

FRANSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 17th March 2026 at 7.00pm, in the Village Hall.

Fransham Parish Council welcomes the public and press to its meetings. You may address the Council during the public participation session but standing orders do not allow participation in the debates.

AGENDA

1. Welcome and apologies for absence.
2. To receive any declarations of interest.
3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 20th January 2026.
4. To receive County/District Councillor reports.
5. Open Forum for Public Participation.
6. Highway Matters.
 - a) To receive updates in respect of issues previously reported.
 - Loose drain covers on A47 – reported to National Highways.
 - SLOWS – checks are being made.
 - Hedgerow opposite trod on Station Road – reported to Highways and letter sent to landowners.
 - Roadside subsidence on Station Drive – reported to Highways and repairs will be made.
 - Dereham Road – flooding with standing water reported to Highways.
 - Large signage on A47 – reported to National Highways for advice.
 - Graffiti on Dereham Lane railway bridge – reported to National Highways Historical Railways Estates.
 - b) To receive an update on requests to National Highways for a pedestrian crossing and an extension of the pavement from Spicer’s Corner.
 - c) To receive an update regarding the application for 50/50 funding under the Parish Partnership scheme to extend the trod.
 - d) To consider requesting Highways to install ‘Caution Horse’ road signs in Great Fransham.
7. Planning Matters.
 - a) New Applications.
 - To consider any other applications received after the publication of the agenda (<http://planning.breckland.gov.uk/OcellaWeb/planningSearch>)

b) Decisions Due.

- PL/2025/0998/FMAJ – land at Dykewood Farm, Beeston - proposed construction of ground mounted solar panel arrays and associated infrastructure (Scoping opinion application withdrawn).
- PL/2025/1312/FMIN – The Cottages, Drury Square, Beeston - proposed change of use of land for the stationing of 3No mobile homes for residential use, a proposed day room ancillary to that use as well as 3No touring caravans, hardstanding and parking areas as well as refuse storage area.
- PL/2025/1763/OMIN – land at Kirkhams Meadow, Lt Fransham - outline application with all matters reserved except for access for 3 no. dwellings with associated garages and garden amenity space.
- PL/2025/1989/PAAF – High Green Farm, Beeston Road, Gt Fransham - application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed erection of a mono pitched two bay cart-shed for the storage of agricultural equipment including tractors and livestock equipment (not to house animals).
- PL/2025/1911/HOU – 1 Linnet Loke, Lt Fransham - proposed double garage.
- PL/2026/0038/PAAF – Hyde Hall Farm, Main Road, Gt Fransham - application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed erection of Steel Framed Building for the storage of straw.
- PL/2026/0243/HOU – 9 Station Drive, Great Fransham – proposed extension to Frontage of Bungalow

c) To receive an update regarding the Breckland Local Plan.

d) To receive an update regarding enforcement matters.

8. To receive an update regarding the proposed local solar farms and any update from the George Freeman, MP, solar farm steering group.
9. To receive an update regarding possible Statkraft grant funding for Fransham.
10. To receive a report and to consider any issues arising from the regular inspections of council assets.
11. To receive an update regarding the plaque on the Village Sign and to consider new plaques for the bus shelters.
12. To receive an update regarding the installation of a second defibrillator in the village.
13. To receive an update regarding improvements to the appearance of the village.
14. To receive an update regarding any action to improve phone coverage in the village.
15. To consider how to achieve a greater use of the parish magazine.
16. Finance & Governance Matters.
 - a) To receive a financial report for the year ending 31st March 2026.
 - b) To consider any charitable requests for donations.

c) To consider approval of the following payments and note any receipts.

PAYMENTS

P20A	Bus Shelter/Sign Cleaning (Dec)	£150.00*
P23	Village Hall Rental Fees (2021 – 2025)	£288.00

**, (SO) or (DD) indicates payment has been made.*

RECEIPTS

17. Correspondence for circulation.
(correspondence received after the agenda has been published will be circulated at the meeting)
18. To receive any new items for the next meeting.
19. To note the Annual meeting of Fransham Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 19th May 2026, following the Annual Parish Meeting which will commence at 6.30pm in the Village Hall.

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Tuesday 10th March 2026