

FRATING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting emailed to all councillors for **Monday, 1st February 2021.**

Emailed responses received by: Cllr. Cuthbert (Chairman), Cllr. Bland, Cllr. Philp and Cllr. Mogg

Minutes

02.21.398 Minutes of 7th December 2020 – *Councillors to consider and approve minutes.*
The minutes were reviewed and agreed.

02.21.399 Annual Parish Meeting 2020-2021

Council to agree that present positions are held until the Annual Parish Meeting for 2021.
It was agreed by the majority.

02.21.400 Drainage issues

Sewer system issues in Bromley Road and Haggars Lane, some properties had been affected by the fact that the system was not dealing with the amount of sewage/surface water and was backing up and flooding some properties. Two councillors had either advised residents affected to contact Anglian Water or had done so themselves. Anglian Water had been in attendance at the Bromley Road pumping station, tankers were being used to remove overload waste on a 24/7 basis since the 17th January.

There was another problem with sewage contaminating Holly Farm, the Chairman of the parish council has contact Anglian Water and reported this issue.

As a Parish Council we have not been approached directly regarding this problem but will monitor situation.

The above was noted.

02.21.401 Updates:

i) *Frating Directory – Directory had now been updated and printed, awaiting distribution. Noted.*

02.21.402 Planning

i) *20/01683/FUL Mrs Vanarva Proposed conversion of existing outbuilding to granny annexe. 1 Spinney Cottages Church Road Frating Colchester Essex CO7 7HG.*

Comment: No objection.

ii) *20/01734/FUL Mr J Roy Demolition and replacement of redundant dairy shed with new family annexe. Cedar Hall Great Bentley Road Frating Colchester Essex CO7 7HP*

Comment: No objection.

Action: Clerk to update TDC planning portal with comments.

02.21.403 Payments for February 2021 – *Councillors to consider and approve payments.*

Payments were reviewed and approved.

Action: Clerk to process payments.

P/ment no.:	P/ment to:	Amount:	Council Ref.:
EP	Hussey Knights Ltd	£660.00	Directory printing
EP	Leonie Henderson	£170.00	Directory amendments
EP	CPRE	£36.00	Annual subscription

EP	M Salazar	£225.60	February 21 salary
EP	T Cuthbert	£34.07	Chairman allowance February 2021
D/D	EON (H195533B15)	£42.09	Electricity charges for January 2021
D/D	EON (H1939EB71D)	£40.74	Electricity charges for December 2020

02.21.404 Payroll changes from 31st March 2021

The current provider had given notice as not able to continue with the service as of 31st March 2021. Council to confirm if an alternative provider could be sourced. Clerk to present options at March meeting.

Action: Clerk to source options.

02.21.405 Correspondence

None.

02.21.406 District & County Councillor reports (previously circulated)

See appendices 1 & 2.

Chairman/Vice Chairman signed:..... Dated:.....

Appendix 1

District Council report – Report for January/February 2021

BE AWARE OF A VACCINE SCAM

A message received from Acting Chief Inspector Martin Richards; you may though have already been made aware of the scam, but in case not; -

It has been confirmed that a scam is going around whereby a text message will be sent to people stating they are eligible to have the vaccine and to receive it, to follow the link. Once the link is clicked on, this takes you to a fake NHS website where it asks for all personal details of bank account/sort code and card number to verify and prove ownership of your address. The way the message is received it looks to be true and given the pandemic we are currently in; people will panic and believe this to be true and go ahead without realising they are about to be scammed/defrauded. The NHS would not send out messages asking residents for Bank details etc., relating to the pandemic.

COVID-19 SWAB TESTS

There are now available Covid-19 swab tests for Tendring residents who do not have symptoms of the virus. Anyone without symptoms can pick up a free test – known as a PCR test – from Clacton Leisure Centre. They then take the test, before dropping it back to the centre to be sent off for processing. There is no need to make an appointment.

The tests are targeted at people without symptoms who cannot work from home, and their families, provided they live or work in the Tendring district. However, others without symptoms will not be prevented from taking a test.

Around one in three people have coronavirus without symptoms, and could therefore be spreading the virus without knowing, so this testing is designed to identify these people and make sure they self-isolate. Community testing means anyone can get a free test.

Anyone who has Covid-19 symptoms – a high temperature, new or continuous cough, or a loss or change of taste or smell – or who is isolating should not go to the centre, but instead apply for a postal test or visit an established drive-thru testing site.

People should also not have a test if they have previously tested positive via a PCR test in the last 12 weeks, as this can give a false result.

Clacton Leisure Centre will be open from 9am-5pm weekdays, and 9am-12pm weekends, for people to collect and drop-off tests. People are reminded to observe social distancing and wear a mask while on the site.

An initial batch of 5,000 tests has been sent to TDC and it is expected more will follow.

Results may take up to five working days to be sent through.

UPDATE To give an idea on how positive the take up on Monday 11th was, there was in the first couple of hours around 900 tests given out and shortly before lunchtime that number reached the 2000 marker.

COMMUNITY FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS

£48,000 for Community Groups through a grant scheme has been extended by Tendring District Council, now we are in another lockdown situation. The extra cash is being drawn from the Tendring Community Fund, with each ward councillor being allocated £1,000 each to give out as they wish.

Money can be given to community groups, charities or other non-profit organisations helping people around the district during the pandemic. I would be very pleased to hear from groups who need to benefit from this offer.

