FRANSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 17th November 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 15th September 2026.

4. To receive an insight into the local solar situation from the Steven Parker, Bradenham Parish Councillor and Highgrove Opposition Group.

5. To receive County/District Councillor reports.

6. Open Forum for Public Participation.

7. Highway Matters.
   a) To receive updates in respect of issues previously reported.
      - Loose drain covers on A47 – reported to National Highways.
      - SLOWS (x4) – awaiting works.
      - S Bend sign on Station Road obscured by hedgerow – reported to Highways.
      - Installation of H-Bars at locations on Station Road (awaiting works) and Spicers Corner (will not proceed – does not meet criteria).
      - Installation of 4 x 'Caution Horse' signs – awaiting works.
      - Kerb grass cutting – inconsistent and inadequate works.
      - Overhanging hedge at Village Hall – VHC requested to deal.
   b) To receive an update on request to National Highways for a pedestrian crossing on the A47.
   c) To receive an update regarding the extension works to the trod.
   d) To consider an application to the Parish Partnership Scheme.

8. 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/2025/1763/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.

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

9. To receive an update regarding the proposed local solar farms and any update from the George Freeman, MP, solar farm steering group.

10. To receive a report regarding Statkraft grant funding for Fransham.

11. To receive a report and to consider any issues arising from the regular inspections of council assets, including maintenance of the two benches.

12. To receive an update regarding the new plaques for the bus shelters.

13. To receive an update regarding the installation of a second defibrillator in the village.

14. To consider how to achieve a greater use of the parish magazine.

15. To consider the grass tender for 2027 and 2028.

16. To consider a refresh of the Parish Council website.

17. Finance & Governance Matters.
    a) To receive a financial report for the year ending 31st March 2027.
    b) To consider an increase to Clerk's hours due to a rise in workload.
    c) To consider approval of the budget for the year ending 31st March 2028 and 2029 and set the precept for the year ending 31st March 2028.
    d) To consider approval of the following payments and note any receipts.

PAYMENTS

P13	Bus Shelter Cleaning	£100.00*
P14A	Bus Shelter Plaques	£36.00
P15	Grass Contractors (total cost)	£1,764.00
P16	SLCC Membership	£37.95

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

RECEIPTS

R3	Breckland Precept (2 of 2)	£3,250.00
	Bank Interest	£20.59

18. Correspondence for circulation.
    (correspondence received after the agenda has been published will be circulated at the meeting)

19. To receive any new items for the next meeting.

20. To note the next meeting of Fransham Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 19th January 2027, at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

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Tuesday 10th November 2026