



FRATING PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES of the FRATING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held at the Memorial Hall on Monday 2nd February 2026 at 19:30hrs.

Present: Cllr Terry Cuthbert (Chairman)
Cllr Paula Bland (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Jean Hynes
Cllr Sally Potter
Kay English, Clerk to the Council

Also present:
Cllr Aimee Keteca
Two members of the public

Announcement:

The Clerk informed the Council that Cllr Veronica Morris was no longer a member of Frating Parish Council (FPC). A Notice of Vacancy had been issued to the Tendring District Election Team in accordance with the required procedures. The Council now had three vacant seats.

02.26.108 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies.

02.26.109 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

It was **RESOLVED**: That members would raise relevant disclosures of interest at applicable agenda item.

02.26.110 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Question 1: A resident expressed concern about the disruption caused by frequent fireworks noting the distress this caused to pets. He asked whether the council could raise awareness of this issue in future communications.

Answer: The Chairman advised that the matter could be highlighted in a newsletter or leaflet circulation.

Question 2: Concern was raised about building activity at a property in the village potentially being carried out without the necessary planning permission.

Answer: It was noted that converting a property into a House in Multiple Occupation (HMO) required both planning permission from Tendring District Council and an appropriate licence.

02.26.111 MINUTES

Members RECEIVED and CONSIDERED the draft Minutes of the Frating Parish Council (FPC) meeting held on 1st December 2025 (Appendix A)

It was **RESOLVED**: That the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 1st December 2025 be **APPROVED** and signed by the Chairman.

02.26.112 MATTERS PENDING

Members RECEIVED and CONSIDERED a list of the Parish Council's current outstanding actions as outlined in Appendix B.

It was **RESOLVED**: that the Matters Pending be **NOTED**.

02.26.113 REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

i. Cllr Carlo Guglielmi (ECC) was not in attendance, but his report was circulated prior to the meeting.

ii. **Local Plan Update:** Cllr Aimee Keteca (District Council) confirmed her strong support for residents' concerns regarding the scale of development proposed within the Local Plan noting that although the document was detailed, the housing expectations appeared unrealistic. She expressed full support for the Parish Council's position.

The Chairman reported that the TDC Corporate Director attended a FPC meeting last year and had been invited again to an informal (non-public) briefing session later this month to provide further insight into the implications of the Local Plan proposals. The Clerk would forward the meeting details to Cllr Keteca.

Public consultation would run from 9 February to 23 March. A request was made for an additional public meeting to be held in Frating alongside the four venues already arranged. However, Frating Memorial Hall had insufficient parking to host such an event and Great Bromley may be a more suitable alternative. Cllr Keteca agreed to explore whether she could influence the choice of a closer venue.

Concerns were raised about a piecemeal approach to development without the necessary supporting infrastructure. Members stressed the need for more definitive information, particularly regarding the impact of additional housing and potential for significant traffic congestion in the area. The cost of upgrading the sewage system to support further dwellings would be substantial; while developers were expected to fund such work, they were unlikely to be able to do so, meaning Government funding would be required.

iii. **TDLAC:** Cllr Bland reported on the recent TDLAC meeting. The Speed Watch team provided an overview of their role, which focused on education and raising awareness of speeding within local communities. Volunteers were essential to the scheme and additional promotion of Speed Watch was encouraged. If Frating Parish Council wished to participate, each session would require three volunteers and could be either planned or ad hoc. Although no fines were issued, drivers identified as speeding were notified and sent a warning letter. The scheme also recorded failures to wear seat belts. Participation was open to residents as well as councillors.

Wind Farms: Jayne Marshall, Ardleigh Parish Council attended the meeting to speak about the consultation on Five Estuaries and North Falls noting that some parish and town councils were taking legal advice on this issue.

