



FRATING PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held at the Memorial Hall, Main Road, Frating CO7 7DJ on Monday 07th February, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Cllr Terry Cuthbert (Chair) Cllr Paula Bland (Deputy Chair)
Cllr Reginald Mogg Cllr Terri Philp

In Attendance: Mrs J Spear (Clerk), Cllr Lynda McWilliams and 2 members of the public including Inspector Martin Richards

02.22.494 To receive and approve any Apologies for Absence

None Received

02.22.495 To receive any Declarations of Interest

None Declared

02.22.496 Minutes of the 17th January 2022 meeting to be approved and signed

Resolved that the minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on 17th January 2022 to be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

02.22.497 Public Participation session relating to items on the Agenda

No items raised

02.22.498 Martin Richards Reports from Essex Police

Is visiting all the Parish Councils in this district to help increase the communication between the police and local residents. On the whole Frating Parish (FP) has an extremely low crime rate, but understands that the Parish Council have raised the issue of speeding through the village as a problem. Inspector Richards advised that the council needs to explore the possibilities of adding a VAS sign, looking into a community speedwatch requesting SERVE (based in Harwich) to come and conduct a speedwatch. They have a Trucam which means any speeders caught will be ticketed. It was requested that FPC try to increase the reach of the police updates that are now being sent round. Paul Beer is our local PCSO – the clerk will reach out to make contact with him. Also there is a new “You said, we did” initiative that is being adopted by the police, so if the council has any specific problem areas to look into we can recommend them on here too.

02.22.499 Reports from the District and County Councils – circulated prior to the meeting

Essex County Council Report has not arrived before the meeting. Cllr McWilliams District report has arrived and been circulated. As an added extra it has been confirmed that Essex Police will be recruiting an extra 200 police officers which will make Essex Police Force the largest it has ever been.

02.22.500 Reports from other committees and representatives

The Neighbourhood Watch has voted in a new Chairman, trustee and treasurer.

02.22.501 Resignation Cllr Coster

Resolved Cllr Coster was accepted by the Council, the clerk has updated the monitoring officer and has advertised the vacancy.

02.22.502 To consider the following planning applications:

a) 21/02070/FUL <https://idox.tendringdc.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=R3UARTQB0PF00&activeTab=summary>

Proposal: Construction and operation of a 50MW Battery Energy Storage System, and related infrastructure with associated access, landscaping and drainage.

Location: Land adjacent to Lawford Grid Substation Ardleigh Road Little Bromley Essex CO11 2QB

Cllr Cuthbert attended the TDALC meeting where this was discussed, at the moment there are no exact areas earmarked, but these can be as large as 20 acres and can involve compulsory purchase of land.

Resolved – At the moment none of the parishes know exactly where this may happen, but it was agreed that it would be better to stand together with other local parishes.

b) *North Falls Offshore Windfarm* <https://www.northfallsoffshore.com/> and the *Five Estuaries Windfarm* <https://fiveestuaries.co.uk/>

Discussing a possible joint working party with the other parishes.

Cllr Cuthbert confirmed that at the moment the expansion of the windfarms proposed will mean that they will need to come to land to bring in the power created, which will mean huge trenches built under ground for the cables as well as above ground.

Resolved – This is linked to the prior planning surveys, again the council have decided to keep an eye and possibly join with other local parishes if need be.

02.22.503 Planning Decisions

None

02.22.504 Palletplus Update

On the 12th January 2022 Frating Parish Council sent a letter to Gary Guiver, the acting director of planning to express the council's disappointment at the planning committee's decision not to uphold the recommendations of the planning officer to refuse the planning application. The letter has been acknowledged but no reply yet to the points raised.

02.22.505 Lufkins Farm Update - ESS/101/21/TEN

On the 20th January 2022 Frating Parish Council sent an objection letter to Essex County Council, County planning outlining the reasons behind the objection. There has been no reply received yet.

