



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 September 2023 at 7:30pm.

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

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

Minutes

09.23.71 To receive and approve any Apologies for Absence

None Received

09.23.72 To receive any Declarations of Interest

None Received

09.23.73 Minutes of the 03rd July 2023 meeting to be approved and signed

Resolved, Cllr. T. Cuthbert proposed that the minutes of the 03rd July 2023 were a true record of the meeting, Cllr. P. Bland abstained as she was not in attendance, and these were signed by the Chair.

09.23.74 To discuss and agree to the Co option of a New Councillor

Resolved Cllr. T. Cuthbert proposed that Jean Hynes become a new Councillor of Frating Parish Council, this was unanimously agreed by the rest of the council.

Cllr. J. Hynes signed her declaration of acceptance of office.

Action – Clerk

09.23.75 Public Participation session relating to items on the Agenda

A member of the Public wanted to discuss the planning application [23/01072/FUL](#), he wanted to raise the point that the orange notice has not yet been displayed and that this needs to go up to make sure that all the public are aware that there is a planning application, and that TDC will honour the 21 days for any comments to be made on the application. He also wanted to appeal to the Parish Council to support an objection to the application. Cllr. T. Cuthbert advised that the planning officer dealing with this application has only just returned to work this week and the sign will go up once she makes a sight visit and TDC have confirmed that they will accept these comments.

A member of the public proposed that when the new publicans take over the pub can the Parish Council welcome them to the village.

A member of the public wanted to ask if the bus stop would need to be moved, Cllr. T. Cuthbert advised that that would be a discussion for Highways.



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A member of the public wanted to ask about the increase in the large tipper lorries going through the village. Cllr. T. Cuthbert advised that the B1027 is closed to HGVs right now and that the viaduct in Arlesford is also closed and will be for the next 3 years which has made a huge increase in this type of traffic and that we need to speak to our County Councillor to ask if we can put pressure on these issues to move these improvement projects forward.

09.23.76 To Note the latest Palletplus Updates

To note that Palletplus has been sold onto to another company, and that they have said they are going to apply for a change of use of the land to residential to be able to facilitate the move to another site but none of these applications have been made at this time. Their decision has still not been published in full from TDC at this time.

09.23.77 Reports from the District and County Councils

Both reports have been circulated prior to the meeting.

Cllr. L. McWilliams advised that if you see any hare coursing dial 999 rather than the non-emergency number.

Cllr. C. Guglielmi advised that Essex Childrens Services have been awarded as outstanding for the second year in a row. A-Levels and GCSE's excellent results and with the ACL results too they have been amazing. He will investigate the issues with the increased traffic and HGVs that are ongoing, the clerk will email the details of that over. He will also copy in the clerk to an email with the new police superintendent to ask for speed checks to be carried out along the main road.

Cllr. C. Guglielmi will investigate the casualty reduction zone LHP that has been ongoing for a few years as there is still a part of it that is outstanding and will advise the clerk about it.

09.23.78 Reports from other committees and representatives

a) Neighbourhood Watch

Cllr. T. Philp attended the airshow and helped out on the Neighbourhood Watch stand, she advised that it seemed that there may be a bit of a difficulty with communication from coordinators which is not being distributed to then the local neighbourhood watch.

b) TDALC

The clerk advised that the Windfarm objections are still ongoing, although the 2 applications are going to now work together, there will still be a 120m wide service road from Frinton to Ardleigh from the beginning to the end of the scheme, approx. 5 years with an estimate of one lorry per minute using this road. There will now be a national grid substation, 2 windfarm substations and now an interconnector around Little Bromley and Ardleigh. There has been uproar because the consultation has not been carried out like a consultation at all.

Highways panel was reiterating their huge staff shortages, although there has been recruitment training is taking a while and unfortunately as the cost of agreed projects has increased other projects are being pushed back which is not helping with the delays.



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There are new enforcement offices that TDC are training up to help deal with the flytipping problem and also unsociable activities of dog owners – these will be going live in a few months once they are fully trained and it all now comes under one umbrella rather than having different departments to make it more cohesive.

09.23.79 To discuss installing a replacement “No ball games and No cycling Sign” on the open space behind the crossroads

Cllr. V. Morris advised that the sign that she thought was gone, is in fact still in place but the sign is now blank. The clerk has a quote for a new post and sign of £75.

Resolved Cllr. R. Mogg proposed to just replace the sign as the cost of the sign will be less than the price quoted, all in agreement.

Action - Clerk

09.23.80 To discuss the quote to cut back the vegetation at the discussed points from the July Meeting

After much discussion on why these areas have not been cut by Essex Highways, (they advised these are not as much of a problem as issues in other areas).

Resolved – Cllr. R. Mogg proposed that we go ahead with this quote of £750 net, as it does need doing and Essex Highways are not going to cut it, the problem is only going to get worse, (Cllr. P. Bland advised that this has been raised by residents online and will show the residents that the Parish Council want to show the pride in the village), and then send the invoice onto Essex Highways. All in agreement.

