



FRATING PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held at the Memorial Hall, Main Road, Frating CO7 7DJ on Monday 08th April 2024 at 7:30pm.

Present: Cllr T. Cuthbert (Chair) Cllr P. Bland Cllr. T. Philp
Cllr. V. Morris Cllr. J. Hynes

In Attendance: Mrs J Spear (Clerk), Tendring District Councillor Lynda McWilliams, and 4 members of the public.

04.24.01 To receive and approve any Apologies for Absence

None declared

04.24.02 To receive any Declarations of Interest

None declared at the time.

04.24.03 Minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held on the 04th March 2024 to be approved and signed

Resolved Cllr. P. Bland proposed that the minutes of the Full Parish Council Meeting on the 04th March 2024 were a true record of the meeting, and these were signed by the Chair.

04.24.04 Chairmans Annual Report

The Chairman read his report and this will also be available on the Parish Council Website.

04.24.05 Public Participation session relating to items on the Agenda

No comments were made at this time.

04.24.06 Reports from the District and County Councils

Report circulated prior to the meeting.

Cllr. L. McWilliams advised that things are still slow at TDC with the new administration but there is an annual meeting coming next month which should set out plans for the coming year.

04.24.07 Report From RACE

Report Circulated prior to the meeting.

John Bartington gave a verbal report alongside the report that was circulated to members.

04.24.08 To discuss and agree renewing the parish councils membership of the RCCE at £37.50 a year.

Resolved Cllr. P. Bland proposed the council renewing their membership with the RCCE, all in agreement.

Action – Clerk

04.24.09 To discuss and agree renewing the parish councils membership with the CVST for £25 for the year.



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Resolved Cllr. T. Philp proposed the council renewing their membership with the CVST, all in agreement.

Action – Clerk

04.24.10 Chairmans Monthly Report

The Frating Brook where the barrier fences that were knocked down by a car have been repaired.

The Road sign that was falling down on Main Road has now been removed but one leg is remaining, and they have left half of the rusty leg behind also, this does need reporting to TDC, the Chair will take pictures and send to the clerk for her to report.

We are still looking to take over the play area from TDC, but we are still awaiting confirmation from TDC of this.

The bench in the children's play area has rotted away and one of the back slats is now off and laying on the seat part so this needs reporting. Cllr. P. Bland will send over the pictures for the clerk to report.

The Chair advised that we can now contact Landscape Services to advise him that he can now cut the football part of the play area, as this has now been decontaminated by Anglian Water and the play area is fully open.

The Chair made a request that due to the May meeting not being able to be held until 13th May, there will only be a 2 week period until the June meeting so it makes sense to cancel June and have an extra August meeting, this will be added to the agenda for next month to agree.

04.24.11 Clerks Report

a) Clerks Replacement

The clerk advised that there have been a few applicants for the role but mostly they lived too far away, but there are 2/3 applicants that are local and should be interviewed. The Chair asked that the councillors who want to be involved in the interviews remain behind at the end of the meeting to find the most suitable days for next week for the clerk to arrange this.

b) Parking at the Frating Pool

The clerk advised that there have been further complaints about the dangerous parking at the Frating Pool. She advised that parking issues were brought up at the TDALC meeting and the problem with the lack of enforcement is that there are only double yellow lines there and the parking partnership are not allowed camera cars in Tendring and they need to be parked on double yellows for a set period of time to be able to issue parking fines, they have suggested that red lines are what is needed and the council can request this. The council asked for this to be added to the agenda next month.



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c) Internal Audit booked 15/04/24 for the End Accounts

The clerk advised that she has closed year end and all being well after the auditors report next week, year end can be finalised in May.

04.24.12 TDALC Report – Cllr. P. Bland

Cllr. P. Bland gave a verbal report from her attendance at the Bi-monthly meeting of the TDALC meeting.

Refresher cllr training is being held at Great Bentley on May 30th if any current Cllrs who have attended new cllr training wish to attend.

There is a new ECC small road repair initiative being launched through the county Cllrs, at this time we don't know exactly what the specifications for this will be or when it will be but it would be good to have a list of potential areas for when this is launched.

The Planning Committee meeting at TDC start time as been moved back, to start at 17:00pm, they have advised that if there is a planning application that people wish to speak on and they can't get to the meeting until later this can be requested to be moved to the end of the agenda.

The Police work on a hot spot basis, so if they know there has been an increase in crime in specific areas, that is where they will deploy their resources, if crime isn't being reported they don't know and this will mean the police are not in the most effective areas.

Fly tipping enforcement has not improved as TDC would have liked so they have had a change of staff, with a more varied skill set who are much more prepared to tackle this.

04.24.13 To note the VAS reports from March.

Circulated prior to the meeting.

The clerk advised that again there has been no increase in speeding overall and a slight reduction in the overall speed.

