



# FRATING PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES of the FRATING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held at Memorial Hall on Monday 3rd March 2025 at 1930hrs.

Present: Cllr Paula Bland (Vice-Chairperson)  
Cllr Terry Cuthbert (Chairperson)  
Cllr Sally Potter  
Kay English, Clerk to the Council  
Cllr Carlo Guglielmi, Essex County Council Tendring Rural West  
Cllr Aimee Keteca, District Council, The Bentleys & Frating Ward  
Gary Guiver Director of Planning & Community, Tendring District Council  
Eight Members of the Public

### 03.25.126 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Veronica Morris, Cllr Terri Philp and Cllr Jean Hynes

### 03.25.127 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

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

### 03.25.128 OVERVIEW OF PLANNING

Mr. Gary Guiver, Director of Planning & Community, Tendring District Council, gave a verbal update on the Public Consultation on the Review of the Local Plan and Call for Sites. The consultation began on 3rd March 2025 and would conclude on 14th April 2025. The Local Plan outlines the strategy for housing and other forms of development.

District Councils must review the Local Plan every 5 years, considering changes such as national planning policy. Mandatory house building targets imposed by the Government had substantially increased the house building targets in Tendring with a requirement to build 1,034 new homes every year until 2041. Options on how this would be achieved were being considered including the use of Green Field sites and expanding rural communities. Frating and Hare Green were areas that could be considered for a Garden Community. <sup>1</sup>*Foot note*

Mr. Guiver emphasised the importance of community involvement in shaping the future development of Tendring. He highlighted that the review process was designed to be transparent and inclusive, encouraging everyone to participate and voice their concerns and suggestions. He stressed that the success of the Local Plan depended on the active participation of residents, businesses, and other stakeholders.

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<sup>1</sup> A Garden Community is a planned new community, which is a sustainable place to live, work and visit. It includes essential facilities and services like schools, health services, roads and transport systems.

Mr. Guiver provided details on the consultation process, including questions to be addressed, the methods for submitting opinions, and the projected timeline.

In response to questions raised by Councillors and members of the public, Mr Guiver explained that land acquired for development was usually a joint partnership agreement; Garden Communities take many years to build; national planning policy could change in 4 years as a result in change of Government; Devolution could impact on planning policy and processes in the future; District Councils could have their powers removed if targets imposed were not achieved; previous house building targets were based on demographic projections and likely growth of the population; Call for Sites was aimed at finding suitable locations for development based on local knowledge; building affordable housing for local people was considered.

The Chairman thanked Mr Guiver for attending the meeting.

**It was RESOLVED:** That the verbal report given by the Director of Planning & Community be noted and details of the Public Consultation on the Local Plan Review and Call for Sites would be widely publicised.

### **03.25.129 PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

1. Gully Cleaning: flooding because of blocked drains continued to be a problem.

**Response:** Maintenance and gully cleaning are the responsibility of Essex Highways. There was evidence that cleaning had been done recently; inspections by Anglian Water have also been undertaken. The situation will continue to be monitored.

2. VE Day Celebration: Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025

**Response:** FPC had no plans currently to commemorate the occasion but would consider this further if there was support from the community.

3. VAS: request to install an additional sign.

**Response:** The feasibility of this would be considered at a future FPC meeting.

4. Litter Picking: purchase of equipment for the purpose of litter picking.

**Response:** Equipment was available already. Another litter picking event would be considered, details of which would be advertised via social media.

### **03.25.130 MINUTES**

Members received and considered the draft Minutes of the Frating Parish Council (FPC) meeting held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025 (Appendix A).

**It was RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025 be approved and signed by the Chairperson.

### **03.25.131 MATTERS PENDING**

Members received and considered a list of the Parish Council's current outstanding actions (attached to record Minutes Appendix B).

**It was RESOLVED:** That the council's matters pending be noted.

**The Clerk:** To investigate further options for first aid training (CPR and defibrillator use) to include the possibility of cascade training via the First Responder.

