

**Minutes of the Meeting  
of Frampton Cotterell Parish Council  
14<sup>th</sup> January 2008  
Held at the Brockridge Centre, Woodend Road, Frampton Cotterell**

**Present:** Mrs J Rowan (Chairman), Mrs P Bashford, Mr D Broome, Mr T Clothier, Mr J Farbrother, Mr A Gollin, Mr D Hockey Mrs P Hockey, Ms S Kitching, Mr D Manfield, Mr B Thomson, Mr R Underhill and Mr P Wilson

**Apologies:** Mr B Hendy, Mr B King, and PC Barraclough.

**169 Emergency Evacuation Procedure**

The Chairman drew attention to the emergency evacuation procedure.

**170 PC Barraclough**

PC Barraclough was unable to attend but sent his report as follows:

- The overall crime rate remains quite low.
- There have been three thefts of number plates from motor vehicles, and two of motor vehicles, along with the theft of a generator.
- Two non-injury accidents one on Park Lane and one on Perrinpit Road.
- One minor injury accident on Park Lane.
- Five incidents of anti social behaviour.
- Four incidents of criminal damage.
- Several reports of drug use around the beat area in Frampton Cotterell.
- The Safer, Stronger Communities Group met on the 8<sup>th</sup> January 2008 and the following priorities were set.
  - Drug misuse leading to anti social behaviour.
  - Mud on pavements near Manor Playing Field.
  - Speeding. This priority covers most if not all of the main problem roads for this area.
- A significant amount of cannabis seized at a location in Nibley, of approximately £1,400 plants with a street value of about £500,000.
- Due to ongoing complaints from neighbours of the Golden Lion Public House, a licence review would be undertaken in February.

The Clerk was asked to check that Mr and Mrs Wilmott, who had previously complained had been informed and to check with PC Barraclough if there was a need for a Parish Councillor to attend the licensing hearing.

It was reported that although we now have PCSO Turner in post, there are continued frustrations at the lack of powers PCSOs in the Avon and Somerset force are being given.

**RESOLVED:**

- To report this to the Chief Constable (cc Steve Webb MP) and ask if Avon and Somerset Constabulary can have a policy of giving PCSOs more powers to enable them to more fully support their Beat Managers, and increase public confidence in the role.

**171 Declarations of Interest under the Local Government Act 1972**

- Cllrs D and P Hockey are South Gloucestershire Councillors.
- Cllrs Clothier, Broome and Wilson are members of the Frampton Cotterell over 50's Computer Group.

**172 Confirmation of Minutes**

Following a proposal from Cllr Thomson, seconded by Cllr Broome it was:

**RESOLVED:** that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2007 be confirmed and signed.

**173 Bench to Commemorate the Life of Cllr George Keel**

**RESOLVED:**

Arrangements for the day:

- To meet at Beesmoor Road Playing Field at 11:00am on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2008.
- Tea and biscuits to be provided at the Pavilion at Beesmoor Road.
- Guests to be invited as requested by Mrs Keel.
- Cllrs Mrs Rowan, Broome, D Hockey, Manfield, Thomson; and Mrs Manfield expressed their intention to attend.
- The Clerk was asked to ensure that the plaque is glued in place and substantial screws used to ensure it will be as difficult as possible to remove

**174 Land at Bell Road**

**RESOLVED:**

- The Clerk was asked to seek quotes to clear the land urgently and to stall SGC if possible with the assurance that it is the Parish Council's intention to go ahead on receipt of the quotes.

**175 Joint Interest Committee**

**RESOLVED:**

- The Minutes of the 12<sup>th</sup> December 2007 were noted and the recommendations therein adopted.
- It was agreed to recommend that the next meeting should be on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2008 at 7:30pm at the Brockeridge Centre.

**176 Steering Group to discuss Youth Shelters**

- The notes of the meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> December were noted.

**177 Vacancies for Representative on Outside Bodies**

*Avon Local Councils Association Area Group.*

*SGC Heritage Forum*

**RESOLVED:**

- To place these on the next agenda

**178 Newsletter**

Cllr Thomson reported this was still in the process of being written. This was noted.

**179 RESOLVED: IN VIEW OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED, TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC.**

**Finance and General Purposes Committee Report**

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

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee Working Group of 13<sup>th</sup>

December 2007 be adopted, together with all the recommendations therein.

*a Min 90 Employee No 7*

The Chairman reported that employee no 7 had rejected the amended job description and pay offer.

- This was referred for further consideration to the F and GP Committee.

*b Min 93 Health and Safety*

- Cllrs Mrs Rowan, Clothier, Hendy, D Hockey and Farbrother agreed to attend the meeting to be held on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2008, with the Fire Officer from Yate Station.

*c Min 95 Appointment of Youth Workers*

Cllr Mrs Rowan reported that two candidates had been interviewed. Neither had been suitable for the position of Leader-in-Charge, and one had not interacted well with the young people. One good reference had been received for the second applicant and the response to a request for a second reference was awaited. Miss Wood had agreed that she would stay in post in the interim.

RESOLVED:

- To offer the post of assistant Leader to Mr Yusafa Jawara, subject to a twelve week probation period, receipt of a second successful reference and CRB clearance.
- To thank Mrs Gollin for her work with the youth group and to enquire if she would be willing to stay on on a temporary basis.

180 Min 134(a) Meeting with SGC Environmental Health Officers

*a* The report of the meeting held with SGC Environmental Health Officers on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2007 was noted.

