

Minutes of the Meeting of Frampton Cotterell Parish Council
14 September 2011
Held at the Brokeridge Centre, Woodend Road, Frampton Cotterell

Present: Councillors Clothier (*Chairman*), Broome, Mrs Crumpton, Farbrother, D Hockey, Pat Hockey, Mrs Stickland, Thomson and Underhill

In attendance: PC F Simmons
Four parishioners making observations on Planning Application
PT11/2597/F – Land North of 113 Woodend Road

Apologies: Councillors Forsyth, Hendy, Mrs Morris, Weeks, Willett and Mrs Williams.

134 Evacuation Procedure

The Chairman drew attention to the emergency evacuation procedure.

135 Declarations of Interest under the Local Government Act 1972

- Cllr Broome declared a personal interest as a Parish Council representative on Frampton Cotterell Over 50s Computer Group.
- Cllrs D and Pat Hockey declared that the participation of those Parish Councillors who are also members of South Gloucestershire District Council in both the debate and any subsequent vote on matters contained in the agenda would be on the basis that the views expressed were preliminary views taking account of the information currently available to the Parish Council. Parish Council members who are also District Councillors reserved their final views until they were in full possession of all relevant information both for and against.

136 Confirmation of Minutes - 17 August 2011

It was proposed by Cllr Underhill, seconded by Cllr Mrs Crumpton and

RESOLVED:

- That the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 17 August 2011 be confirmed and signed.

137 Report from PC Simmons

PC Simmons asked for Councillors' assistance in promoting and publicising Operation Fragment, an initiative aimed at reducing the trade in stolen metal. Members heard that the theft of lead from buildings was a growing problem and that this initiative sought to persuade scrap merchants from dealing in metal from dubious sources. In response to a query from Cllr D Hockey, the police officer reported that there had been only a few problems over the past three months with parking, ASB and a burglary in Park Lane where the offender was caught. He stated that a beat surgery would be held in October and he undertook to notify the Clerk of the date. Finally, PC Simmons advised the Council of the link www.police.uk where crime statistics can be viewed on a postcode basis and of the new non-emergency number – ie 101 – introduced by Avon and Somerset Constabulary.

The Chairman thanked PC Simmons for his attendance and report.

PC Simmons left the meeting.

138 Notes of the Council Business Working Group – 11 July 2011

RESOLVED: THAT

- in the absence of the Councillors who attended the above meeting, this item be deferred until the next meeting; and
- the issue of earmarking reserves be considered at the budget meeting in November 2011.

139 Bluebell Wood at the Centenary Field

Referring to Minutes 90, 109 and 128, the Clerk reported progress to date in respect of the above project. SGC had confirmed the availability of tools, gazebos, hand-washing facilities, portaloos and some officer time. Cllrs Mrs Stickland, Mrs Crumpton, D Hockey, Pat Hockey and Clothier indicated that they would attend the event on Friday 30 September, with Cllrs Farbrother, Forsyth, D Hockey, Pat Hockey and Clothier attending on Saturday 1 October. Planting would be carried out from 10.00am to 3.00pm on these dates. Members agreed that the event should be promoted as BYO community picnic. The Council could provide hot and cold drinks and a limited amount of BBQ food on the second planting day, when Cllr Farbrother and some scouts would manage the catering arrangements. The Clerk reported that he had submitted an application to SGC for an Environment Grant.

RESOLVED: THAT

- a budget of £100 be approved for the supply of refreshments; and
- the Clerk be requested to issue an information sheet to all Cllrs, participants and the press.

140 Review of Gate Trials at the Tennis Courts

The Clerk reported upon the effect of leaving the gates to the tennis courts unlocked for a trial period. Members heard that whilst the fencing had suffered no further damage, the two benches had been damaged beyond repair. The Secretary of the Tennis Club had commented that vandal proof benches were required and asked the Council to consider a reduction in the Club's rent if the gates were to remain open. Cllr D Hockey was pleased to note that the courts had been well-used by the young people and Cllr Pat Hockey observed that the benches might have been vandalised even if the gates had been locked. Members generally acknowledged that more robust replacement benches should be provided in due course.

RESOLVED: THAT

- the gates to the courts remain unlocked; and
- the level of rent payable by the Club be considered at the budget meeting in November 2011.

141 Replacement of shower system at the Pavilion

In accordance with Minute 126, the Clerk reported the quotations from three local companies for the above works. These were:

Company A - £4060.00

Company B - £7190.00

Company C - £5918.03

RESOLVED: THAT

- subject to satisfactory references, Company A be appointed;
- the works be funded from the underspent Elections budget for 2011; and
- SGC officers be requested to undertake a quality check on completion of the works prior to the release of any retention monies.

142 Installation of aerial runway at The Park

Referring to Minute 43, the Clerk reported the outcome of his survey of householders living nearest to the above installation. Members noted with satisfaction that the one response received was very complimentary about the positive impact of the new facility, which local children very much enjoyed using.

RESOLVED:

- That the report be noted.

143 Winding-up of Frampton Cotterell and District Twinning Association

The Clerk reported that the above Association was to be wound up following the visit to Kelbra in 2012. Councillors expressed their regret at the weakening of this civic link after twenty successful years. Cllr Farbrother hoped that a passive association with the parish's German "twins" would continue long into the future.

