

MINUTES OF FLAMSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL Extraordinary Meeting

Monday 11th August at 7:30 PM

Venue: The Pavilion, Friendless Lane

Present: Cllrs Pither, Humbert, Williams, Behr, and Crawley

Also Present: Kelly (Clerk)

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs Ford, Wild, Humphreys and Cowie
2. **To resolve that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7th July 2025 are a correct record:** It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17th July 2025 were a correct record.
Resolution: Proposed Cllr Williams, seconded Cllr Behr
3. Discussion on the illegal invasion of the land to the rear of the old Wagon & Horses on A5183: 25/01868/RET and 25/01732/FHA
 - **Incorrect Claim:** It is falsely claimed that the hardstanding was already present; Google Earth images show this is untrue.
 - **Current Occupation:** The site currently contains 3 static caravans and 1 mobile home.
 - **Planned Works:** Water pipes are due to be installed.
 - **Ground Surface:** The entire site is covered in hardstanding—there is no grass.
 - **Site Access:** Entrance to the site is a gap in the hedge.
 - **Surveillance:** A security camera is mounted externally on an electricity pole.
 - **Commercial Activity:** Presence of commercial vehicles (e.g. digger, vehicle transporters) suggests a possible business is operating from the site.
 - **Planning Discrepancy:** Access to the A5183 is not shown on the planning application.
 - **Road Safety Concerns:** The access near the lorry park is dangerous.
 - **Child Safety Risk:** Children attending school in Flamstead are at risk due to the need to cross the A5183.
 - **Enforcement Issues:** There appears to be a lack of enforcement regarding site activities.
 - **Non-compliance:** Works being carried out do not align with those listed in the planning application.
 - **Land Ownership:** Unclear whether the landowner has consented to the ongoing works.
 - **Sewage Concerns:** No sewage system in place
 - **Inappropriate Sewage Solution:** A septic tank would not be a suitable solution for the site.
4. **Actions:**
 - KS – email M6 to ask whether they were aware of their land being used
 - KS – to lodge objections on behalf of the PC on the DBC planning portal

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