- The Clerk was asked to send the letter as directed after consultation with CHr Mrs Rowan.

181 Finance

*a Grasscutting Invoices for 2007/08 Season*

Invoices had been received, but there was a discrepancy of £1,615, because SGC did not accept that the original quotation had included the costs of fertilising, although it could be proved that this had been the case.

RESOLVED:

- To pay the amount of £10,867.10 which the Parish Council had agreed to pay.
- To delegate to the F and GP committee, power to query the outstanding amount of £1,615 and resolve this if possible.
- To check if this is a misunderstanding that just applies to 2007/08 and seek clarification of the amount of the quotation accepted for 2008/09.

182 Brockridge Committee Matters

*a Electrical Works to the Lights*

RESOLVED:

- To instruct Theatrical Technical Services to make the lights at the front of the building into downlighters at a cost of £467.

183 Planning Committee Report

Following a proposition from Cllr P Hockey it was:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Planning Committees held 17<sup>th</sup> December 2007 and 7<sup>th</sup> January 2008 be adopted, together with all the recommendations therein subject to the

following amendments:

- *Min 118 - to add that the application concerning the Vodafone Mast had been raised by Cllr Mrs Rowan.*
- *Min 121 to be moved to follow min 118.*

*a Min 120 - Pharmacy at Frame Vale Surgery*

- The Clerk was asked to seek clarification of the impact this might have on the pharmacy already in Frampton Cotterell

**184 Highways Committee Matters**

*a Flooding in the Frame Valley*

It was reported that the recent flooding had been the worst since 1999.

**RESOLVED:**

- To write to Wessex Water and the Environment Agency in view of the recent decision for an extra 5000 houses at Yate; pointing out the problems that will occur if the consent goes through and enquire if they intend to bring forward their plans to deal with this as promised.

**185 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies**

*a Cllr D Hockey reported:*

- SGC Local Waste Strategy 2008-2014 - that this is the opportunity for Cllrs and parishioners to express their views about kerbside recycling of plastic containers and to request this if that is what they want to see introduced.

*b Cllr P Hockey reported:*

- There is also a consultation on Waste in the West of England which will be published shortly. »
- The Examination in Public into the provision for Gypsies and Travellers would take place shortly.
- The five thousand houses at Yate in the panel's report are part of a very significant increase in the number of houses across the four unitary areas. This did not go out for consultation, but went straight to the Secretary of State.
- The Sustainable Community Strategy had been accepted by the partnership and now has to be endorsed by SGC.

**186 Representatives on Outside Bodies**

*a Twinning Association*

Cllr Mrs Rowan reported that the Twinning Association will be holding a fundraising Quiz Night on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2008 at St Saviours Hall.

*b Parish Plan*

Cllr D Hockey reported that four thousand invitations would be distributed for the Open Day. He thanked Cllr Thomson for his help in arranging this.

*c ALCA Area Group*

- Cllr P Hockey reported that there had been a presentation on the SGC Core Strategy Consultation. SGC is urging Parish Councils to respond (It was noted that Frampton Cotterell Parish Council had already considered this).
- ALCA had been offered seats at the Examination in Public in Exeter to discuss gypsy and traveller needs in the locality.
- It was hoped that the next meeting would have a speaker on Safer, Stronger Community groups.

**187 Correspondence**

*a Steve Webb MP - ref Flood Prevention*

The Parliamentary Under Secretary of State had responded that a consultation had recently been undertaken on this and that "the consultation paper recognises that this practice can sometimes lead to the type of problems highlights, but suggests that this might be tackled better by planning authorities using their powers to withdraw permitted development rights locally where it is necessary"

This response was noted with disappointment.

*b SGC - Economic Development Strategy Consultation*

- This was referred to the Planning Committee for further consideration.

*c Letter from The Community Association*

The Chairman of the Community Association had written to advise of an Extraordinary General Meeting to be held on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2008 in a bid to stave off imminent closure.

- The Clerk was asked to forward a copy of the letter to Cllr Farbrother.

This was noted.

*d Night Bus*

The next meeting would be held on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2008

- Cllr D Hockey agreed to attend. The Clerk was asked to obtain full details.

*e Avon Pension Fund*

Had advised that there would be a rise in Employers' Contribution to 16.6% phased over 3 years; 11.4% this April, then 14 % in 2009 and 16.6 % in 2010.

This was noted.

*/ The following were noted:*

SGC - Waste Strategy Consultation.

ALCA - Royal Garden Party Nominations.

SGC Budget Consultation Meetings January 2008.

SGC Economic Development Strategy Consultation.

SGC Councillor Development Events.

GAPTC Training Diary.

SGC Standards Committee - Vacancy for Parish Council representative .

Rural Shops Alliance ref Post Office Closures.

Frome Forum Meeting, 24<sup>th</sup> January, 10:00am to 12 noon, Winterbourne.

ALCA Newsletter.

The Ridings High School Review, Issue 38, December 2007.

SGC - Community Awards.

Community Action Minutes of AGM 19<sup>th</sup> October 2007.

Federated Academy Pathfinder Development.

SGC Heritage Forum, Heritage News, Issue 15, Autumn 2008.

CPRE Fieldwork, December 2007.

CVS South Gloucestershire Newsletter, Issue 24, December 2007.

Trees are News, Volume 67, December/January 2007/08.

South Gloucestershire Senior Citizens Forum Newsletter, Winter 2007/2008.

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**Date of Next Meeting**

**MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2008 AT 7:30PM AT THE BROCKERIDGE CENTRE.**

