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## Minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held at the Memorial Hall, Main Road, Frating CO7 7DJ on Monday 04<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 7:30pm.

Present: Cllr T. Cuthbert (Chair)      Cllr P. Bland (Vice Chair)      Cllr R. Mogg  
Cllr T. Philp      Cllr. V. Morris

In Attendance: Mrs J Spear (Clerk), Tendring District Councillor Lynda McWilliams, and 4 members of the public.

### Minutes

#### **12.23.124 To receive and approve any Apologies for Absence**

Cllr. J Hynes sent her apologies, these were noted by the council.

#### **12.23.125 To receive any Declarations of Interest**

None Declared at this time.

#### **12.23.126 Minutes of the 06<sup>th</sup> November 2023 meeting to be approved and signed**

**Resolved** Cllr. R. Mogg proposed 2 amendments to the minutes, the first in section 11.23.113 instead of she this should read Cllr. L. McWilliams and section 11.23.118e the second paragraph it should read £15270 instead of £1570, these amendments were agreed by the council and

Cllr. T. Cuthbert proposed that the minutes of the 06<sup>th</sup> November 2023 were a true record of the meeting, all were in agreement and these were signed by the Chair.

#### **12.23.127 Public Participation session relating to items on the Agenda**

A MOP asked why the VAS signs are beginning to be set off at 36 miles an hour and going red, and why does one of them point at traffic exiting the village instead of at the other end of the village on the other side of the traffic lights? Cllr. T. Cuthbert advised that it flashes at 36 miles an hour as a warning to advise drivers that they are approaching the speed limit, but this can be changed if it causes issues. Cllr. T. Cuthbert also advised that the direction the other VAS sign is facing does not point out of the village as there are many further residences at that end of the village including 34 homes at Frating Park. The council is not stopping the project here and may be looking at putting in a further pole at the other side of the lights. He advised further that the parish council need to build evidence to be able to support the councils proposal to reduce the speed limit to 30mph along this stretch of road.

An attending MOP asked about any further progress of the play area? Cllr. T. Cuthbert advised that we have received the plan but at this time we cannot share the plans as it is not in the public domain yet, As soon as we have that we will be able to share this with the residents. Their main concern is where the football pitch will be positioned.

A MOP wanted to discuss the planning application at the Kings Arms, that has now been extended to the 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024, he is concerned that there is not another parish council meeting before then.



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He has formed an as of yet unnamed group with other residents to protect the movement of the bus shelter. Cllr. T. Cuthbert advised that the Parish Council has already raised objections noted by Tendring District Council planning against the application, the original one and further raised objections regarding the revised proposed Highways plan. The same MOP wanted to raise an objection to the Taylor Wimpy signs that have been placed as they are nothing more than Highway litter.

A MOP asked about the repairs at Tokely Road and if there has been any progress on this at all. Cllr. T. Cuthbert advised that the council are still looking into this and hope to have some progress before the next meeting.

## **12.23.128 Reports from the District and County Councils**

Both reports circulated prior to the meeting, the councillors had no questions on the reports.

## **12.23.129 Update on the Playground Progress**

As advised under the public participation section we have received the plans from Tendring District Council but the council cannot share these as of yet with the public, as soon as we can we will.

## **12.23.130 Kings Arms Planning Application**

### **a) To discuss the request from Transport Planning about their proposed relocation of our bus shelter.**

Due to the revised Highways plan that was input by the applicant, the parish council asked for an extension to comments to be discussed at our meeting this evening, this was refused by TDC planning, however this evening the application has now been extended until 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024 for Highways to be able to make further comments which is very disappointing.

Due to this refusal the clerk along with Cllrs under delegated authority submitted a further objection based on the revised Highways plan. This was sent in with supporting documentation of photographic evidence of cars parked illegally all the way along the clearway and blocking the footpath further demonstrating that a smaller car park is not conducive to the survival of the pub.

Cllr. V. Morris advised that the current publicans have raised concerns over the Oak Tree and the knotweed that are on the site which may cause issues for the applicant aswell. Cllr. T. Cuthbert advised that Tendring District Council will need to enforce the TPO on the tree, which does form part of the planning application in that the applicant has proposed that they will be protecting this during the build.

### **b) To note the further objection made on the application in response to the new Highways Plan.**

This further objection was noted by the council.

## **12.23.130 Planning**

To consider the following planning applications:

### **a) [23/01587/FUL](#)**



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Hedgerows Rectory Road Frating Colchester

Proposed change of use from former orchard to garden land, incorporating tennis court.

