

Minutes of the Frampton Cotterell Annual Parish Assembly Meeting
Held on 16th May 2024 at 7pm
At The Brockeridge Centre, Woodend Road, Frampton Cotterell

Present: Councillors Mrs L Williams- Chair, T Clark, A Lankester and D Williams.
District Councillors- C Young & J Lean.

Members of the Public- 7 which included representatives from Frampton Cotterell Rugby Club, Frampton Cotterell Cricket Club, Frampton Cotterell Playing Field Management Committee, Floral Friends of Frampton, FACE and Zion Church.

Council Officers: Linda Squire- Clerk/ CEO & RFO
Daisy Finniear- Climate & Nature Officer
Dani Wolfgang- James- Marketing & Communications Officer

Apologies: Cllrs David Goodwin & Tim Snaith, PC Finbar Simmons- Avon, and Somerset Constabulary & Keith Powell- Over 50's Computer group

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the Councillors in attendance.

1 Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting – 23rd May 2023

IT WAS RESOLVED that the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 23rd May 2023 be confirmed as an accurate record and signed.

2 Annual Reports

Chairman's Report

Cllr L Williams presented a report on the Parish Council's activities over the past year, which included replacing the play equipment at the Ridings Road play area and the total refurbishment of the tennis courts at the Park.

Other enhancements at the Park have been carried out including repairing pot holes in the car park and new lighting.

The Parish Council has declared a 'Climate Emergency' and has produced a document which will influence everything we do as a Council.

The Council completed the consultation on the South Gloucestershire Council's Local Plan which is a very important document as it will influence the building of houses but also planning for jobs and the local economy whilst reducing the environmental impact.

The alterations to the entrance of the Centenary Field have been completed so the Frampton Festival should be able to resume this year.

The Council hosted the annual community awards, winners and photographs can be found on the Council's website. and also carried out our usual activities and events.

Future plans were outlined which include proposals for a pathway at the Park, improving the other play areas in the parish and making plans for improving the pavilion, always in consultation with stakeholders and parishioners. There is also a D Day event being held on the 6th June 2024.

(A copy of the full report is attached at Appendix 1)

3 **Chair of Play area Development working group & Finance and Governance Committee's Report**

Cllr David Williams Chair of the Play area Development working group & Chair of the Finance & Governance Committee presented reports:-

Play area Development working group

Highlights:-

- 2022 the working group identified the Ridings Road play area as a priority for development
- Following a survey the Council authorised the upgrade
- Proposals and tenders were considered and the Council awarded the contract, work on site began January 2024 and the new play area was officially opened on the 15th February 2024
- The project was funded by the Parish Council and a grant received from GrantScape, part of the Suez Communities Fund
- Further development of the Council play areas will be considered in the future.

Finance and Governance Committee

- the Committee undertook its normal regulatory role of reviewing the Council's finances,
- grants had been awarded to Citizens Advice, Frampton Male Voice Choir and FACE, as well as supporting Frampton Cotterell Playing Field Management Committee,

The full report is attached at Appendix 2.

4 **Vice Chair of the Climate & Nature Committee- Report**

Cllr Alan Lankester presented the Climate & Nature report, which included:-

- 2023-24 Snapshot of what had happened-
 - In person committee every quarter & ad hoc online public LEAF meetings
 - Pond excavated & dead hedge formed
 - Bioblitz 2024 event in collaboration with Frampton Cotterell Nature;
 - Hedgehog monitoring
 - Climate & Nature Emergency Declaration & Environmental Policy approved
 - Wildlife equipment purchased to support surveys & monitoring
- Listing the current & future projects

(The Full presentation is attached at Appendix 3)

5 **Vice-Chair of the Parks & Recreation Committee**

Cllr Tristan Clark presented a report on the Parks & Recreational Committee, (PARC) which included:-

- Thanking ex councillors Tim Niblett, Andy Pullen & Matt Hemmings for the work they had been involved with at the Park
- Achievements 2023-24
 - Tennis court refurbishment funded from S106, LTA & CIL so no cost to the parishioners. The pay for playing is to ensure future maintenance & refurbishment can be carried out, with some free children sessions available. An open day is planned for 8.6.2024.
 - New fencing by the car park & repaired the pot holes
 - New noticeboard and boot scraper
 - New external lighting on the pavilion
- thanked the Estates & Amenities Officer for painting the cricket pavilion, in time for the crickets centenary celebrations.

