

# Framsden Fundraisers

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Report of Annual General Meeting – 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2017

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## **Chairman's report for Framsden Fundraisers AGM, 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

Looking back on the last 12 months it is clear that FF has had another successful year with many of our constitutional targets fulfilled. Meetings are on a regular basis with feedback from the village listened to and acted upon where required. FF is not all about making money, it is a group in the village who engage with the residents to bring people together and help groups or individuals within the community.

Sandy Barron joined FF during the year as Treasurer and has spent a lot of time reconciling the accounts as well as facilitating the move away from Barclays bank to TSB - this we thought would be relatively straight forward but how wrong we were! The main reasons for this are accessibility of the accounts and the ability to move money about via phone. Sandy will talk through the accounts shortly, but suffice to say that over the last 2 years there has been a lot of money paid out by FF to various groups. Although finances are still healthy, this will need addressing in the future.

The major project FF have been working on this year is a defibrillator for the village, to be sited in the redundant telephone box opposite The Doberman pub. I am very happy to report that this is close to being completed and will be sited in the. There have been several residents who have helped revitalise the phone box which has been well received and I thank Andy Chattell who has spearheaded this along.

We had a major expense on the idea from last year, to facilitate a "Framsden Community Event" leaflet, which was delivered to every household in the village informing them of events likely to come up throughout the year and which particular group within the village would be organising the event.....the range of activities has been huge with a bread making course, jazz cafe, band and pub night all appearing, together with the tried and tested quiz nights and plant sales. A number of village events are planned in the run up to Christmas, again not with the purpose of making vast amounts of money but to bring the community together. Next year's calendar of events is already underway and will be printed and distributed in the New Year.

Having stood in the role of Chairperson for the last 2 years I feel due to increased work and family commitments, now is the right time to hand over to Mark Prangell to continue the good work FF has been doing. Mark and I have communicated on a number of things over the last year and he has been a very dependable and enthusiastic vice-Chairman. I wish Mark all the very best in this role and I will continue to assist as a Trustee.

Whilst some of the activities and meetings organised throughout the village aren't for everyone, my one observation for the future is that there are still a percentage of residents who we rarely see or hear from. However we must appreciate that for a number of residents they do not wish to get involved, and we cannot change that. The amount of time and effort that goes into running a charity such as FF is immense and the biggest compliment we can get is that people support us! There is so much hard work that goes on behind the scenes (just ask Mark P how much time he spent on renewing our insurance), so I really hope everyone can continue getting behind the team.

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## Income & Expenditure Account 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017

2016			2017
	Income		
347.9	Donations		500
5.29	Bank interest		1.28
662.41	Fundraising		367.93
150	Table Tennis Club		0
325	Table Tennis Table donation		0
150	Woodland		0
0	Logs		0
1640.6			869.21
	Expenditure		
141	Insurance		136.88
184.8	Publicity		36
5000	Grants		0
250	Repairs		0
663.7	Donations		535.51
32	Other		545
6271.5			1253.39
-4630.9	Excess of Expenditure over Income	Excess of Expenditure over Income	-384.18
10691.12	Bank Balance at 30.06.15 b/fwd	Bank Balance at 30.06.16 b/fwd	6060.22
6060.22	Closing balance at 30.06.16 c/fwd	Closing balance at 30.06.17 c/fwd	5676.04
	Represented by -		
972.22	Current Account		586.76
5088	Savings Account		5089.28
6060.22			5676.04

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## Framsden Fundraisers AGM meeting minutes

Date: 30/11/17 Time: 7.30pm Location: Framsdén Village Hall

### Attendees:

**Trustees:** Neil Leech, Mark Prangell, Erin Blewett, Sandy Barron, Margaret Samain, Wendy Simmons, Mark Felton, Andy Chatell

**Public:** Charlotte Bell, Peter Blemings (refreshments only) Jeannie Buckingham, Al John, Sally-Ann Muldoon, Paul Samain, Ian Seager, David Whitmore, Nicola Whitmore

**Apologies:** Glenn Buckingham, Mike Muldoon.

Between 6.30 and 7.30 FF served tea, coffee and cakes to members of the public who could come along just for a social chat. The actual meeting started at 7.30pm.

**Note taker:** Erin Blewett

	Agenda item	Action
1	<b>Review of last year's AGM minutes.</b>	
2	<b>Chairman's report:</b> See attached document for Neil Leech's full report.  <b>FF flier:</b> NL noted that there had been a huge range of village activities this year and that bringing the community together is the prime reason for FF's existence. It was noted that it remains a goal of FF to increase the number of residents who attend events.  <b>Resignation of NL as chairman:</b> Although Neil will remain a trustee, lack of time due to family commitments mean that he is to resign as Chairman.	

