

Minutes of the Meeting of Frampton Cotterell Parish Council
19 July 2010
Held at the Brokeridge Centre, Woodend Road, Frampton Cotterell

Present: Councillors Clothier (*Chairman*), Mrs Bashford, Broome, Farbrother, Hendy, D Hockey, Pat Hockey, King, Ms Kitching, Mrs Stickland, Susan Tubey and Underhill

PC Matthews

Messrs Baker, Hudson and Jago, residents of Mount Close

Apologies: Councillors Manfield, Mrs Rowan and Thomson

701 Evacuation Procedure

The Chairman drew attention to the emergency evacuation procedure.

702 Declarations of Interest under the Local Government Act 1972

- Cllrs D and P 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.
- Cllrs Broome and Mrs Stickland declared personal interests as Parish Council representatives on Frampton Cotterell Over 50s Computer Group.
- Cllr Hendy declared a personal interest as an allotment holder.

703 Minutes - 22 June 2010

RESOLVED:

- That the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 22 June 2010 be confirmed and signed.

704 Parishioner Observations

Messrs Baker, Hudson and Jago of Mount Close, Frampton Cotterell expressed their continuing concerns about cars racing around the car park in the early hours of the morning at The Park and the noise generated by cars revving, loud music and shouting. Mr Jago reported that he had contacted the police by phone and e-mail when such incidents had occurred and met varying response times. Both the Acting Clerk and PC Matthews informed the meeting that plans for the installation of bollards were in place, subject to financial, access and locking/unlocking arrangements being resolved. Cllr D Hockey commented that the fixing of opening/closing times was crucial; Cllr Pat Hockey added that consultation with all affected parties was also important. Cllr Hendy felt that a risk assessment would be useful in order to satisfy the Council that the operational arrangements for the site were appropriate and robust. The intention to erect a notice displaying the opening/closing times for the barrier was noted. The Chairman thanked the residents for the information they had provided and for their attendance.

RESOLVED:

- That the Acting Clerk be requested to check out the operational arrangements for the barrier installed in Alveston and report back.
- That PC Matthews be requested to keep the residents informed of developments.
Messrs Baker, Hudson and Jago then left the meeting.

705 Report from PC Matthews

PC Matthews reported two break-ins, four damage only collisions and two injury collisions in the area. He also advised members of ASB calls relating to The Park and Park Farm; both areas will be patrolled and police response teams have been made aware of the problems in these locations. Councillors noted with satisfaction PC Matthews' intentions to attend either meetings of the Council or of the F & GP Committee, depending upon his shift patterns. The Chairman thanked PC Matthews for his report and his attendance.

PC Matthews then left the meeting.

706 Vacancies on Outside Bodies

The Acting Clerk reported that a vacancy remained on the Frampton Cotterell and District Twinning Association.

RESOLVED: That this item be left on the agenda for future meetings.

707 Planning Committee (14 and 28 June and 12 July 2010)

Referring to Minute 675, Cllr Pat Hockey drew Members' attention to the comments made by the Planning Committee upon SGC's Core Strategy. It was then

RESOLVED:

- That the minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 14 and 28 June and 12 July 2010 be adopted, together with all the recommendations contained therein.
- That the comments contained in Minute 675 be approved as the Council's formal response to the Core Strategy and forwarded to SGC.

708 Highways Committee (14 June and 12 July 2010)

RESOLVED: That subject to the substitution of the word "pavement" for "road" in Minute 222, the minutes of the meeting of the Highways Committee held on 14 June and 12 July 2010 be adopted, together with all the recommendations contained therein.

709 Staffing Committee (23 June 2010)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Staffing Committee held on 23 June 2010 be adopted, together with all the recommendations contained therein.

NB. The Acting Clerk declared a personal interest in Minute 77 [Appointment of Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer] and left the meeting whilst discussion of this matter took place.

710 Leisure and Recreation Committee (5 July 2010)

Minute 314 Tennis Court Working Group

The Acting Clerk reported the vandalism and damage at the above location and the action taken to secure the courts. Members noted that the expenditure incurred would be reported to the next available meeting.

Minute 317(b) Interpretation Board

The Acting Clerk advised the meeting of the Handyman's quotation of £126 for repairs to the board at the Centenary Field.

RESOLVED: That, subject to a check on whether the quotation includes for the replacement of the board's plastic cover, the expenditure be approved.

Minute 317(c) Gaps in Centenary Field hedge

The Acting Clerk advised the meeting of the Handyman's quotation of £445 for these works.

RESOLVED: That this matter be referred to the L & R Committee so that funding can be identified.

Minute 318 The RoSPA Report

The Acting Clerk advised the meeting of the Handyman's quotation of £82 for repairs to play equipment as recommended in the RoSPA Report.

