

REPORT FROM FRAMSDEN PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN 2026

This is the 132nd Annual Parish meeting, I make the assumption there was one in the first year, I wonder what was topical in 1894!

Firstly, to thank councillors for their attendance at meetings throughout the year and to Sarah for keeping us in check, ensuring correct processes and being the RFO. And for the attendance of County and District councillors at our meetings, and the grants they make to us.

In no particular order these are some the activities of the PC this last year.

Updating our emails addresses to gov.uk , please note this in communications with us. Some PC's have not done this yet.

Continuing the process of the potential merger with Helmingham PC, due to the councillors standing down end mass, this merger is being decided by central government. It takes a while for the process.

There have been some planning applications , the role of the PC in these is to consider any thoughts from parishioners , discuss the application as a council, the comment's we can make are approve, no comment , object. MSDC then have the final say.

We offered support to VE and VJ day last year.

We set the precept, we plan a break even budget, our first assessment of this is at our November meeting and approval takes place in January.

The PC supports the litter pick annually, more new bag hoops have been delivered this year.

We discuss speed limits etc more of this in the speed watch report.

There are ongoing discussions with MSDC re the tollgate corner land.

The parish footpath map has been reviewed and is to be reprinted.

There is a work party in the process of creating an emergency plan for the Parish.

The village hall.

- VH team now operating as an independent group, not sub-committee of PC (unless a member joins PC)
- hire income consistently improved over past 2 years and now stable at c.£2,700 pa
- car park levelled and resurfaced
- kitchen improvements made
- funding for new heaters approved by MSDC and awaiting installation
- preparatory work in progress to assess viability of improved and accessible toilet facilities
- garden maintenance constrained by limited voluntary resources available.

This concludes my report.

Glenn Buckingham