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	<p>NL commented that there is a huge amount of time and effort spent in organising and running events, together with background work such as arranging insurance etc, and he expressed his wish that everyone would continue to support FF next year.</p>	
3	<p><b>Treasurer's report:</b> see attached document</p> <p>Paul Samain expressed an interest in the figures, MP commented on the fact that the V Hall is used much more now that it has been refurbished with the help of FF funding and EB noted that the amount in FF account reflects the fact that FF has given money to various projects and that it is a healthy balance.</p> <p>MP noted that there is actually more money in FF account that at this time last year.</p> <p>Ian Seager asked whether FF pay bank charges: SB replied that she thought not.</p>	
4	<p><b>Election of Officers:</b> NL proposed that MP should become Chairman, seconded by MS.</p> <p>NL proposed that EB remain as Secretary, seconded by WS.</p> <p>WS proposed that SB remain Treasurer, seconded by MF.</p> <p>NL proposed that current trustees stay on, seconded by SB who also noted that the Trustee list needs updating.</p>	
5	<p><b>AOB:</b></p> <p>a) Ian Seager wished to raise three issues: <b>see attached document for full comments by Ian Seager on sustainability, inclusivity and transparency, and FF website.</b></p> <p>In Summary:</p> <p>With reference to first issue there was some discussion about sustainability and IS wondered whether there</p>	

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were too many events spreading money too thinly and that residents may need a better understanding of FF. There was further discussion of this in the FF meeting that followed.

With reference to second issue around transparency/inclusivity NL commented that we all encourage residents through general everyday contact in the village to get involved and have an input into FF's activities and that we are very approachable and inclusive. AC noted that he always tries to add new residents to the FF distribution list.

MP suggested that there could be a mention of joining the FF distribution list on the next flier.

NL also mentioned that communication of events via the signboard outside the Village Hall was very effective. There was further discussion of this in the FF meeting that followed.

With regard to the third issue FF website: Ian Seager asked whether it was a good idea to ask the Parish Clerk to take over Richard Schofield's role in running the FF website.

Nicola Whitmore commented that this would incur payment and there was some discussion around this topic with members of the public.

In conclusion NL said there was more to be done on this issue and there was agreement that it should be a voluntary role. There was further discussion of this in the FF meeting that followed.

b) Defibrillator: Jeannie Buckingham asked about funding this and AC explained that funding was complete due to lottery funding and input from FF funds.

c) Paul Samain wished to thank Neil Leech for his hard work as Chairman, to which there was applause.

d) Sally-Ann Muldoon brought up issue of Community Pub and that FF would be continued to be informed of its progress. She stated that more funding was still required and to let the Pub Group know if there was anyone interested in this. EB suggested that an e mail could be sent out in this respect via the distribution list.

**Meeting concluded about 8.30pm.**

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## Points raised at FF's AGM by I. Seager on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2017

### 1 Sustainability

(This background might be useful to newer members of the Framsdén community)

There has been a Fundraising Group within Framsdén for many years. It is my understanding that the Street Fair Committee was set up primarily to raise funds for urgent repairs to the church tower. The Street Fair raised around £2000 a year and urgent repairs were carried out.

The Street Fair folded when it's chairman passed away others moved away, and insurance costs rose steeply.

FF was set up in 2009. It is my understanding that in the first 3 or so years around £10,000 was raised primarily through the successful 200 club (a sort of local lottery centred around the Doberman), golf tournaments, the annual barn dance, the village fayre and other activities. FF also initiated the Woodland Group and the TT club.

Excluding the lottery grant for the defibrillator how much cash has FF raised in the last three years?

Local support seemed to diminish as did FF committee membership due in part to:

- Local residents did not fully support FFs apparent aim to create a new village hall financed in part by development.
- Too many planned activities for the FF committee to organise causing a degree of burn out?
- Perhaps trying to make a community something that it is not and not fully appreciating the community's limitations.
- Other reasons not identified.

It is important to learn from passed experience!

FFs primary role remains that of Fund raising that is not necessarily incompatible with FUN raising.

Beware of the willing horse proverb the saying spreading the jam to thin that was quoted recently.

Bearing in mind that I have never been a pub goer or a gambler, is it worth resurrecting the 200 club as part of the pop-up pub activity?

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## 2 Transparency and inclusivity suggestion

Circulate FF meeting agendas in advance.

Circulate FF meeting minutes. Consider using the web site & village hall notice board.

Invite other residents to attend FF meetings and raise specific issues for the first 15 minutes of an FF meeting like FPC.

## 3 Framsden's Web Site

When, or some time before the Framsden's web sites editor leaves, I suggest that the parish clerk is asked whether he is interested in taking over this task. Why?

- This is one of the roles of the Debenham's pc clerk.
- FPC clerk has the IT skills necessary as I understand.
- The FPC clerk already inputs FPC information on to the Framsden's web page.