RESOLVED:

- That the Clerk be requested to write at the appropriate time to both the Mayor of Kelbra and the Association expressing the Council's regret at the ending of this link and its gratitude for their friendship with the people of Frampton Cotterell and district over the past twenty years.

144 Requests to join Working Groups

The Clerk advised the Council that two Cllrs had asked to join certain Working Groups of the Council.

RESOLVED: That

- the addition of Cllr D Hockey to the Allotment Land and Dog Fouling Groups be approved; and
- the addition of Cllr Underhill to the Parks Sports Consultative Committee be approved.

145 Planning Applications

RESOLVED:

- That the comments attached at Appendix 1 be referred to SGC for consideration.

146 Planning Decisions

RESOLVED:

- That the planning decisions at Appendix 2 be noted.

147 Accounts

It was proposed by Cllr Thomson, seconded by Cllr Mrs Stickland and

RESOLVED: That the Accounts dated 14 September 2011, as set out at Appendix 3 in the amount of £14607.41, be approved.

148 Financial Report as at end-July 2011

The Clerk submitted a report detailing the Council's expenditure and income for the period 1 April to 31 July 2011.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

149 Request for grant – Crossbow Pre-School

The Clerk reported a grant request from the above organisation. Members were impressed to learn that the Pre-School had so far raised a total of £14,100 for the renovation of St Peter's Hall, £600 short of their target.

RESOLVED:

- That a grant of £600 be approved.

150 Reports from South Gloucestershire Councillors

Cllr Pat Hockey drew Members' attention to the progress of SGC's Core Strategy. She reported that the Planning Inspector was likely to defer the Public Inquiry for six months pending the receipt of further information on the housing shortfall, the extent of the Green Belt and the future use of Filton Airfield. There were widespread concerns about the outcome of housing proposals in Thornbury and Yate coming forward in the interim. Members also learned that SGC had agreed to merge the Planning, Transportation and Environment and Community Services Directorates into a new Environment and Community Services Directorate led by Steve Evans as Acting Director until arrangements for a permanent appointment had been finalised.

Cllr D Hockey was pleased to note the availability in the Brockeridge Centre of bags for recycling cardboard. He also advised Councillors that the plans to switch off street lights on A Class roads was on hold until technological problems with the light cells presently in use had been resolved.

The reports were noted.

151 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

Cllr Pat Hockey reported her attendance at the recent Extraordinary AGM of the South Glos Heritage Forum. Constitutional changes, a small fee increase, outings and communications had all been discussed and the Forum's AGM was planned for November 2011.

The report was noted.

152 Correspondence Received

The following correspondence was noted:

SGC Training Courses – September 2011 to March 2012

ALCA AGM – Thursday 13 October 2011

NALC E-bulletin on current local council issues

SGC Consultation Event – 18 October and 4 November 2011

Invitation to Reception – 29 September 2011: Crossbow Pre-School

SGC – Distribution of bags for recycling cardboard

SGC – ‘No Cold Calling Zone’ application

Avon & Somerset Police Authority – Community Policing Awards

CPRE Avonside – General Meeting: 13 October 2011

SGC – Queens Jubilee Celebration 2012

Southwold Local Group – September 2011 Newsletter

Thank-you letter – Crossbow Pre-School

South Glos Deaf Association – September 2011 Newsletter

Avon Wildlife Trust – Annual Review and Autumn 2011 magazine

News Release – Save Filton Airfield Campaign Group

SLCC Conference, Bristol – 9 November 2011

RESOLVED:

- That, in view of their pro-active approach to crime prevention in the parish, the Frampton Cotterell Beat team be nominated for a Community Policing Award.
- That the Clerk’s attendance at the SLCC Conference be approved.

153 Items for future meetings

RESOLVED:

- That the following items be tabled at the next meeting of the Council:
 - Council Newsletter
 - Queen’s Jubilee Celebration 2012
 - Green Dog Walker Scheme [Alison Richards from SGC to attend]

154 Date of next meeting

WEDNESDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2011 AT 7.30PM AT THE BROCKERIDGE CENTRE

Appendix 1

No	Type	No/Name	Road Name	Proposed Development	Observation	Observation Detail
2596	F	3	Blackberry Drive	Erection of two storey side extension to provide additional living accommodation.	Objection	If SGC is minded to grant consent, the Parish Council requests that a site visit is undertaken so that the accuracy of the plans and the provision of parking facilities can be assessed.
2597	F	Land North of 113	Woodend Road	Erection of 1no. Detached dwelling with access and associated works.	No Objection	Subject to the planning authority satisfying itself that the development will not block the light to the neighbouring property (107 Woodend Road) , the Parish Council has no objection
2613	TRE	39	Meadow View	Works to remove two stems to ground level to 1 no. Oak Tree covered by SGC Tree Preservation Order (37 & 39 Meadow View, Coalpit Heath) dated 3rd January 2003.	No Objection	No Objection providing that the works are carried out under professional supervision.
2621	TRE	Plot 1	The Meads	Works to 1 no. Oak Tree to clear stem of maturing shoots up to 1.5m, crown lift outer canopy to 3.5 - 4m, crown thin by 15% all covered by Tree Preservation Order 428 dated 18th December 1996.	Objection	The Parish Council objection in view of the absence of a report from the Tree Officer.
2796	F	216	Woodend Road	Erection of detached double garage and store.	No Objection	