RESOLVED: That the expenditure be approved.

Minute 322 Tree/Hedge Management Plan

Members noted an overspend of £400 on the above plan. A budget of £500 had been provided, whilst the cost of the Plan amounted to £900.

Minute 323(b) Sign for the Pavilion

RESOLVED: That this matter be referred to the L & R Committee so that the planning position in relation to the maximum size of sign and the requirement for planning permission in respect of a wall-mounted sign might be clarified.

It was then

RESOLVED: That, subject to the substitution of the word “acquiring” for the words “a compulsory purchases on” in the resolution to Minute 316(b), the minutes of the meetings of the Leisure and Recreation Committee held on 5 July 2010 be adopted, together with all the recommendations contained therein.

Cllr Ms S Kitching then left the meeting.

711 F & GP Committee (7 July 2010)

Referring to Minute 436, the Acting Clerk confirmed the Council’s combined spending on the Youth Service and on Grants fell well within the financial limit imposed by Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972. Referring to the same minute, Cllr King thanked the Chairman for his action in meeting with the Youth Leader-in-Charge and addressing her concerns.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meetings of the F & GP Committee held on 7 July 2010 be adopted, together with all the recommendations contained therein.

Cllr Hendy then left the meeting.

712 Brockeridge Committee (14 July 2010)

Referring to Minute 259, Cllr Pat Hockey suggested that the proposed sign should state “No hard ball games”. In respect of Minute 263, she expressed concern that no budgetary provision had been made for the Open Day scheduled for 9 October 2010.

RESOLVED:

- That the minutes of the meetings of the Brockeridge Committee held on 14 July 2010 be adopted, together with all the recommendations contained therein.
- That a sum of £400 be allocated for the Open Day and the F & GP Committee be requested to identify a budgetary source for this amount.

713 Finance: Income and Expenditure Report as at 30 June 2010

Councillors noted with satisfaction the Acting Clerk’s confirmation that the Council’s accounts and VAT position were up to date until the end of June 2010. Members asked for future financial reports to be submitted to the F & GP Committee.

714 Finance: Accounts

Following a proposal by Cllr Farbrother seconded by Cllr Broome it was:

RESOLVED: That the Accounts dated 19 July 2010, as set out in Appendix 1, in the amount of £17034.92 be approved.

715 SGC Standards Committee Annual Report, FAQs and The Ten General Principles of Public Life
Members noted the contents of the above documents.

716 37 Squadron ATC Open Evening – 22 July 2010

The Acting Clerk reported an invitation from the above organisation to attend their Open Evening. The Chairman and Cllr Underhill indicated their intention to attend.

717 Reports from South Gloucestershire Councillors

Cllr Pat Hockey advised the meeting that there were big changes in the offing in view of the sweeping changes being introduced by the Government, eg the abolition of Regional Development Agencies and Primary Care Trusts. She also referred Members to an SGC consultation document entitled "Let's Talk Transport Matters".

Cllr D Hockey reported their recent attendance at a meeting at Fromeside Youth Centre; discussions about developing the site had taken place and managers of the site would be pleased to receive any ideas and suggestions that the Parish Council might have on this issue.

He then advised Members of his meeting with SGC's Andy Porter about the proposed street lighting switch-off. He urged that the principles, benefits and savings must be clearly quantified and understood, and explained to local residents, for public support to be secured. Councillors heard that the consultation period would commence in October 2010 and scheme implementation was planned for 2011 if sufficient support was forthcoming.

The reports were noted.

718 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

The Acting Clerk reported information from Roger Millard, the Council's nominee, that the temporary Governing Body had decided not to make an appointment of Head Teacher. Cllr Pat Hockey stated that an Acting Head would be appointed and that two governors had recently resigned.

Cllr Pat Hockey reported upon her attendance with Cllr Hendy at a Frome Valley Link meeting.

Members learned that grants for environmental projects were available until the end of July. She also referred to an orchard survey which the Link was undertaking; any Parish Council assistance with this work would be greatly appreciated.

719 Correspondence Received

The following correspondence was noted:

ALCA Newsletter – July 2010

South Glos Partnership – Summer 2010 Newsletter

South Glos News – Summer 2010 Newsletter

South Glos Disability Action Group - Summer 2010 Newsletter

CVS South Glos – Newsletter 34

The Voice – Streetcare Summer 2010 Newsletter

Strategic Policing Plan 2010-2013

720 Correspondence Other

The Acting Clerk reported the receipt of an invitation for two representatives of the Council to attend the "Working Together Matters" event on 29 September 2010 organized by SGC.

RESOLVED: That Cllr Farbrother and the Acting Clerk attend the event and report back.

721 Date of next meeting

MONDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2010 AT 7.30PM AT THE BROCKERIDGE CENTRE