

Minutes of the Meeting of Frampton Cotterell Parish Council
21st May 2007
Held at the Brokeridge Centre, Woodend Road, Frampton Cotterell

Present: Mrs J Rowan (Chairman), Mr D Broome, Mr T Clothier (in part), Mr A Gollin, Mr W Hendy (in part), Mr B King, Mr D Manfield, Mr B Thomson, Mr P Wilson and Mr R Underhill (in part)

Also Present: Mr T Clothier, Mr D Nicholas and Mr R Underhill

Apologies: PC Barraclough

23 PC Barraclough sent his apologies and reported:

- That the overall crime rate remains low.
- There have been a small number of thefts from garden sheds and garages.
- There have been a number of road traffic accidents all with minor injuries. One accident was on Perrinpit Road.
- It is hoped that accidents on Perrinpit Road will be greatly reduced with the imposition of a 30 mph speed limit through the bends.
- An annual school leaver's party took place on 14th May 2007 at the Centenary Field. Officers attended the event and alcohol was seized.
- That problems had been reported concerning the Youth Club.
- That he had looked into this and agreed along with the Leader-in-Charge that a meeting with the near neighbours to discuss matters would be productive.

RESOLVED:

- That the Clerk arrange a meeting between the near neighbours, PC Barraclough and the Leader-In-Charge for the week commencing 4th June 2007 after the first meeting of the full Council.
- That the Clerk makes contact with the near neighbours in the interim.

24 Declarations of Interest under the Local Government Act 1972

Cllr King declared an interest in the next item and left the room.

25 Application for Co-option from Mrs A King

This application had been received after the closing date of 8th May 2007.

Following a proposal from Cllr Mrs Rowan which was carried with 7 votes in favour it was:

RESOLVED:

- The Clerk to write and thank Mrs King for her interest but that unfortunately her application was submitted after the closing date.

Cllr King re-entered the meeting

26 Co-option of Councillors for Parish Council Vacancies

Three applications had been received for the two vacancies, from Mr Clothier of Ryecroft Road, Mr Nicholas of Wayside Close and Mr Underhill of Vicarage Road, Coalpit Heath. All were present at the meeting.

Mr Clothier, Mr Nicholas and Mr Underhill all left the meeting and returned individually to be interviewed by the Council.

A secret ballot was conducted with results as follows:

Mr Clothier 6 votes

Mr Nicholas 4 votes

Mr Underhill 6 votes

RESOLVED:

- To co-opt Mr Clothier to the vacancy in West Ward.
- To co-opt Mr Underhill to the vacancy in East Ward.
- To thank Mr Nicholas for his interest.

Mr Clothier and Mr Underhill made and signed their Declarations of Acceptance of Office and joined the meeting.

Mr Nicholas left the meeting.

27 Parish Council Code of Conduct, Update

The Chairman reported that this had proved complicated. The Clerk had been given conflicting advice and in consultation with the Chairman had decided to advise members to complete their Register of Members' Interests under the existing Code of Conduct in case it was needed. The Council can adhere to its previous intention of adopting the new code at the July meeting, after which a new Register will have to be completed within 28 days and forwarded to the Monitoring Officer at SGC.

This was noted.

- The Clerk was asked to supply all new Councillors with the relevant papers including the existing Code of Conduct.

28 Confirmation of Minutes of 14th May 2007

Following a proposal by Cllr Wilson seconded by Cllr Thomson it was:

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 14th May 2007 be confirmed and signed subject to the following amendment:

*Min 18(f) should read **STEVE WEBB MP** and not **STEVE POOLE MP***

a Min 10 -Project External Maintenance of the Pavilion, Report

The Committee considered three quotations to paint the upper part of the Pavilion following the building works.

Following a proposal by Cllr Mrs Rowan which was carried unanimously it was:

RESOLVED:

- To accept the quotation from contractor "A" in the amount of £4,272.00
- To include in the contract for works that two weeks as advised by the contractor will be the time period in which all works should be completed. After which the Parish Council will not be held responsible for any further costs incurred.

b Min 12-Replacement Alarm Panel, Update

It was reported to the committee that since it was agreed to replace the alarm panel there had been a power cut and works were being undertaken by the electricity company to rectify this. It was agreed that the alarm repairs would not take place until after the electricity supply was fixed.

