

FLAMSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Monday, 6th October 2025

Time: 7:30 PM

Venue: The Pavilion, Friendless Lane

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and approved from Cllr Crowie and Cllr Wilde.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Ford declared a declaration of interest for planning application on the agenda.

3. Approval of Minutes

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on **8th September 25** were a true and accurate record.

Resolution: Proposed Cllr Humphreys, seconded by Cllr Crawley.

4. Public Participation (*Maximum 15 minutes*)

Members of the public were invited to speak on matters of local concern:

- **Grapevine** – concerned villagers highlighted continuing issues with Grapevine, they were advised to re-apply to Grapevine, or to be added to a list of emails who are sent Grapevine separately.
- **Jane Timmis** – Jane has offered her support against the Dacorum cuts regarding parish councils, **Trees maintenance** – when plots of land are sold within Dacorum it is not always clear who is responsible for the upkeep of the land, particularly Trees – the Owner, Dacorum or Highways. Planning application for Watling Street – Flamstead end of the A5, no update on application.

5. Update from County Councillor Smith-Wright - Not present.

6. Planning Applications

- **25/02261/APE – Beechwood Home Farm** - Provision of surfacing - **No Objections**
- **25/02316/LBC – Verlam Cottage River Hill** - Remove some internal gypsum plaster between windows on the front elevation to expose the existing timber frame, remove finishes around lintel to bay in gable end wall to investigate cause of cracking - **No Objections**
- **25/02350/LDP – River Hall Cottage Old Watling Street** - Entrance porch to original house. Single storey side extension, dormers to original house. Outbuildings to rear of house Request more information – **More information requested.**
- **25/02344/FUL – Land Adjacent to Rose Cottage River Hill** -
- Demolition of existing garage and viewing deck. Construction of a 1- bedroom dwelling - **No Objections.**

7. Working Groups: No updates.

8. To Action:

- Pavilion café – Clerk to obtain requirements
- Pavilion Padlock – Clerk to request that PC is updated on change of code at all times
- Banham Alarm App – Clerk and Cllr Ford to have access.
- Donation of £250.00 to be paid to FOFS Cllr Pither Cllr Humpreys
- Friendless Lane/Sports ground Hedge maintenance – Cllr Bher
- War Memorial: Cleaning, refurbishment, and new hedges approved up to £1,000. Cllr Pither to obtain quotes
- £250 donation to FOFS Fireworks agreed – Cllr Humpreys Cllr Cllr Ford
- Historical Documents: To be delivered to the relevant society. Action: Cllr Pither.
- DBC Future Funding: Action: Clerk to research further.
- Buses – clerk to contact Lynx regarding possibly extending service due to road works
- Clerk to correspond with school regarding parking – contact Caroline Wright-Smith regards to possible restricted parking
- Commercial use of land – Singlets Lane – clerk to contact Dacorum regarding business being operated from a residential address.
- Woodend/Newlands – Motorbikes – Clerk to contact Caroline Wright-smith/Police crime commissioner/local police
- Possibility of affordable housing – Trowley Bottom – To discuss when Planning application is received.

9. Review of Agreed Actions (from 9th September 2025)

- Wayne Housden - £500 donation towards Flamstead Hawk Fund – Complet
- Bus Service – Ongoing (Clerk)
- Refurbishment/Cleaning of war memorial – Ongoing (Cllr Pither)
- Historical Documents – Ongoing (Cllr Pither)
- DBC – Future Funding – Ongoing (Cllr Pither/Clerk)
- Westenders Contract – Complete (Cllr Ford)
- Rialtas Training – Complete (Clerk)

Signed:

Cllr Billy Pither, Chairman

Date: _____