Future

- Consultation of the new pathway using s106
- courts working group- consulting with sports groups, FACE & Scouts
- investigating options for the old changing rooms with Crossbow House

6 Youth Services

FACE representatives advised they have been running the provision since just before covid. Monday-detached session they go to the key areas where young people hang out, they have hired the mobile bus and based themselves at Beesmoor Park. During the winter they have a cooking project at the Brockridge Centre, where the youngsters can be accredited

Tuesday evening-Junior session yr 6-8

Wednesday after school at the Pavilion- Youth café session

Wednesday evening -Senior year 9 to 18 years of age, both held at the Brockridge Centre

Winterbourne academy- Wednesday lunch times and help with year 6 transition

Plus Summer and half term activities

They managed to identify funding for bleed kits at the Brockridge Centre & the Pavilion which will be installed soon.

FACE will be rolling out the Park survey for the Parish Council.

7 Frampton Cotterell Playing Field Management Committee (FCPFMC)- Beesmoor Road

Kate Colechin thanked the Council for the grant they receive which helps them hugely with essential maintenance and insurance.

She advised that it is a popular facility particularly for football and the play area, although the football income has been less due the weather .

They have been working with Frampton Nature to look at particular areas of the site to make it more conservation friendly.

They are having a car boot sale 9.6.2024 to raise money for bulbs and replacement bark.

Kate thanked ex councillor Edwina Pennell for her contribution and support with the Committee.

8 Frampton Cotterell Rugby Club

Martyn Hill- the new Secretary of the rugby club advised they have 18 teams and have just started a ladies touch rugby team, 26 signed up for the league and there are 40 ladies. They are looking at 2 teams next season.

Juniors -266 members and it is growing year on year.

Over 80 senior players across all their teams.

They have joined the star scheme working with schools to help children living in poverty.

Their priority is to develop the ladies & girls sides of the game and it is really important that the facilities are up to standard and are accessible, which they will work with the Council on.

9 Floral Friends

Andrew Edgington-advised their group has been going since 2014, previously there were approximately 20 volunteers.

They are well supported by business sponsorship and have a lot of compliments from the community.

Andrew thanked the Parish Council for their support.

He advised that more volunteers are required they have 7 core members and they are all getting older and people are retiring later so are not available. Village Action and the Good Neighbour Scheme has stopped due to the lack of volunteers, the litter pickers are still continuing.

He asked if anyone is aware of any people that could give back to the community please contact Floral Friends.

10 Zion Church

Sharon Lovelock thanked the Council and the groups in attendance for everything they do.

She advised that the Church supports the following:-

Monday- morning- the mums & tots group held at the Brockridge Centre .

-afternoon working with vulnerable elderly

Thursday-Food Hub lunch-where people pay what they can
Saturday morning friends group
And Scouts & guides meet at the church

11 Over 50's Computer Group

The Chairman of the Council Cllr Linda Williams of the Council read out the report
(The report is attached at Appendix 4).

12 Leader of SGC & District Councillor- Claire Young-

Stated that it was good news about the work for the Frome Valley walkway
That the motorway bridge closure this year was a shock to SGC and is aware the this is having
a massive impact on the area- there is another bus link but it goes a long way around.
There's been some resurfacing on the worse patches in the area.

13 District Councillor Jon Lean-advised that the soft plastic recycling has been rolled out to
specific properties.

14 Open Forum

A query was raised whether FCPC could carry out any soft or sustainable planting when
Wessex Water complete the work

Response- believe there was a pledge that they would reinstate and plant sympathetically.

A query was raised regarding the national report regarding the wider use of water butts-
could FCPC encourage people to use butts, soakaways or bog gardens.

Response- this will be included in the Climate & Nature local plan.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and encouraged everyone to enjoy the refreshments
provided.

**Next Annual Assembly Parish Meeting
MAY 2025**

**The Chair
Signed:**

Dated: