

Framsden Fundraisers AGM minutes

Date: July 22nd 2021 **Time:** 7 pm **Location:** Village Hall
Attendees: Mark Prangell, Erin Blewett, Louise Nevill, Richard Nevill, Margaret Samain, Andy Chattell, Sandy Barron, Wendy Simmons

Apologies: Neil Leech (trustee).

Members of the public: Paul Samain, Ian Seager, Lori and Adam Eaton, Mark Roe, Glenn Buckingham, Pat Mason, Joey Bell, David and Nicola Whitmore, Charlotte Bell

Apologies (Public): Chris and Alan Davidson, Richard and Christine Schofield, Nigel and Rosie Hutchinson, Mark Felton, Dave Sedgwick

From 7-8pm there was an informal gathering with refreshments for members of the public and trustees. Formal AGM started at 8pm

Note taker: Erin Blewett

	Agenda item	Action
1	Approve minutes from last meeting	Approved
2	Reports and accounts	<p><i>Chair's report</i></p> <p><i>NB Due to the unique situation and restrictions surrounding the pandemic this AGM was postponed from 2020, in line with Charities Commission guidelines, until we could hold it in person.</i></p> <p><i>For the purposes of this report, 2019 started with the village produce show and a selection of wonderful scarecrows camped out in front of the village hall. We had more classes and entries than the previous year thanks to the organisation and enthusiasm of Margaret, Sandy and their team.</i></p> <p><i>The following weekend, together with St Mary's Church, we held the barn dance at the fabulous Framsden Hall with some 133 people dancing the night away including several children who really entered into the spirit and joined in the fun and frolics!</i></p> <p><i>The rest of the year saw another Walk and Talk with Glenn, a Yes, Yes, No Quiz Bingo evening and Christmas Carols around the village. All well attended and much enjoyed.</i></p> <p><i>Details about the funds raised and costs incurred in running these events will be</i></p>

provided in the Treasurer's report and have also been itemised in our end of year summary.

And so, to 2020. We had just started the year with another of Glenn's walks and talks when the pandemic struck, and life went on hold. Restrictions on mixing from March meant that we had to cancel most of the fundraising and community events that we look forward to each year.

Following these announcements, we worked with Nicola Whitmore, the then Chair of the Parish Council and Brian Cox, on behalf of the Pub Group, to support Julia Green (with technical support from Andy) to set up a Covid-19 support group for the village using WhatsApp to keep in touch.

Thanks to Julia and all those involved in this who have helped neighbours in need during the last 18 months. The latest example of this process supporting the community was a group of helpers clearing a villager's overgrown garden in response to an appeal from their neighbour.

Despite the restrictions our sub-team of Margaret, Louise, Jan, Dave, Andy and Richard led by Sandy were determined that our Village Produce show should go ahead online in 2020! Well done to them and thank you to all of you who submitted some 160 entries to our virtual show.

We also decided last May to try our hand at running an online quiz for the village, relying on Andy's technical expertise to shepherd people into and back from their virtual team rooms. This was enjoyed by those who attended and since then we have run five more to bring together people in the village, at least online!

Although I have focused on events and activities in this report we must not forget the routine activities that we need to devote time to e.g. the maintenance of the defibrillator and Volunteer Emergency Telephone system (VETs); the regular village communication on email, the village hall boards and printed leaflets; liaison with suppliers and others who contribute to those events and activities and planning for future events e.g. the Walk & Talk with Glenn; village scarecrow competition; afternoon tea in the village hall garden; Evening with Charlie Haylock; the Framsdan calendar; the next Yes, Yes, No quiz in the village hall.

Of course, none of this happens without a lot of planning and effort, primarily from our trustees and increasingly from others in the community who turn out to help set up, run and clear up afterwards.

My thanks go to everyone who helps out during the year but particularly to my fellow trustees for

their support and dedication. They prefer to remain invisible, but they are:

Sandy Barron - Trustee and Treasurer ☑ Margaret Samain – Trustee

Erin Blewett – Trustee and Secretary ☑ Mark Felton – Trustee

Andy Chattell – Trustee ☑ Wendy Simmons – Trustee

Louise Nevill - Trustee ☑ Dave Sedgwick - Trustee

Sadly, we have already said, 'Farewell' to Mark Felton who resigned as a Trustee earlier in 2021 and will be losing several other Trustees who will resign at this AGM – Margaret Samain; Neil Leech, Sandy Barron and David Sedgwick. I really cannot thank Mark, Margaret, Neil, Sandy and Dave enough for their dedication, enthusiasm and contribution to our village – you will be greatly missed.