04.24.14 Enforcement Update

Palletplus

The Chair advised that in the planning conditions (number 10) the applicant was supposed to carry out the landscaping and seeding in the first season, this has not been carried out so the parish council have raised as a case with enforcement who are now investigating it and we should have feedback from this before the next meeting.

04.24.15 Flooding Update

The Chair advised that at this time we are still waiting for Anglian water to carry out their report. The Clerk advised that this cannot be carried out until water levels have receded but unfortunately it keeps raining and the tankers are still having to attend until this stops this investigation cannot be carried out but we are still chasing this.

04.24.16 Dog Fouling – Cllr. P. Bland

Cllr. P. Bland wanted to raise that the footpath is now being continually fouled and wanted to ask permission to put a post on social media reminding dog owners to use the dog bins provided.

Resolved all cllrs in agreement with this, and to add some signage to the agenda for next



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month.

Action – Cllr. P. Bland

04.24.17 Planning

a) 24/00371/FULHH

Moorlands 9 Frating Hill Frating Colchester

Proposed single storey link between garage and dwelling to include dormer over garage.

Resolved Cllr. P. Bland proposed no comment on this application with no comments from neighbours on the portal at this time, all in agreement.

b) 24/00326/FUL

Holly Farm Main Road Frating Colchester

Demolition of dwelling and outbuildings and erection of 6 no. detached dwellings, garages and access.

Resolved Cllr. T. Cuthbert proposed making a comment on the access road, from being placed in the middle to the western side of the site due to the listed buildings that would be directly adjacent to the proposed new houses, the access road could have an impact on them if the road is too close to them. The parish council are worried about the flooding risk in Frating, in the plans it states that there is no flooding risk but the parish council have an ongoing infiltration study with Anglian Water regarding the overloaded services in the village and the resulting flooding that the residents are having to deal with whenever it rains. So the suggestion would be that there part of the conditions of the planning will be that the applicant needs to pay remuneration to Anglian Water to be added onto the system to help pay for the investment in the infrastructure that is needed. All in agreement.

Action – Clerk

Applications Determined

23/01072/FUL

Kings Arms, Main Road, Frating, CO7 7DJ

Proposed erection of 2no detached 3-bed dwellings with new vehicular access, including rearranging existing car park to public house.

Refusal – Full

This was noted by the council.

Since the agenda was published the council also noted that **Planning Application ESS/101/21/TEN**, Construction of an agricultural reservoir involving the extraction and exportation of sand and gravel; and the erection and use of an on-site processing plant with ancillary facilities. Together with the use of the access, on Great Bentley Road, currently only permitted for a temporary period as part of planning application ref: ESS/40/15/TEN and changes to the timescale of the proposed phasing and restoration of the existing reservoir as permitted as part of planning application ref: ESS/99/21/TEN at Lufkins Farm, Great Bentley Road, Frating, CO7 7HN the application has been granted.



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This too was noted by the council.

04.24.18 Finance

a) To review and receive monthly bank reconciliation figures for March. As of 31st March 2024, there was a total £20,593.83 in both bank accounts.

Resolved – that as of 31st March 2024 there was a total of £20,593.83 in both bank accounts and the bank Reconciliation is correct, and this was signed by the Chair.

b) To approve new payments for April in accordance with the 2024/25 budget, payment list attached.

Resolved – Cllr. P. Bland proposed that the payments be made, seconded by Cllr. J. Hynes, all in favour.

Action – Clerk

c) To discuss the application for funding from FAME

Resolved Cllr. T. Cuthbert proposed that the council pay up to the amount requested of £250.00 but the council will need copies of the receipts to be able to pay the individual who purchased the items. All in agreement.

Action – Clerk

04.24.19 Items from the councillors to be added to the next meeting

- Discuss cancelling the June Meeting and adding in an August meeting.
- Dog Fouling Signage
- Red Lines at the Frating Pool

04.24.20 To note the date and time of the next meeting.

The next meeting is to be held on Monday 13th May 2024 at 7:30pm

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 20:29.

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ANNUAL REPORT

April 2024- March 2025

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Introduction:

The Parish Council ended the year with six councillors, leaving one vacancy. Please contact the Clerk if you are interested in becoming a Councillor. As Chairman, I thank all Councillors and our Clerk/Clerks for their contributions over the past year.

All meetings were held in person at the Memorial Hall.

County Councillor Carlo Guglielmi (Tendring Rural West Division) participates in our meetings when possible, to provide updates on county-level policies and initiatives. In his absence, Carlo submits written reports and supports our highway requests with Essex County Council.

District Councillor Lynda McWilliams resigned from her position due to ill health. Aimee Keteca was elected as her replacement in March.

As in preceding years, planning continues to play a vital role in the Council's operations due to its considerable influence on the parish's welfare. While we are generally consulted, we are not the decision-making authority. The feedback from residents is incorporated into our consultations with County and District Planners.

We await Essex County Council's (ECC) decision on preferred mineral extraction sites. Tendring District Council (TDC) are updating the Local Plan, possibly expanding housing in Frating and Great Bromley. We represent our interests at various associations and regularly liaise with other councils.

