

FRANT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING TO DISCUSS PLANNING MATTERS HELD AT FRANT MEMORIAL HALL, FRANT ON MONDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2017 AT 7:30PM

Present: Cllr Rutherford (Chair)
Cllrs Mrs Howell, Rowland, Wright

R.Karim (Clerk)

1. To receive apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Mrs Best, Mrs Kinley, MacDonald-Brown and Stevens. The apologies were accepted.

2. Declarations of Interest

Nil.

3. Public Forum

No members of the public were present.

4. To consider options for circular bench

The two options, one near the cricket pitch and one near the memorial bench, were discounted. The councillors agreed to consider trees that might be suitable and/or a place for a new tree to be planted. Clerk to email councillors to this effect.

Action: Clerk

5. To consider cost of relocating UKPN pole at Warrens Farm Lane

The Clerk tabled the quote from UKPN of over £8000 to relocate one of the two electricity poles to improve visibility at this junction. Councillors discussed the issue at length, noting that they had not themselves encountered any particular difficulty when exiting Warrens Farm Lane and joining the A26. It was further noted that there was not a history of collisions at this junction and it was not identified as an accident blackspot, as far as they were aware. The cost of relocating the pole was considered prohibitive. However, councillors respected the residents' desire to carry out these works and agreed to contribute by paying for the relocation of the Council's street lamp (attached to the pole) at a cost of £649.21 (plus VAT).

6. To agree content of letters to local groups re: adverts at the roadside and key junctions

The Clerk tabled three letters asking organisations to desist from erecting signs throughout the parish. Councillors approved the content of all three. It was agreed that the issue would be raised with Cllr Standley at a future meeting.

7. To consider the suggestion for a further sign in BYG for eastbound traffic

It was agreed that no further signage should be placed on the green. It was suggested that the sign could be located on the village gate but that the terms and conditions of the Council's licence agreement would need to be checked first to ensure this could be done. Clerk to liaise with Ms Pain at ESCC.

Action: Clerk

8. To agree various items relating to the green in Frant

Various queries from Mrs Steadman concerning plans for the green were addressed. Of note, it was **resolved** to approve a reduced quote from Orchard Landscapes to carry out a one-off cut in early autumn of the margins of the green. It was also agreed that the main parts of the greens that see the most use should continue to be cut every two weeks, not every three.

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9. To approve the reinstatement of payments to Wealdlink

It was **resolved** to reinstate the Council's payments to Wealdlink with immediate effect.

10. To consider and respond to consultations about licence and planning applications registered between 23rd August and 4th September.

Nil.

11. To note applications granted or refused by Wealden District Council and those withdrawn by the applicant(s).

- **WD/2017/1398/F 1 New Cottages, Mayfield Road, Frant, TN3 9HS**

Proposed new garage.

Approved on 9th August.

- **WD/2017/ 1295/F – Shernfold Meadows, Wadhurst Road, Frant, TN3 9EH**

Erection of replacement garage

Approved on 17th August.

12. To approve accounts to be paid

The accounts were approved for payment.

Cllr Howell said she had seen several vehicles parking on the green outside East Lodge on a number of occasions. It was noted that these vehicles were probably contractors working on an extension to the property. However, it was agreed that the Clerk would write to the owners asking them to ensure the contractors did not park on the green. **Action: Clerk**

There being no other business, the meeting ended at 8.30pm.

Signed: Date: