday 23rd May, 11am-4pm. - A 50mph limit on the Trowse Bypass is still planned together with other road safety improvements on the A146 Loddon road towards Loddon. - The final routing for construction traffic for the proposed solar farm development at White Horse Lane, Trowse (2014/2380) is still being discussed by County Highways and the Six Group of Parishes. Serious concern arises from both routing via Trowse village or via Long Lane (pass the school) Stoke Holy Cross. There are likely to be 480 deliveries (960 vehicle movements in and out) (20 trips per day) with vehicles passing on congested routes over a period of 45 days. Other construction traffic will also be needed. An alternative route via a field track from the Bixley end of the Trowse By-Pass is being explored. I regard any other route as totally unacceptable, impractical and dangerous. - Following a recent meeting of the County Council Children's Services Committee, a project budget for a new primary school building in Trowse of £5m has been agreed, no construction timetable has been set. Poringland Primary School's £900,000 replacement of mobiles with permanent buildings is now finished. - The County Highways has recently been advised by Anglian Water of a potential scheme to replace the water main feeding Poringland. <p>NCC Cllr Smith raised the issue of the current mess of the litter collection on the Framingham Earl High School site, advising that the lid on the litter container was up and suggested that maybe a new litter container was required. Cllr Todd advised that she had previously spoken to the school with regard to this issue and that she would raise this issue with them again.</p>	JT

	Cllr Walker asked whether mobile classrooms in schools were being phased out. NCC Cllr Smith advised that mobiles were normally called in when there was a temporary surge and where the need is permanent they are being replaced.	
2015/15	District Councillors Report None provided.	
2015/16	<p>6th Youth Council Report</p> <p>Sarah Woodger and Jacob Rhodes represented the 6th Youth Council. Jacob Rhodes read out their annual report for 2014-15. Key points from the report are summarised below;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The 6YC has had a very productive year with many achievements to celebrate, the most important of these being the time and investment put in by the youth councillors. - Strong links are being forged between the 6YC and the Parishes that they serve through the 6+ Strategic Group, Parish Council representatives, Framingham Earl High School and other organisations and groups. - Since last April 6YC youth councillors have attended regular 6YC meetings, been involved with the Patient Participant Group to see how young people can engage with them by using social media, facilitated a tech support event at Poringland library, held a youth event to recruit new youth councillors, visited Cresta Lodge, purchased equipment and merchandise, secured funding from various sources and represented the 6YC at many different meetings and events. - There have been many changes for the 6YC including youth councillors stepping down from their roles, new youth councillors joining and a change in youth worker (from Danny to Sarah in November 2014). - Over the next few months the 6YC plan to complete a consultation with local young people about road traffic in their area, support Bixley with their litter pick, run stalls at the Gigs and Sparks in the Park event, increase the youth worker hours by obtaining additional funding, become more actively involved in the 7 Parishes that we currently serve and continue to recruit and support new councillors. <p>Jacob thanked the Parish Council for their support. Cllr Uciechowska-Powell asked how many members they had, Sarah advised that there were currently 6 members between the ages of 12 and 16. Cllr Brook raised the point that it would be interesting to see from their traffic survey as to where the young people think the trouble spots are. Sarah advised that the survey would be pushed at the Gigs and Sparks in the Park event and that they hope to collate and present their findings in July, their findings will be passed onto Cllr Uciechowska-Powell to be reported back to the Parish Council. Cllr Todd asked NCC Cllr Smith whether the lollipop lady was going to be replaced by a pelican crossing. NCC Cllr Smith confirmed this was the case, however as this is developer funded this will be done once they commence the housing. The theory</p>	

	<p>being a lollipop lady will not be required once the lights controlled crossing comes into place. NCC Cllr Smith also advised that Stoke Holy Cross have got 2 x tennis courts planned and a new pavilion both of which could involve the 6YC.</p> <p>Sarah finally advised that they will try and come to a Parish meeting on an annual basis.</p>	
2015/17	<p>Planning Matters</p> <p>Cllr Brook advised of 2 x planning matters, firstly Pigot Lane which was covered at the earlier meeting in her Chairman's report and secondly 17 Hall Road (2015/1064) the thinning of trees, Cllr Brook advised that she has no problem with this application.</p>	