RESOLVED:

- To write to the consumer watchdog asking their advice as to whether a claim could be made against the electricity company for the recent power surge that blew the alarm panel.
- To seek advice as to whether circuit breakers could be purchased to avoid this happening in the future.

c Harris Barton Footpath, Update

Mr Brindley (PROW) SGC had reported that he was still awaiting a response on this but would inform the Parish Council as soon as one was received.

This was noted.

d Min 205-Project to bring the Pavilion in line with the Requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act (To clarify the Parish Council's position with regard to the Scout's Lease)

It was reported that the Scouts had clarified that the Scout Group fully complies with the provisions for the DDA.

This was noted.

29 Finance

a Insurance Premium Renewal

Following a proposal by Cllr Wilson which was carried unanimously it was:

RESOLVED:

- To delegate authority to the Clerk along with Cllrs Clothier and Mrs Rowan to pay this when it is received.

b Staff attendance at LCAS Seminar

It was agreed to send the Caretaker/Groundsman to this at a cost of £15.00.

c New Councillor Training

It was agreed to ask Cllrs Clothier and Underhill if they would like to attend on 13th June 2007.

30 Planning Committee Matters

a 1 THE RIDINGS, COALPIT HEATH

Erection of two storey rear extension and conversion of existing dwelling to form two self contained flats with associated works.

RESOLVED:

- To consider this further at the meeting on Wednesday 23rd May 2007.

b 3 THE RIDINGS, COALPIT HEATH

Erection of two-storey side extension to facilitate the conversion of existing dwelling to 2 no. self contained flats with associated works.

RESOLVED:

- To consider this further at the meeting on Wednesday 23rd May 2007.

RESOLVED: that the following comments attached as appendix I be referred to SGC:

Cllr Hendy left the meeting

31 To Note Planning Decisions Received

The Planning Decisions attached as appendix II were noted:

32 Highways Committee Matters

No matters were reported.

33 Leisure and Recreation Committee Matters

It was reported that the Dog Club wish to use The Park on the weekend of 2nd/3rd June 2007.

RESOLVED:

- To ensure the Dog Club liaise with the Cricket Club before using The Park.

34 Brockeridge Committee Matters

No matters were reported.

35 Finance and General Purposes Committee Matters

No matters were reported.

36 Correspondence

a Engage 2007 – 17th November 2007

This was noted.

RESOLVED:

- To request that the Parish Council is kept informed of any progress.

- b e-mail from Mr Weaver, ref Perrinpit Road
Report of an accident on 12th May 2007.*

RESOLVED:

- To pass the e-mail on to PC Barraclough for his information.
- To reply to Mr Weaver that the Parish Council was unaware of the Police's intention to oppose the new 30 mph speed limit.

- c Letter from Mr Millard*

Mr Millard reported that the walkway from Nightingale's Bridge to the railway viaduct approximately 100 yards this side of the viaduct the footpath has badly collapsed into the River Frome for a distance of approximately 15 yards.

RESOLVED:

- To refer this to (PROW) SGC for information.
- To copy Mr Millard in to any communication.

- d Protocol for Communication between SGC and Parish Clerks – Invitation to a group meeting on Monday 18th June 2007 1:45-3:15pm in the Meeting Room at the Ridgewood Centre, Yate*

RESOLVED:

- The Clerk should attend this if she is available.

- e Minutes of Residents' Meeting regarding Planning Application PT07/1286/F Sunbeam Nurseries, 119 Bristol Road.*

RESOLVED:

- To supply a copy of this to all Councillors before the next Planning Meeting on Wednesday 23rd May 2007.

- f Invitation to the Parish Plan Training/Information day on 30th May 2007 from 10:30am at the Ridgewood Conference Centre, Yate*

RESOLVED:

- To pass this information on to Mr Hockey.

- g Wessex Water*

This was noted.

RESOLVED:

- To place this on the agenda for 4th June 2007.

- h The following were noted*

SGC Standards Committee seeking to recruit new members

Invitation to a Cultural conference – 12th June 7:00-9:00pm at Filton College

Directory of Social Change News, May 2007 Issue 40

38 Date of Next Meeting

WEDNESDAY 23RD MAY 2007 AT 7:30PM AT THE BROCKERIDGE CENTRE