### **03.25.132 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

i. Public Rights of Way Course: the Chairman gave a brief overview of the course he recently attended. In general footpaths were in good condition although there were limitations for cyclists.

ii. Holly Farm Development: the building of five houses was progressing although a proportion of the land at rear of the development had been sold to another developer. A further update on this would be given when details were known.

iii. Pride of Tendring Awards: the Chairman and Cllr Bland attended the ceremony on behalf of FPC.

**It was RESOLVED:** That the report be noted.

### 03.25.133 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk gave an update on changes to the Council's email domain. The change-over was anticipated to be completed by 30 April 2025.

**It was RESOLVED:** That the report be noted.

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### 03.25.134 REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

i. Cllr Carlo Guglielmi (Essex County Council) circulated his March 2025 report by email prior to the meeting but further added that Devolution was progressing at pace. The Chief Executive, Ian Davidson was given the responsibility of overseeing the change, which was challenging particularly for complex areas such as Social Services and procurement. Further updates on Devolution would be provided at future FPC meetings.

ii. Cllr Aimee Keteca, Tendring District Council, introduced herself as the newly elected representative for The Bentleys & Frating Ward. Cllr Keteca outlined her intentions to collaborate with Parish Councils to address community issues like flooding, Pallet Plus, Lufkins Farm, and the Mineral Extraction Site. The Chairman shared background information for each issue including Pallet Plus and its negative effects on residents.

iii. Cllr Bland provided a report on recent discussions with Anglian Water and the inspection of drains. She explained that specialised equipment was necessary for cleaning.

**It was RESOLVED:** that the reports be noted.

### 03.25.135 FINANCE

i. Budget for 2025/26 (Appendix C as attached to record minutes)

**It was RESOLVED:** That the budget for 2025/26 be approved.

ii. The schedule of accounts received and paid for the period 19.12.24 – 20.2.25 (appendix D as attached to record minutes)

**It was RESOLVED:** That the schedule of accounts totalling £2,216.16 be approved.

iii. Members received and considered invoices presented for payment by the Parish Clerk.

**It was RESOLVED:** That the invoices be approved, uploaded and paid.

### 03.25.136 PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT

Members received and considered current and ongoing planning issues and associated matters:

i. Planning Applications: None received.

ii. Planning Decisions: None received.

iii. Planning Appeals: None received.

iv. Essex Lufkins Farm, Great Bentley Road: the Planning Application was expected to be submitted in the near future.

**It was RESOLVED:** that the report on planning applications be noted.

v. MAG10 Surface Water Meeting update: a meeting was planned for 12 March 2025.

**It was RESOLVED:** that the report be noted.

vi. Flooding in Haggars Lane: this item was covered under Public Questions minute 03.25 129.

vii. Parish Rights of Way (Parish Paths Partnership Scheme – P3): a further grant application would be submitted for 2025/26.

**It was RESOLVED:** that the report be noted.

viii. New Mineral Extraction Site: there were no further updates at the time of the meeting.

**It was RESOLVED:** that the report be noted.

ix. Pallet Plus Update: this item was covered under Representatives' Report minute 03.25 134.

x. Vehicle-Activated Sign reports 26.12.25 20.02.25 (Appendix E as attached to record minutes). It was noted that around 5% of vehicles exceeded the speed limit. Data collated was useful information for Police Enforcement.

**It was RESOLVED:** that the report be noted.

### **03.25.137 LEISURE & FACILITIES**

Members received and considered matters arising and/or ongoing regarding:

i. Transfer of Churchyard

Cllr Bland gave an update on obtaining a Land Registry Plan to identify trees for removal. Once mapped, the information would be sent to Open Spaces at Tendring District Council for necessary action.

**It was RESOLVED:** that the report be noted.

ii. Transfer of Open Spaces (Playground)

The ownership of the Playground would remain with Tendring District Council.

**It was RESOLVED:** that this report be noted.

### **03.25.138 GOVERNANCE**

Parish & Town Council Resilience Meeting:

Cllr Cuthbert would be attending the next meeting scheduled for 24 March 2025.

**It was RESOLVED:** That the report be noted.

### **03.25.139 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.

### **03.25.140 DATE OF THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

The next parish council meeting was scheduled to take place on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 19:30hrs at Frating War Memorial Hall.

The meeting closed at 2110 hours.

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