



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 04th March 2024 at 7:30pm.

Present: Cllr T. Cuthbert (Chair) Cllr P. Bland
Cllr. V. Morris Cllr. J. Hynes

In Attendance: Mrs J Spear (Clerk), Tendring District Councillor Lynda McWilliams, and 21 members of the public.

03.24.167 To receive and approve any Apologies for Absence

Cllr. T. Philps sent her apologies, these were accepted by the council.

03.24.168 To receive any Declarations of Interest

None declared at this time.

03.24.169 Minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held on the 05th February 2024 to be approved and signed

Cllr. V. Morris proposed a amendment to item 02.24.154 to read “the MOP does not have a carte blanc objection to the vas signs in the village but the point she made in December she feels was incorrectly minuted in December and was re-raised at the February meeting, she feels incorrectly minuted as her objection in December was to the location of the west bound VAS sign and the trigger point of the speed indicator of the VAS sign”, seconded by Cllr. P. Bland, all in favour.

Resolved that with the above addition to the minutes, that the minutes of the 05th February 2024 were a true record of the meeting, and these were signed by the Chair.

03.24.170 Public Participation session relating to items on the Agenda

A MOP wanted to thank the clerk for the support that she has given the residents regarding the flooding that they have been suffering, with liaising with Anglian Water on their behalf, and that she will be a loss to the parish council if she leaves. The Chair advised that we have been chasing Anglian Water and have just received a response from them today and we are still trying to arrange the meeting with Essex County Council’s Flood Management team along with our MP.

A MOP wanted to express their dismay at the resignation of the clerk, and that she will be a loss to the community if she does leave.

A MOP wanted to express her gratitude for the work that the Parish Council have done on the issue of the flooding that is being experienced in the village, and until she attended tonight’s meeting did not realise how much had been done.

03.24.171 To note the resignation of the clerk and to resolve to begin the process of replacement.

Resolved Cllr. T. Cuthbert proposed that the clerk begin the process of advertising for a replacement clerk, all in favour.



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Action - Clerk

03.24.172 Reports from the District and County Councils

Cllr. L. McWilliams has sent over a report earlier on today, that the clerk will forward on tomorrow.

03.24.173 To discuss and agree a response to the Essex Minerals Consultation with reference to the proposed sites in Frating.

At this point it is noted in the minutes that the Essex Mineral meeting was attended by 80 residents, held before this meeting who expressed extreme concern and worry about the proposed site.

Resolved – Cllr. Cuthbert proposed objecting to the site based on the report prepared by the Chair and the Clerk prior to the meeting and circulated to all the cllrs for comments, seconded by Cllr. P. Bland, all in favour.

Action – Clerk

03.24.174 To discuss and implement the proposed Risk Management Scheme as recommended by the new internal Auditor.

Resolved – Cllr. T. Cuthbert proposed that the council implement the Risk Management Scheme, all in favour.

Action - Clerk

03.24.175 To receive an update on the Flooding in the Village

The Clerk advised that we had received a reply from Peter Simpson at Anglian Water only today, which she read the contents of to the council. He confirmed he is looking into a few actions from the 2021 report and has requested 3 other reports and he should have the results of these back by the end of March, so hopefully in time for the April meeting.

03.24.176 To discuss the proposal to instruct a solicitor for legal advice regarding the planning application at The Kings Arms and the location of the Bus Shelter.

It is to be noted that the £2000 that has been earmarked in reserves is for any litigation required at the behest of the parish council, not just for the Kings Arms application.

Resolved – Cllr. T. Cuthbert proposed that since the planning portal has been updated and it looks as though this application will be withdrawn, it is not needed to consult a solicitor at this time, all in favour.

03.24.177 Chairmans Report

The Chair advised that he has been very busy with the work behind the scenes this month on the proposed mineral extraction site with the clerk.

03.24.178 Clerks Report

The clerk advised that there is not much to report as this month has been focused on the mineral objection and the ongoing flooding also.



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03.24.179 To note the VAS reports from February.

It is noted that the 14% of people travelling over the speed limit from last months report has dropped to 6% which does infer that the VAS are having the effect on reducing the speed limit into and out of the village which is the reason they were installed.

03.24.180 Planning

a) 23/00052/FUL

Land at Hill Farm, Clacton Road, Elmstead, Colchester

Proposed erection of two dwellings (in lieu of prior approval for the conversion of an agricultural building into two dwellings, 22/00475/COUNOT).

Resolved Cllr. T. Cuthbert proposed that the parish council object to this revised application based on the same objections as the previous application as nothing has changed, the land is still outside the village settlement boundary regardless of prior approval, the entrance is in Elmstead but the houses will be in Frating, and is further reducing the buffer zone between the village of Frating and Elmstead Market. Further to this it is also backland development, which is not in keeping with the rural nature and the ribbon development of the village. All in agreement.

Action – Clerk

03.24.181 Finance

a) **To review and receive monthly bank reconciliation figures for February. As of 16th February 2024 February, there was a total of £20761.03 in both bank accounts.**

Resolved – that as of 16th February there was a total of £20,761.03 in both bank accounts and the bank Reconciliation is correct, and this was signed by the Chair.

b) **To approve new payments for March in accordance with the 2023/24 budget, payment list attached.**

Resolved – Cllr. P. Bland proposed that the payments be made, seconded by Cllr. J. Hynes, all in favour.

Action – Clerk

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

The clerk advised that she has finally received a resolution from the complaint raised with Barclays and they have paid the parish council £200 compensation. It is not included in this months bank reconciliation as it has not yet been paid into the account but it will be this month.

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

- Kings Arms Application
- FAME request for funding

03.24.183 To note the date and time of the next meeting.

The next meeting is to be held on Monday 08th April 2024 at 7:30pm

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 20:11



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