I am however delighted to introduce our new trustee – Richard Nevill – who expressed interest in joining us prior to the AGM and was duly nominated and elected on the night. Richard has kindly agreed to take on the role of Treasurer which was vacated by Sandy.

At the same time we became aware of these intended resignations the Parish Council was starting to explore options for the management of the village hall, which would also

		<p><i>require volunteers.</i></p> <p><i>We felt that there may be an opportunity to bring together the planning and running of community activities and fund-raising events with the management of the village hall in one organisation, which may be more appropriate for a village of our size. An initial discussion with the chairs of the Parish Council and Parochial Church Council indicated agreement to explore this idea further alongside other options for managing the village hall in the future. This has been done through a working party set up by the Parish Council to which we contributed.</i></p> <p><i>At their meeting on Thursday 8 th July 2021, the Parish Council decided to set up a sub-committee to take on the role of managing the village hall. You can read more about this in the minutes from that meeting when they are published.</i></p> <p><i>In terms of supporting village projects, we are still holding £3900 in our accounts towards the Parish Council project to update the children’s play area.</i></p> <p><i>Finally, we are always keen to have new blood and new ideas in the FF team. As I said earlier, our trustees devote a lot of time and effort to planning, preparing and running those events as well as delivering their statutory duties. If you have time and would like to join us, please get in touch.</i></p> <p><i>Of course, if you can’t afford that much time but would still like to help on specific events, along with the rest of our helpers, we would be extremely grateful.</i></p> <p>MP asked the attendees for comments:</p> <p>Adam Eaton asked whether FF is quorate, due to recent resignations of trustees. MP assured him that, with 6 trustees, we are.</p>
3	Treasurer’s report by SB	<i>See appendix 3</i>
4	Woodland Group report	<i>See appendix 2</i>
5	Table tennis report	<i>See appendix 1</i>
6	Appointment of charity trustees	<p>To re-appoint Mark Prangell as Chair To re-appoint Erin Blewett as Secretary To re-appoint Andy Chattell as trustee To re-appoint Wendy Simmons as trustee To re-appoint Louise Nevill as trustee</p> <p>All re-appointed with a proposer and seconder.</p>
7	Invitation for new trustees	MP welcomed Richard Nevill as FF trustee and Treasurer
8	AOB	<p>Ian Seager requested more detail about accounts but when it was pointed out that this was included on the Treasurer’s Report he withdrew the question.</p> <p>Andy Chattell and many others congratulated MP on his role as successful Chair of FF and thanked FF for their work in the village.</p>
9	Meeting finished at	8.45

Appendix 1

Framsden Table Tennis Club – Annual report(s) from January 2020 and updated from 4th May to 22nd July for FF’s AGM.

The Framsdén Table Tennis Club started well enough in January 2020 with up to capacity attendances (14 seniors, 4 juniors plus parents/guardians) until the Covid-19 lockdown after 11th March.

Table Tennis England (our sport’s governing body) advised that indoor table tennis could re-start on 25th July, but not as before. Bubbles of no more than six had been introduced and a whole host of other Covid-19 safeguarding measures were required including halving the number of tables from four to two to comply with permitted spacing requirements.

As Framsdén Parish Council had decided to keep the village hall closed, the hunt was on to find alternative premises. After much research it was found that Otley village hall had opened with Covid-19 risk assessments in place, and they offered their facilities to the Framsdén Table Tennis Club. As an additional safety measure, a colour coded, digital, forehead thermometer was purchased to check attendees as they came in; green indicated that was ok to enter; orange meant entry refused; red suggested hospitalisation and if black it was hoped that only the batteries had failed! Even the balls had to be sanitised before, in between and after play.

Having relocated two of our tables to Otley village hall and having had just two separate evening sessions for juniors and seniors, the total lockdown was announced, and we were unable to continue once again.

Following Government guidelines, we are looking forward to starting up again in the reopened Framsdén village hall on our usual Wednesday evenings from 19th May.

(Juniors from 6.00 to 7.30pm followed by the seniors from 7.30 to 9.00pm with a surface wipe down between junior and senior sessions [surfaces not the players] and before we leave the premises).

Last year we lost two players Helen and her 14-year-old son Harry (our youngest ‘senior’) who was invited by the professional coach at the Britannia Table Tennis Club in Ipswich to attend advanced coaching sessions. He was already getting ‘too hot to handle’ as he had become the club’s most advanced player.