**Resolved** Cllr. P. Bland proposed no comment on this application, all in agreement.

**b) To note that the planning application for Holly Farm has been withdrawn.**

This was noted by the council.

**c) To note that retrospective planning applications have been received for the 2 large advertisement boards by Taylor Wimpy.**

This was noted by the council, but the Chair wanted to raise a comment in that how can planning permission for these signs be granted when they are on Highways land? Cllr. L. McWilliams advised that this might be worth pursuing this with highways.

**12.23.131 To review the first report from the VAS signs**

The clerk advised that the reports so far have a lot of information to begin to process but that it has been amazing to see that already there is 20% of motorists driving through the village over the speed limit. Cllr. R. Mogg asked if it would be possible to see when these high speeds are being driven, and the clerk found on the software that you can.

Cllr. P. Bland advised that its good that the parish council followed the advice from the police officer that attended our meeting that the parish council needed to provide their own evidence of speeding in the village to be able to get support from the local police with speeding checks.

**12.23.132 To discuss and agree to the cost of the installation of the commonwealth war grave sign at the closed churchyard.**

**Resolved** Cllr. P. Bland proposed finding out the cost to install this sign on the gate as the sign is provided free of charge, all in favour.

**Action – Clerk**

**12.23.133 Chairs Report**

The Chair and the Clerk visited the closed churchyard this week to check on the progress of the churchyard, the chair advised that the larger and dangerous trees have been cut back but there is a lot more to do with the growth needing to be taken under control and the branches that have been left behind. It would be good to have a meeting with Tendring to find out what their plans are with the maintenance at the churchyard and including the gravestones. Cllr. L. McWilliams advised that she will aid with making a meeting.

**12.23.134 Clerks Report**

Report circulated prior to the meeting and no questions raised.

**12.23.135 S137**

The clerk advised that had been a third request for a donation but at a previous meeting the council



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did not agree to the S137 donation due to the donation not directly benefitting the residents of the parish once investigated. Cllr. V. Morris wanted it noting that donations should be for the greater good and did not agree with this previously made decision.

## **a) To discuss an S137 donation to Essex Herts Air Ambulance**

**Resolved** Cllr. P. Bland advised that this is a worthwhile cause for the village to support especially as it has attended at recent accidents on the crossroads and proposed to donate £100, 4 in favour, 1 against – motion carried.

**Action – Clerk**

## **b) To discuss an S137 donation to Help for Heros**

**Resolved** Cllr. P. Bland proposed making a £100 donation to Help for Heros, 4 in favour, 1 against – motion carried.

**Action – Clerk**

## **12.23.136 Finance**

**a) To review and receive monthly bank reconciliation figures for November. As of 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023 there was a total of £24,411.18 in both bank accounts.**

**Resolved** – that the November Bank Reconciliation is correct, and this was signed by the Chair.

**b) To note the new NALC pay scales for 2023-24 have been received, and to note the change to the clerks pay scale amount, and back dated to April 2023 as per NALC guidelines and the clerks contract.**

This was noted by the Council.

**c) To approve new payments for December and January in accordance with the 2023/24 budget, payment list attached.**

**Resolved** – Cllr. P. Bland proposed that the payments be made, seconded by Cllr. T. Philp

**Action – Clerk**

**d) To note the following Receipts –**

**£74.59 p3 Payment from ECC**

This receipt was noted by the Council.

## **12.23.137 To discuss and agree the dates for next years meetings**

**Resolved** that next years parish council meetings are to be held on February 05<sup>th</sup> 2024, March 04<sup>th</sup> 2024, 08<sup>th</sup> April 2024, 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024 (APM), 03<sup>rd</sup> June 2024, 01<sup>st</sup> July 2024, 02<sup>nd</sup> September 2024, 07<sup>th</sup> October 2024, 04<sup>th</sup> November 2024 and 02<sup>nd</sup> December 2024, all in favour.

**Action – Clerk**

## **12.23.138 Items from the councillors to be added to the next meeting**

- LHP request Tokely Road and Mannings way
- Kerbs in the original Tokely road estate that were damaged in the building of the new



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estate.

- **Play Ground**

## **12.23.140 To note the date and time of the next meeting.**

The next meeting is to be held on Monday 05<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 7:30pm

There being no further business the Chair wished everyone a Merry Christmas and closed the meeting at 20.33

.....signed.....Date