Local Plan: Gary Guiver, Corporate Director, TDC provided an update on the Local Plan.

iv. **Thorrington Church:** Cllr Bland outlined a possible Bluebell Open Event noting that it would depend on volunteers coming forward to assist with the arrangements. She would keep members updated as plans progressed.

It was RESOLVED: that the representatives report be **NOTED**.

02.26.114 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

i. **Replacement & New Bins:** The bin near the bus stop had been replaced and re-positioned. Additionally, a new dog-waste bin was installed. Although a resident questioned the location of the dog-waste bin, it was confirmed that its placement allowed for easy waste collection without causing any obstruction. The situation would continue to be monitored. Bins were usually emptied twice a week with the operative deciding when emptying was necessary. Missed collections should be reported to TDC and any concerns directed to the Clerk.

ii. **Alresford Via Duct Signage:** The Traffic Order was in place, but the required signage had not yet been installed. If this was not completed soon the matter would be followed up.

iii. **Tesco Store, Great Bentley:** Planning permission for a new store was granted on appeal despite prior refusal. One Stop, also owned by Tesco, would continue to operate alongside the new store. Traffic congestion was still anticipated in the area.

At this point of the meeting the flooding and surface water problems were discussed noting that the situation had improved this winter though surveys were ongoing and results pending. Another MAG010 meeting was scheduled for March 2026.

It was RESOLVED: That the Chairman's report be **NOTED**

02.26.115 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk reported that her CiLCA training would commence in February 2026

It was RESOLVED: That the Clerk's report be **NOTED**.

02.26.116 PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT

i. TDC Planning Update: Local Plan

Addressed earlier in the meeting under Minute 02.26.113

ii. Planning Applications:

[25/01763/FULHH](#)

2 Hall Cottages

It was RESOLVED: that there were no objections to the planning application noting that planning consent had already been given by TDC.

iii. **Planning Appeals:** None received.

iv. **Vehicle-Activated Sign report (Appendix C):** it was noted that the number of vehicles exceeding the speed limit remained static at around 5%

It was RESOLVED: that the number of speeding vehicles be kept under review.

02.26.117 FINANCE

i. Donation request from Essex & Herts Air Ambulance Trust (Appendix D) was considered.

It was RESOLVED: that a donation of £200 be **APPROVED**.

ii. Schedule of Payments and Receipts 01.12.25 – 31.01.25 (Appendix E)

It was RESOLVED: that the schedule of payments and receipts be **APPROVED**.

iii. Schedule of Invoices for payment in February 2026 was circulated prior to the meeting.

It was RESOLVED: that the schedule of invoices as presented by the Clerk be **APPROVED**.

02.26.118 GOVERNANCE

i. Notice of Co-Option: the Clerk confirmed that a Notice for Co-option for two FPC vacancies was displayed on the notice board and website; further information was available by contacting the Clerk.

It was RESOLVED: that the council vacancies be **NOTED**.

ii. Asset Register (Appendix F): updated.

It was RESOLVED: that the Asset Register dated February 2026 be **APPROVED**.

iii. Risk Management Register (Appendix G): updated.

It was RESOLVED: that the Risk Management Register dated February 2026 be **APPROVED**.

02.26.119 LEISURE & FACILITIES

Closed Churchyard

The project was nearing completion with FPC scheduled to assume responsibility for the open space on 1st April 2026. TDC provided written confirmation of this arrangement, which would be formally acknowledged. Prior to the handover, TDC was expected to supply a maintenance schedule along with other relevant information.

It was RESOLVED: that the current position regarding the closed Churchyard be **NOTED** and transfer to FPC on 1st April 2026 be **APPROVED** subject to receiving appropriate funding from the District Council.

02.26.120 ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON THE AGENDA OF A FUTURE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Items for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting should be referred to the Clerk.

02.26.121 DATE OF THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting was scheduled to take place on Monday 2nd March 2026 at 19:30hrs at Frating Memorial Hall.

The meeting closed 8.20 pm hours.

Signed..... Date.....