We now have 11 seniors on the register; nine have confirmed their availability to return to play on 19th May with the other two to follow in due course. Three of the juniors with parents have also confirmed their intention to return on 19th May with one to follow in June.

When the restriction on the number of tables we can use is lifted, we can recruit once more to maintain our establishment of seniors to a maximum of fourteen.

On a country wide basis limiting participating groups to bubbles of six and limiting the number of tables to conform to space requirement guidelines has had a severe impact on many clubs’ finances as premises

hire charges have generally remained the same.

Updated report from 4th May to 22nd July 2021.

On Wednesday 19th May 2021 Framsdén village hall had reopened thanks to those responsible and following new guidelines issued by Table Tennis England that limited participants based on the floor area of the venue to 9 (100 square feet per person) and limited the number of tables to 3 based on space requirement recommendations.

From 19th July all restrictions relating to numbers of participants, social distancing, and table spacings were lifted as well as restrictions on doubles play and the popular junior game of round-the-table; however, Covid-19 safeguarding measures as recommended by Table Tennis England remain in place.

- Clean/sanitise surfaces including tt tables and the metal bits of the nets.
- Maintain good ventilation by opening windows & doors.
- Hand sanitisation.
- Ball sanitisation.
- Bats should not be shared; participants should bring their own.
- Avoid hand shaking, hugging or anything more intimate after a game 😊.
- Self-isolate if showing Covid symptoms.

There are currently 12 seniors on the register, two of these opting not to return for the time being and 4 juniors with parents come along to the earlier Wednesday evening session.

Bearing in mind that youngsters who join the junior group are typically between 8 and 10 years old, three former juniors now teenagers have progressed to the senior group that shows a good level of continuity over the years (the Framsdén Table Tennis Club started in 2011).

Four table tennis tables are now in use again in the village hall, and this is as many as can be squeezed in the space available. If a couple of club members don't turn up due to other commitments, 8 are playing on the 4 tables while 2 are recovering from their game, it shows that an establishment of about 12 on the register is about right to avoid overcrowding.

Subscriptions are currently £2.00 per session for juniors and £3.00 for seniors. This pays for the village hall hire as well as for replacement table tennis tables and equipment. For the first time the club has enough in the account to buy one new table when this becomes necessary, and when there is enough in the account to purchase two tables the cost of subscriptions could be reduced accordingly. Good quality tables cost around £650 each.

Due to the effects of the Covid pandemic a significant number of table

	<p>tennis clubs have closed altogether and most of the country’s table tennis leagues will have been adversely impacted when they start up again in September. We are fortunate to have been able to keep going and have now recommenced much as before.</p> <p>A total village hall lighting replacement project (old fluorescent tubes to dimmable LEDs) that was initiated by the Table Tennis Club, gained formal approval by Framsdén Parish Council and one of three quotations was accepted on 8th July. This should provide more economical, much improved, and more flexible lighting for the benefit of all users of the village hall.</p> <p>Ian Seager (Framsdén Table Tennis Club Organiser) 22/07/21</p>
Appendix 2	<p style="text-align: center;">FF AGM Woodland Report 22nd July 2021</p> <p>It’s just over 10 years since the woodland group was formed, some of us have been in the group all that time. The woodland group would like to thank Framsdén Fundraisers for the cover of their insurance, without which we couldn’t operate. Here is a very brief summary of what we have done in the last year and a half since the previous AGM. At the beginning of last year we had professional tree surgeons to thin some of the ash trees and take the top out of an unsafe tree, followed by a busy work party to clear up, in March, and then lockdown. The paths were kept mown and the woodland was used by people taking their daily exercise. I set up an Instagram account and made a bear hunt.</p> <p>In September we put up a new owl box at the top end of the wood, which had been refurbished by Richard. In October we had the woodland surveyed and produced a 5 year plan to work from and also resolved the path flooding problem by installing a new pipe.</p> <p>In December, Matthew Hicks gave us some of his locality budget to buy new tools and safety equipment. This is much better than relying on people bringing their own. We planted a new hedge along the road boundary with trees and equipment sourced by Jeannie the village tree warden.</p> <p>2021 brought another lockdown and break in work parties. I did an easter egg trail over the Easter weekend. We resumed work parties in May with a few new volunteers. The plant sale was held in the village hall garden in June, raising over £500. A church group, The Lighthouse Community, have used the woodland for outdoor activities as part of a service with St Mary’s church, and will be returning in September.</p>

