

FRATING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Memorial Hall, Main Road, Frating
on **Monday, 6TH December 2021.**

Present: Cllr. Cuthbert (Chairman), Cllr. Bland (Vice Chair), Cllr Mogg, Cllr. Philp and Cllr McWilliams
Also present: Jennifer Spear (Manningtree Town Clerk – Stand in for Michelle Salazar, Parish Clerk)

Minutes

11.21.485 Public Questions

None

11.21.486 Apologies for absence

Cllr Coster sent her apologies, these were accepted by the Council.

11.21.487 Minutes of 1st November 2021

Resolved – All in agreement the minutes were a true reflection of the meeting, Cllr Bland proposed and Cllr Philp seconded – all in favour.

11.21.488 Planning (new applications)

a) None Received

Planning (decisions)

b) None Received

Minerals and Waste

a) Application Number: ESS/99/21/TEN

This is an extension of the original application from January 2019, about the excavation of the reservoir. This application for the extraction runs out in January 2022, hence the new extension of time.

RESOLVED – The council is in full agreement that the extension is not a problem as long as they move the bung wall off the footpath. This footpath has been blocked since the original application and the applicant (landowner) agreed to move it during the first application therefore this is the condition of the councils agreement to the extension. (footpath 2/4)

11.21.489 District & County Councillor reports

Council McWilliam's has not yet had a chance to send her report over, so gave a rundown to the council. The offshore windfarm that is in development at the moment will be making landfall in the coming years, the consultation period has now begun, she was keen to point out that herself and other district councillors are asking the question of the developers, 'what benefits do the people in Tendring receive from having these in their areas?'. The council will need to keep an eye out for when this is presented to them.

Tomorrow evening is the Crossways planning committee meeting, Cllr McWilliams has been given 5 minutes to speak on behalf of the residents of Frating, and the Frating Parish Council. Cllr Bland pointed out that in one of the reports it states that the development site is not visible due to the trees, however it is very visible from Clacton Road (as its bright red) and lots of trees have already been removed in preparation from works that has already been started. The light pollution is also extremely visible as far as the A133 not just for the adjacent residents.

Once the County Council report is received the clerk will circulate to the council.

11.21.490 Payments – Councillors to consider and approve payments.

£	P/ment to:	Amount:	Council Ref.:
DD	EON	£48.38	Electricity (street lights) November 21
EP	Osborn London Ltd	£349.82	2 invoices (stationery & litter picking equipment)
EP	M Salazar	£205.00	December salary
EP	T Cuthbert	£34.27	December C/man allowance
EP	M Salazar	£40.00	Sept – Dec 2021 expenses
EP	J Spear	£39.87	Meeting minutes November 21 (PAID)

Cllr Band proposed and Cllr Mogg seconded – All in Favour

Resolved – Clerk will action payments

11.21.491 New Clerk Announcement

Jennifer Spear has been appointed as the new clerk – arrangements for the transition are in hand.

Resolved – Cllr Cuthbert proposed, Cllr Mogg seconded – All in favour

11.21.492 Members sense of Safety

The council members present are happy with the current way their information is stored online, since the last meeting it was discovered Cllr numbers are also in the bus shelter along with the noticeboard. The council feel that they really want their parishioners to know where their counsellors are.

Resolved – At this time the council are happy to continue with the current arrangements, all in favour

It has been suggested that a PO Box is used for correspondence for council business (for the clerk) instead of a personal home address. The new clerk (Jennifer Spear) also clerks for Manningtree Town Council who already use a PO Box.

Resolved – The council are happy to pay for the cost of one (needs to be confirmed), the clerk will ask if Manningtree Town Council are happy to share their PO box and then share the cost, reducing this cost for both councils.

11.21.493 Budget for 2022/2023

Resolved – the budget does need to increase this year to help go towards the cost of training of the new clerk, the rising cost of electricity and maintenance, plus earmarking funds for the Graveyard restoration.

11.21.494 Precept for 2022/23

Discussed the proposed raise of £500 for the year, which is an increase of 5.5% increase on last year, but the council have not raised the precept in 4 years.

Resolved: All in favour of agreeing to raise the precept to £9,500 next year.

11.21.495 Meeting Dates for 2022

No meeting in January.

7th February 2022

1st March 2022

4th April 2022

9th May 2022

6th June 2022

4th July 2022

No meeting in August

5th September 2022

3rd October 2022

7th November 2022

5th December 2022

Resolved - All in Favour

11.21.496 Donations (S137) – 2021

i) Suggested donations:

Essex & Herts Air Ambulance - £200

St Helena Hospice - £200

Age Concern - £200

Resolved – All in agreement – clerk will arrange to make the payments

ii) Other suggestions for donations under s137

Resolved – None at this time

11.21.496 Councillor and Clerk reports

a) Pallet Plus

Resolved – Discussed earlier on in the meeting under 12.21.489

b) Essex Police Visit

Resolved – Agree to ask Martin Richards to attend the February meeting.

c) There was a fire at the bus shelter outside of Frating Park, this has reported to ECC but the response was a standard one, (no action)

Resolved - Clerk will email Cllr Guglielmi to see what more can be done to get this repaired.

d) Local History Recorder – 2022 marks 100 years of the Memorial Hall (24th September), the council are proposing to put together a booklet of the history of Frating using information gleaned by Mike the local historian whose information has been saved by his son. Maybe a link with a possible service to re-dedicate the ceremony for the village and a possible booklet for each household within the village, to preserve the history of the village, also credit Robert Bushall (local historian)

Resolved – At the next village hall committee this can be discussed, Cllr Mogg and Cllr Cuthbert will lead. Clerk will also contact a local printing company to gauge a rough estimate of printing costs.

11.21.497 Items to be added to next Agenda

a) Donations for Help the Hero's £200

b) The possibility of restoring the churchyard

c) Estimate for the booklet

d) Plans for September Re-dedication of the Memorial Hall

e) Graveyard responsibility

11.21.485 Meeting Closes at 8:33

Signed **Dated**

Jennifer Spear – Clerk and Proper Officer 14th December 2021