

FRANKTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of March 1st 2016 at 8pm at Bourton

Present- Cllrs. Browning, Chairman; Gardner, Mitchell, Thompson, Mrs Wilson.

In attendance Mrs Fennell, clerk

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Apologies – Cllrs Mr and Mrs Roberts No *declarations of Interest*.

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Minutes of the December meeting were taken as read and signed correct.

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Matters arising a) Roads. Ben Hill, WCC Highways, had been advised of potholes and carriageway deterioration throughout the parish, both by the clerk and Cllr Robertts, with little obvious success. Cllr Gardner offered to infill the large hole on Birdingbury Lane. Agreed with thanks.

b) Computer. A grant was successfully applied for from HM Government and the machine has been purchased.

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Correspondence – none

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Plans - modification to permission already granted at “Highfield” barn

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Nature project Mrs Wilson detailed her research into a wildflower site in Frankton, 1. The green, 2, Biddulph bank, 3, Church verge. However, the scheme would cost at least £150 p.a. for 10 years, apart from initial costs. A bench round a tree on the green may be preferable, and a rural development grant could possibly fund it. Clerk to make enquiries. The chestnut tree is thought to be dead, county forester has been asked to confirm.

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Forum March 9th at Dunchurch.

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Finance VAT refund £751.94 applied for. Payments approved- 479 RBC contested election £725.01. 480 Zurich Insurance £143.41. 481 Eon street lamps £187.01. 482 PC website c/o J Blazeby £ 73.19 483 S Fennell office annual cost £118.92. 484 Eon street lamps £36. 485 Eon street lamps £115.09 486 Bourton village hall, room hire £10. 487 S Fennell, clerks' expenses £25.90. 488 St Nicholas PCC, upkeep of churchyard.£50. 489 PC World. Purchase computer. £ 411.97

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Sand & Gravel nothing to report.

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NEXT MEETING TUESDAY MAY 3rd at 8pm at Bourton village hall.

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AOB There is a scheme whereby volunteers are trained in grass footpath inmspection . Cllr Gardner thought this may be useful therapy for some parish residents. There is also footpath maintenance training available.

There was no further business, the meeting closed at 8.40pm