LOCAL PLAN SECTION 1

Section 1 of The Local Plan was an Agenda item last evening (10th January) of the Planning Policy and Local Plan Committee's meeting.

Under Item 6 the committee considered the Inspector's final report for Tendring's Local Plan Part 1

Report of Corporate Directors (Place and Economy) – A.1 -Section 1 Local Plan: Planning Inspector's Final Report and Process for Adoption.

- a) To report the Local Plan Inspector's final conclusions on the legal compliance and 'soundness' of the Section 1 Local Plan for North Essex following consultation on his recommended 'Main Modifications' and the subsequent receipt of his final report on 10th December 2020.
- b) To report that, by incorporating the Inspector's recommended Main Modifications, the Section 1 Local Plan meets the tests for legal compliance and soundness - as required for a plan to proceed to formal adoption: and
- c) To seek the Planning Policy and Local Plan Committee's agreement that the modified Section 1 Local Plan be recommended to Full Council for formal adoption.

The committee agreed that Section 1 Local Plan be recommended to Full Council for formal adoption.

The Full Council Meeting is to be held Virtually on Tuesday 26th January 2021 starting at 7.30 pm

There are other documents that relate to the discussion and debate on TDC's web site.

Under Item 7 of the Agenda, it was reported that the Inspector had said he will be looking at TDC's Section 2 of the Local Plan in February, which means he will be looking at TDC's plan first before the other Councils.

The recording of the meeting should soon be available if Councillors wish to listen to the meeting on TDC's website.

A Special Thank you to you all for all you are doing in ensuring the safety and care of your Residents.

Many thanks

Lynda

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Appendix 2

County Council report – January/February 2021

The Shielding and Support lines are – 01255 686700

They also directly link into the capacity held by in excess of 85 voluntary groups which can assist with shopping, prescriptions and wider fast time support re individual needs

On the 13th January, District Councillors received a briefing from departments in the District Council and the Director of Public Health for Essex. The below is a summary of the information.

This is not cheerful reading, but clearly emphasises the need to comply with the directions and protection advice regarding COVID-19

Tendring Infection Rate & other Data

Tendring District, due to its demographic has little built in immunity to the mutated strain of the virus. We now have the second highest infection rate in Essex and the 10th highest in England.

Of the Tendring Population 55,000 are over the age of 55

In the last week the infection rate for the over 60 age group in Tendring has increased by 130%

Infection Rate in Tendring District - 1,218 per 100,000 of Population

Test Positivity Rate - 19.1% (we are conducting highest testing rate in Essex)

It is estimated that 1 in 20 residents in Tendring is now infected with COVID-19

Found to be the most significant areas of Infection in Essex

- (1)Workplaces
- (2)Supermarkets
- (3)Secondary Schools

Community COVID-19 Testing

Covid-19 swab tests for Tendring residents who do not have symptoms of the virus were rolled out from 11th January.

Anyone without symptoms can pick up a free test – known as a PCR test – from Clacton Leisure Centre. They then take the test, before dropping it back to the centre to be sent off for processing, with no appointment needed.

The tests are targeted at people without symptoms who cannot work from home, and their families, provided they live or work in the Tendring district. However others without symptoms will not be prevented from taking a test.

Clacton Leisure Centre will be open from 9am-5pm weekdays, and 9am-12pm weekends, for people to collect and drop-off tests. People are reminded to observe social distancing and wear a mask while on the site.

Anyone who has Covid-19 symptoms – a high temperature, new or continuous cough, or a loss or change of taste or smell – or who is isolating should not go to the centre, but instead apply for a postal test or visit an established drive-thru testing site.

People should also not have a test if they have previously tested positive via a PCR test in the last 12 weeks, as this can give a false result.

If you do test positive it is so important to self-isolate so we can stop Covid-19 from spreading.

The test involves a swab from the nose and mouth, which people then package up to return to the centre to be couriered to a lab for analysis. People must register their details online, following the instructions provided with the test, and results are then sent to them using these details.

Results may take up to five working days to be sent through.

To find out more visit www.tendringdc.gov.uk/communitytesting, or for information on Covid-19 generally go to www.tendringdc.gov.uk/coronavirus.

Vaccination Programme

The vaccinations are progressing well in the district, but are only carried out by invitation. The most vulnerable groups and those delivering front-line care being prioritised.

Disabled Residents can be vaccinated by their GP at home.

Those who are vaccinated must still take all the advised precautions. The level of protection will not be at its most efficacious until around three to four weeks.

After a person is vaccinated they are still able to pass on the virus to others.

The primary ambition for the vaccination is to reduce or eradicate the physical disability and therefore alleviate the pressure on the NHS.

Tendring Staff

143 of Tendring Council staff have been relocated to assist with COVID-19 Support Work on a 24/7 basis. They are operating in such areas as:

- Shielding Support
- PCR Testing
- Track and Trace Calls
- Bereavement Services
- Careline
- Support Hubs
- Providing access to Food, Medicine and Essentials

10 TDC staff currently confirmed as having contracted COVID-19

25 TDC Staff Self-isolating

41 TDC Staff currently working from home

8,500 Tendring Residents are classified as Clinically Extremely Vulnerable (CEV) and are being supported by TDC Staff

TDC Staff are facilitating the distribution and receipt of testing kits from Clacton Leisure Centre. There were over 1,000 processed in the first day.

TDC Staff are processing the grants available for businesses

TDC Staff are managing the Support Helplines

So please have some patience with TDC Departments at present. They are striving to provide normal routine services, but clearly they must prioritise with the remaining staff available.