



FRATING PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES of the FRATING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held at the Memorial Hall on Monday 14th April 2025 at 19:45hrs.

Present: Cllr Paula Bland (Vice-Chairperson)
Cllr Terry Cuthbert (Chairperson)
Cllr Jean Hynes
Cllr Veronica Morris
Cllr Sally Potter
Kay English, Clerk to the Council
Six Members of the Public

04.25.140 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were RECEIVED and ACCEPTED from: Cllr Terri Philp, Cllr Carlo Guiglielmi and Cllr Aimee Keteca.

0.25.141 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

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

04.25.142 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Pallet Plus: A member of the public raised concerns about the continuing operational impact on residents.

Response: Cllr Keteca met with Pallet Plus to address the ongoing issues. Cllr Keteca's report was presented at the meeting.

04.25.143 MINUTES

Members RECEIVED and CONSIDERED the draft Minutes of the Frating Parish Council (FPC) meeting held on 3rd March 2025.

It was RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 3rd March 2025 be approved and signed by the Chairperson.

04.25.144 MATTERS PENDING

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

i. Litter Picking: Cllr Bland would publicise a date for the next Litter Pick on social media.

ii. Closed Churchyard: Cllr Bland & Cllr Potter would detail tree locations on the document received from the Land Registry.

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

04.25.145 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Members RECEIVED and CONSIDERED a report from the Chairman:

- i. Devolution & Local Government Reorganisation: An update on the status of devolution and local government reorganisation was provided.¹ <https://www.essex.gov.uk/about-council/plans-and-strategies/our-vision-essex/devolution-and-local-government-reorganisation>
- ii. Resilience Meeting: The Chairman gave an update on the FPC Emergency Plan including availability of equipment and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).
It was RESOLVED: That the Clerk would add an e-copy of the Emergency Plan to the FPC website.
- iii. Cllr Linda McWilliams: there was event at Great Bentley Village Hall on 29th April 2025 to mark Cllr McWilliams 18 years of service.
It was RESOLVED: That FPC would contribute £100 towards a gift for Cllr McWilliams (for the purchase of a village planter).
- iv. A quote for the refurbishment of bus shelters was received at £635 per bus shelter.
It was RESOLVED: That the quote be accepted and works undertaken.

04.25.146 CLERK'S REPORT

Members RECEIVED and CONSIDERED a report from the Clerk on completed training to date and progress with the change in email address for Council members.

04.25.147 REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

Members RECEIVED and CONSIDERED reports from:

- i. Cllr Carlo Guglielmi (Essex County Council), which was circulated to Members by email prior to the meeting.
- ii. Cllr Aimee Keteca (Tendring District Council), which was circulated to Members by email prior to the meeting. The report was outlined under Public Questions Minute: 04.25.142.
- iii. Cllr Bland gave an update on the recent TDALC meeting: Tendring District Council (TDC) were no longer undertaking inspections of playgrounds (those they did not manage); payment of Councillor allowances remained an ongoing issue.

04.25.148 FINANCE

It was RESOLVED: That the:

- i. Schedule of accounts as detailed in Appendix C for the period 13.02.25 – 26.03.25, totalling £2,060.19 be approved.
- ii. Annual Subscription for Rural Community Council for Essex be renewed for 2025/26 at a cost of £61.80
- iii. Landscape Services: invoices for tree maintenance be approved and paid. The Clerk would obtain details of outstanding work re: topsoil Bromley Road.
- iii. Invoices presented for payment by the Parish Clerk be approved, uploaded and paid.

04.25.149 PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT

Members RECEIVED and CONSIDERED current and ongoing planning issues and associated matters:

i. Planning Applications Received:

25/00431/FULHH Erection of Wind Turbine, Cedar Hall, Great Bentley Road

It was RESOLVED: That there were no objections to the application, but TDC Planning Department should consider potential noise impact on residents.

25/00485/FUL Demolition of agricultural buildings and erection of 3 single storey dwellings and garages, Holly Farm.

It was RESOLVED: That there were no objections to the application, but TDC Planning Department would be notified of wrong site plan submission. The Clerk would report inaccuracies as follows: differences in dwelling design, a demolished small wall replaced by a 6-foot fence, incorrect employment statement, unmentioned footpath (foot path that adjoins footpath 1 leaving site), drainage issues, and location errors. Additionally, confirmation on maintenance of the wooded area, installation of bird boxes, preservation of the oak tree (OAK T31), and footpath connection (leaving site) would be requested.

ii. Planning Determinations: 25/00111/FRULHH

It was RESOLVED: That the Planning Determination outlined in Appendix D be noted.

¹ Essex County Council Website Information on Devolution.

- iii. Planning Appeals: None received.
- iv. Lufkins Farm Planning Application: no further update
- v. Solar Panel Installations: no further update
- vi. MAG10 Surface Water: an update would be given following a meeting that was planned on 24th April 2025.
- vii. Mineral Site A69: no further update.
- viii. Haggars Lane Hoarding: no further update.
- ix. North Falls Offshore Wind Farm: an update was given following a site visit by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.² <https://www.northfallsoffshore.com/>
- x. Vehicle-Activated Sign (VAS): there were no statistics presented at the meeting because of road works at the location.
- xi. Installation of an additional VAS

It was RESOLVED: That the feasibility of installing a second VAS be evaluated when a suitable location was identified. The Clerk would obtain further information on Road Safety statistics for Frating.

04.25.150 COMMUNITY

It was RESOLVED that:

i. VE Day Commemoration 8th May 2025:

A contribution of £300 would be made to support a joint community event with Great Bromley. Additionally, two wreaths be purchased for FPC and Great Bromley Parish Council to the value of £50 in total. The Clerk would establish details of the VE Day commemoration event at the Kings Arms Public House and offer support as appropriate.

ii. First Aid Training: Cllr Peter Harry (Great Bentley Parish Council) outlined his experience and expertise as a First Aid Responder: Cllr Harry would provide first aid training in the use of defibrillator and CPR on dates to be agreed; the Clerk would coordinate the training accordingly.

04.25.151 GOVERNANCE

Parish & Town Council Resilience Meeting:

An update was given following the meeting on 24 March 2025.

04.25.152 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.

04.25.152 DATE OF THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The annual parish council meeting was scheduled to take place on Monday 12th May 2025 at 19:30hrs at Frating War Memorial Hall.

The meeting closed at 21:10 hours.

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

² North Falls Offshore Windfarm Website Information.