02.55.506 Befriending Service Age Concern

The new service is aimed at raising awareness about loneliness in the elderly in your street and neighborhood.

Resolved – Cllr Cuthbert will put the posters in the noticeboard.

02.22.507 To Discuss the next village Litter Pick

The last litterpick was carried out 2 weeks ago, it was very successful with over 20 bags collected, including road signs and even a mattress. The next one will be held in a couple of weeks.

Resolved – Cllr Philp will let the clerk know when the next one is and will take pictures.

02.22.508 Footpaths

Footpath number 2, that runs through a farmers field has been ploughed and not been reinstated by the farmer.

Resolved – Cllr Cuthbert will report to Enforcement.

02.22.509 Clerks Report

a) Clerk has reconciled the bank accounts from the beginning of April and found 2 errors, a payment made to Cllr Cuthbert was £0.08p short and Landscape Services Invoice number 2283 has been paid twice. Clerk will make the £0.08p payment to Cllr Cuthbert with this months payments. The clerk has contacted Landscape services and requested a refund for the extra payment.

b) The donation for the Air Ambulance has been paid twice. The previous clerk made the donation payment just before handover but when the new clerk checked the bank it showed that it hadn't been paid so made the payment again. This was during the change of banking mandate (clerk has experienced something similar happening when the banking mandate was changed at Manningtree Town Council. Clerk has requested a refund which has been processed.

c) A&J Lighting services were paid twice last year 2020-21, clerk has requested a refund from them also.

d) 4 Hours of overtime has been completed by the clerk in January, which will be paid in February.

e) Defib battery has been ordered at a cost £194 + VAT plus £9.95 for delivery. This was agreed to be ordered by the council in a previous meeting.

f) Tree surgeon is meeting Cllr Cuthbert tomorrow to quote for the yearly maintenance work.

02.22.510 Finance

As at 18th January 2022 there was a total of £26,128.10 in both bank accounts.

a) To receive the monthly finance reports and approve monthly bank reconciliation figures from April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December 2021 and January 2022.

Resolved – All approved and signed by the Chair.

b) To approve new payments in accordance with the 2021/22 budget

P3	01/02/2022	Fuel - Tesco	Mr T Cuthbert	0.08		0.08
Mayors Allowance	01/02/2022	Chairmans Allowance	Mr T Cuthbert	34.27		34.27
Clerks Salary & Expenses	01/02/2022	Salary and Expenses	Mrs J Spear	251.25		251.25
Stationary	01/02/2022	New Laptop/icloud backup / virus protection	Currys	478.33	95.67	574.00
Stationary	01/02/2022	Laptop Bag	Currys	14.16	2.83	16.99
Running Costs	01/02/2022	Payroll Services	DM Payroll Services	66.00		66.00
General Administration	01/02/2022	Accounts Softwear	Scrib e	97.00	26.60	159.60
Public Lighting	01/02/2022	Electric Bill	Npower	72.31	3.62	75.93
			Total	1,013.40	128.72	1,178.12

Income	01/02/2022	Trade in from laptop	Currency	-50	-50
			Total	963.40	128.72
			I		1,128.12

Resolved – All in Favour – proposed by Cllr Philp and seconded by Cllr Mogg.

02.22.511 To Discuss the spend of £540.99 spend for a New Laptop, this includes the office365 software for 15 months, anti-virus protection for 3 years, icloud storage 1 year and a new laptop bag, (£574, plus £16.99 laptop bag minus £50 trade in amount from old laptop equals £540.99).

Resolved – All in favour of the new purchase, clerk will action.

02.22.512 To discuss the website and social media

The council advised that they already have a facebook – clerk will find the login and passwords and begin to use as a way to communicate with the community in Frating.

Resolved – the clerk will begin to look at the website as it needs updating too.

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

- Co option of New Cllr
- Possible VAS Sign
- Speedwatch
- Map for a signage review

02.22.514 To note the date and time of the next meeting

Resolved - Monday 7th March 2022