Terry Cuthbert,
Chairman

Planning

The application to develop part of Holly Farm for five houses was approved by TDC, and construction has begun. Another application for three single-storey properties at the rear was also approved.

Stonebridge, the company that owns the Kings Arms Public House, applied for permission to build two houses on the car park. The Parish Council objected to this proposal, and the application was subsequently refused by TDC.

Due to the Government's policy to build 1.5 million houses, TDC must revise their Local Plan to meet a new target of 1034 houses per year, doubling the original goal. They are considering building a Garden Community with 1500 to 5000 properties in Frating and Great Bromley. The Parish Council will submit concerns about this expansion. A leaflet was circulated to Frating households encouraging residents to give views on the proposals to TDC.

The company building two reservoirs on Great Bentley Road has applied to ECC for a Batching Plant. The Parish Council has expressed their concerns to ECC.

Local Issues of Concern

Many residents in Frating have welcomed the relatively dry winter, as it has prevented flooding that previously affected their properties. As reported last year, we are awaiting Anglian Water to conduct a survey of their sewer system to identify the issues compromising and overwhelming it. Over the past six months, the Parish Council has held monthly meetings with Anglian Water and Essex Flood Management in an effort to find solutions to the flooding problems. We are pleased to report that Anglian Water began conducting the survey at the end of February. This process will take several weeks to complete, but we will keep all those affected by flooding updated with the outcome.

A public meeting was convened on 4th March 2024 to provide attendees with information regarding the proposal by the landowner at Frating Hall to offer 47 hectares to ECC for mineral extraction. It was clarified that this is merely the initial stage of the process, and the final decision will rest with ECC as to whether this site will be included in their preferred list. Attendees were encouraged to submit their objections to ECC to prevent this inclusion. The Parish Council resolved to object to this site (A69). At the time of compiling this report, due to the volume of objections raised for all sites across Essex, the preferred list has yet to be determined. We anticipate soon being informed if A69 is included.

The Parish Council continues to ensure that the Public Rights of Way in Frating remain accessible for public use. The parish works with the ECC P3 Scheme, which provides equipment and signage as needed. The Parish Council appreciates the efforts of local landowners to maintain clear footpaths for public use, despite

challenges like cropping. We also thank the Morehams Hall landowner for permitting public access on the track from Clacton Road/Bromley Road to Harwich Road.

We consistently report issues with roads and signage to Essex County Council. Fly tipping continues to occur. These incidents are reported to TDC, for clearance to be undertaken as soon as possible.

The Parish Council has installed two VAS signs on the A133 to monitor vehicle speeds. The data shows that speeding has reduced from 6% to 5% year on year. Some residents have requested a Speed Watch scheme, which requires volunteers to operate speed guns. Training is available; please contact the Parish Clerk if interested.

Grass Cutting, Tree Maintenance and Lighting

The Parish Council hires a contractor to regularly maintain grass areas for good appearance. A tree surgeon is employed to survey and prune the birch trees on Bromley Road. We appreciate residents who tidy their frontages and plant flowers around the Memorial Hall and Frating village sign.

TDC currently maintains the old Frating Church graveyard, but the parish aims to take over its management in 2025.

Streetlights on Bromley Road, Great Bentley Road, and Haggars Lane are managed independently of the ECC street lighting policy.

Dog Fouling

The Parish Council is monitoring dog fouling in public areas and urges owners to bag and bin their dog's waste. Some owners are also not controlling their dogs on public paths. Issues should be reported to the Dog Warden at TDC.

Frating Memorial Hall

The Parish Council, acting as Custodial Trustees of the Frating War Memorial Hall and Institute (a registered charity), is represented on the Management Committee. The Management Committee has ensured that the hall is well-maintained and fully operational. The Hall adheres to established governance policies and undergoes regular electrical and fire safety inspections. It is self-regulated for food service operations on the premises but does not possess a license for alcohol.

Parish Council Administration

The Annual Report for 2023/24 was created and published on our website to reach residents who do not attend meetings. The Minutes of all Parish meetings are available on the notice boards, website, and social media.

Parish Clerk- Remuneration and Working Hours

At the December meeting, it was agreed to increase the Clerk's remuneration from April 2024, as approved by the NJC. We will review working hours and adjust remuneration based on NJC's guidance.

Frating Parish Council Governance and Meetings Attended

The Parish Council reviews its annual governance according to TDC and County and National guidelines. Frating's Emergency Plan is lodged with TDC and updated as Councillors attend workshops.

Parish Councillors have attended various meetings in 2024/25 to represent Frating in multiple forums, with details reported at each parish meeting.

Frating Parish Councillors 2024/2025

Cllr. Terry Cuthbert- Chairman
Cllr. Paula Bland – Vice Chairman

Cllr. Jean Hynes
Cllr. Veronica Morris
Cllr. Terri Philp
Cllr. Sally Potter

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