2015/18	<p>Finance Matters</p> <p>a) Summary of receipts and payments to 31st March 2015 – for approval</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cllr Walker asked why there was no donation made towards the Poringland Community Centre. Cllr Brook advised that they believed by now this should be self-funding, they had asked on several occasions for a breakdown of their accounts to no avail and that the Parish Council felt that there were other needs for funding. <p>b) Statement of accounts to 31st March 2015 – for approval</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The financial report for year 2014-15 had been previously circulated. The internal audit had been completed with the internal auditor advising that the accounts had been prepared in a clear and precise manner with no matters being reported for the Councils attention. <p>c) Annual return – for completion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Formal approval of accounts and completion of annual return undertaken, signed by Chairman and Parish Clerk. <p>d) Notice of 1st instalment of precept payment – for information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The 1st instalment of £4,224 had been received. Cllr Brook advised that the precept had been kept low with an increase of 1.27% compared to last year, remaining below the level of inflation at the time of setting the precept. <p>e) Insurance review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parish Clerk advised that the existing insurer had provided a price of £517.70 for a 1 year term agreement and £492.61 for a 5 year term agreement. An alternative provider, Zurich Municipal, who has over 20 years of experience in this field, had quoted a price of £281.81 for a 1 year term agreement and £291.05 for a 5 year term agreement. All Councillors in agreement to go with Zurich Municipal providing that the policy specifications are on a like-for like basis. <p>f) Renewal of Annual Subscription – for consideration,</p> <p>Norfolk Association of Local Councils - £171.91</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All Councillors in agreement of renewing subscription. 	
2015/19	<p>Environmental Matters</p> <p>a) Roundabout</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cllr Brook advised that we are no further forward with this matter and until we have an idea as to what is happening we are unable to approach any developers re helping with costs. Cllr O'Neil suggested that a sub-committee is set up with two representatives from each Parish with the objective of coming to a mini-agreement that can then be taken back to the Parish Council meetings. Cllr O'Neil advised that he would be happy to be part of this sub-committee. Cllr Brook to attend the next Poringland Parish Council meeting and to put forward the suggestion of the sub-committee at their open forum session. <p>b) Poringland Woods</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cllr Brook advised that no further correspondence had been received and matter appears to have been resolved. <p>c) Village Sign</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cllr Brook expressed her thanks to Cllr Todd for all her hard work. Cllr Brook advised that the sign looks very good and that we would need to look at a date for the unveiling of the sign once the plaque had been sorted. 	LB
2015/20	<p>Police and Highways</p> <p>No report was received.</p> <p>Cllr Brook advised that there was a new Local Policing Inspector, Lou Provart; however he is covering a large area. The Parish/Ward crime statistic for the year 1st March 2014 to 30th April 2015 had previously been circulated with a reported 25 crimes for Framingham Earl.</p>	
2015/21	<p>Correspondence received to date</p> <p>A letter was received from A Cooper of 24 Hall Road, thanking Mr Spruce for the lovely job he made of the turf on their friends grave and that he helps keep the cemetery superb.</p>	
2015/22	<p>Chairman's urgent business – if any.</p> <p>a) Tree Warden</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cllr Brook advised that the current tree warden, Juliet Henderson, has been invited to but not attended any recent Parish Council meetings. If anything is reported to Juliet she just passes this information onto South Norfolk Council. Cllr Brook is going to speak to Juliet to establish if she does live at Bressingham and if this is the case it may be worth looking at finding a new tree warden who is more local to the Parish. <p>b) Councillors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cllr Brook advised that we are currently one Councillor short and if anyone knows of any interested parties please let her know. Cllr Todd suggested putting a notice in the 5+. <p>c) Council Representative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cllr Uciechowska-Powell raised the issue that she is a representative for the Parish Council at the 6th Strategic Group meetings, at which she is happy to continue. However, with regard to the traffic working group which can 	