Action – Clerk

09.23.81 To discuss the rising cost of electric received from Npower and to discuss the clerk engaging utility aid to source a cheaper alternative.

Resolved Cllr. R. Mogg proposed that the clerk source this and come back to the October agenda with the proposed new supplier and costs. All in favour.

Action – Clerk

09.23.82 To discuss the purchase of a historical footpath Sign

Resolved – This item was deferred as Robert Butcher the proposer was not in attendance.

Action – Clerk

09.23.83 To consider the following planning applications:

[23/01072/FUL](#), Kings Arms Main Road Frating Colchester

Proposed erection of 2 no detached 3-bed dwellings with new vehicular access, including rearranging existing car park to public house.

Cllr. T. Cuthbert handed over this agenda item to Cllr. P. Bland as the Vice Chair to lead this discussion due to more of an interest in the item due to his proximity to the location of the application.



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After much discussion it was **Resolved** that the Parish Council agreed unanimously to object to this application:

1. The application proposes to build 2 dwellings on an area, which it states is in an unutilised area. We fail to understand how a car park for the village pub can be unutilised. There are currently 23 car park spaces and we believe this proposal would reduce the number of spaces down to 12. We would submit that the 17 remaining spaces as stated in the proposal include 5, which would be for the use of the inhabitants of the dwellings.
2. There is no on street parking available as the Main Road in Frating is a designated clearway. Therefore there would be no overflow option should all the parking spaces be occupied.
3. We would submit that with the reduced number of parking spaces, the ongoing viability of the public house would be in question. The public house is Frating village's main community asset and we do not want to see being jeopardised. The Local Plan supports doing as much as possible to preserve community assets.
4. The application states that the road onto which the new dwellings will exit from the car park has a 30mph limit. This is not so as it is currently 40mph. Also the exit is next to a bus stop and traffic lights, which are in a casualty reduction zone (with 3 serious accidents here in the past 3 months alone). There is also an island in the centre of the road. We believe that all of these factors are not conducive to adding new dwellings and increasing road movements.
5. There was a reported case of Japanese Knotweed in the same vicinity as has been proposed for this application. This will need to be taken into account to ensure this invasive species has been eradicated and cannot spread – any disturbance of this could cause issues for the surrounding inhabitants.

Action – Clerk

09.23.84 Planning Decisions

None received

09.23.85 Chairs Report

a) Footpaths

The footpaths are in good condition, there is some cropping going on but there is time for these to restated.

b) Verges

At Frating Park the verges are still an issue, but Highways have advised that this is not an issue as important as many other issues.

c) Traffic Light Accidents



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The police were in attendance and air ambulance, plus the other accident on Bromley road when 2 lorries went straight into each other, these accidents will all be recorded.

The Chairman has reported the flytipping (reported on the 8th August) after the travellers left, reported again on the 1st September as now a load of building rubbish has been added to the pile, Cllr. L. McWilliams will chase these reports to make sure that they are acted upon and let Highways know that the gates are open and this is ongoing.

09.23.86 Clerks Report

VAS license has been received, just need the prices from John Glover for the installation.

Raised the issue with the head of planning about the response from planning that \$106 money wasn't needed for the development on recent applications, he replied that as they know money will be spent its not needed, but I have argued that this is not the case and am still waiting to hear back. The Morehams Hall permissive access, we will need another 18 years as we now have 2 years of proof of walking the access without the path being closed by the landowner and without permission being granted.

The play area has gone out to tender (but we have not seen any plans) the tender closes at the end of September so hopefully we should have something to see by the November meeting.

Barclays bank has still been an issue and we need to look into alternatives for the next meeting.

09.23.87 Finance

a) To review and receive monthly bank reconciliation figures for July. As of 18th July, there was a total of £20,840.76 in both bank accounts.

There is £0.20 extra in the bank accounts as the clerk underpaid herself by £0.20.

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

b) To Review and receive monthly bank reconciliation figures for August. As of 18th August there is a total of £22,238.53 in both bank accounts.

There is still an £0.20 extra in the bank accounts as the clerk underpaid herself by £0.20, in July and the august payments were scheduled already so this will be rectified in this months payroll.

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

b) To discuss adding a donation to Basics Essex in December at the councils usual donation time of year.

Resolved – The councillors have requested more information before the Parish Council will consider this to find out exactly how Frating will benefit from making a donation to them.

b) To approve new payments for September 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



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c) To note the following Receipts –

i) £1858.28 – HMRC VAT Return

This was noted by the council as the VAT126 return for the year 2022-23.

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

- Budget Income and Expenditure for the year to date to the end of September.
- New Bank

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

The next meeting is to be held on Monday 02nd October at 7:30pm

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 21:18

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