



# FRATING PARISH COUNCIL

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## **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at the Memorial Hall, Main Road, Frating CO7 7DJ on the 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 7:30 p.m.**

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

**In Attendance:** Mrs J Spear (Clerk), Cllr Lynda McWilliams and 4 members of the public.

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

Cllr J. Hynes and Cllr C. Guglielmi both sent their apologies these were accepted by the Council.

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

None declared.

### **01.23.162 Minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> of December 2022 meeting to be approved and signed.**

**Resolved** – that the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> of December were a true record and signed by the Chair.

### **01.23.163 Public Participation session relating to items on the agenda.**

A MOP from Haggars Lane wants to discuss the proposed Market Field application (126 houses plus the school) that will make the buffer zone between Frating and Elmstead Market even smaller when you add in the other houses that are already planned. Cllr T. Cuthbert and Cllr McWilliams advised the MOP to look on the Tendring District Council's website which details the Local Plan which gives a measure of protection to any more building outside of the designated areas.

A MOP asked if it would be possible for Frating to have their own village Magazine, like the Great Bentley Parish News. Cllr T. Cuthbert advised this cannot be discussed at this meeting but can be added to the agenda for next month to discuss.

A MOP wanted to discuss the Warm Hub and the heating system in the village hall.

Cllr Cuthbert proposed moving agenda item **01.12.166** up the agenda to be discussed now, all Cllrs in favour.

Cllr T. Philp's, who is the Warm Hub lead advised that this week was the last week of the hub and that unfortunately it wasn't particularly well attended, and the thought is that possibly the heating could be an issue as the hall wasn't that warm. At the moment it doesn't seem a viable option for continuing as some weeks there were only 2 people in attendance. Cllr T. Cuthbert proposed that if they want to continue it then the Parish Council will be open to considering more funding and support if it is brought back to the Council again.



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Cllr Cuthbert proposed moving agenda item **01.12.171** up the agenda to be discussed now, all Cllrs in favour.

This is not just down to the Parish Council as they are only the Trustees of the hall and the Village Hall Committee need to be consulted.

**Resolved** Cllr T. Cuthbert proposed setting up a meeting with the Village Hall Committee to discuss the possibility of a heat pump system or a new heating system, the next meeting is at the end of February, all in favour.

Action Cllr T. Cuthbert

MOP also wanting to give an update on RACE and the latest Palletplus update.

Cllr Cuthbert proposed moving agenda item **01.21.173** up the agenda to be discussed now, all Cllrs in favour.

Palletplus has now been postponed for 14 months from December 2021, John Hall sent across an extensive letter refuting lots of the claims in the transport plan that has been input. All the comments have now gone onto the top of the planning portal, the Parish Council have supported the objections from RACE.

## **01.23.164 Reports from Essex Police**

None Received

Cllr T. Cuthbert asked if Cllr McWilliams could find out where the crime reports have gone that used to be sent out to councils.

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

Cllr McWilliams report was received and circulated prior to the meeting, the police crime and fire budget will be increasing but not by as much as was hoped for. Cllr L. McWilliams may have access to a fund (The Tendring Community Fund) that may help support a new heating system for the village hall.

There has been a long term diversion put in place while the bridge in Arlesford has had the weight limits it can hold reduced due to severe structural failings found in a recent report, but the signs are contradictory, and don't have a clear diversion route. Clerk was requested to email Arlesford Parish Council to find out about the bridge diversion.

## **01.23.166 Reports from other committees and representatives**

### **a) Neighbourhood Watch**

The next meeting is this week, but unfortunately Cllr T. Philips cannot attend.

### **b)TDALC**

Discussed under Agenda Item 01.23.163



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## c) Warm Hub

Discussed under Agenda Item 01.23.163

## 01.23.167 To consider the following planning applications:

None

## 01.23.168 Planning Decisions:

### a) Application No: ESS/99/21/TEN

**Proposal:** Continuation of the construction of an agricultural reservoir involving the extraction of minerals and the removal of surplus soils without compliance with condition 6 (cessation of development) attached to planning permission ref ESS/41/15/TEN to allow additional time for completion and restoration of the development.

**Location:** Lufkins Farm, Great Bentley Road, Frating, CO7 7HN

Application Granted

### b) 22/02008/FUL, Tall Trees Clacton Road Frating Colchester

Proposed new dwelling, garage with heat store and landscaping (Variation to approved application 19/01113/FUL).

Application Granted

These planning decisions were noted by the Council,

## 01.23.169 Enforcement Update

### a) SunnyHolme

There has been no update on this property, but the Council will keep an eye on the house.

### b) Morehams Hall

Tending District Council Enforcement confirmed that all the building work that has been conducted is allowed under permitted development so no further action is being taken.

### c) New property at Frating Park

Tending District Council Enforcement have confirmed that at the moment all that has happened is that a part of the field has been fenced off, so a change of use of the land at this time is not required.

## 01.23.170 Palletplus Update

**Resolved** - Discussed under Item 01.23.162

## 01.23.171 Heating in the village hall

**To discuss the heating in the village hall**

**Resolved** - Discussed under Item 01.23.162

## 01.23.172 Footpaths

Cllr T. Cuthbert advised that all the footpaths are in good condition for this time of year, there



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are some fingerposts down, but Cllr T. Cuthbert will be putting in a P3 application for the new year and this will include costs for new finger posts and direction posts.

## **01.23.173 To discuss holding a community safety drop in at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2023**

**Resolved** – Cllr P. Bland proposed that as long as the timing of it straddles into the evening it will be worth doing to try and maximise the amount of residents that may choose to attend, all council in favour.  
Action – Clerk

## **01.23.174 To discuss and agree to circulate election material provided by TDC, also make the Parish Councils own to circulate.**

**Resolved** – All council in favour of circulating online, (website, FB and Nextdoor) plus leaflet dropping too.  
Action – Clerk

## **01.23.175 To Discuss the VAS sign License.**

Clerk advised that after a lengthy discussion with a member of Highways, it is possible to have more than one lamppost inspected at a time and the call out for this is £880 a day and 6 can be tested a day, as Great Bentley are wanting to have movable signs they need their lampposts inspected too so it would be cost effective to have both of the parishes working together to save money.

**Resolved** – Cllr T. Cuthbert proposed that the Clerk liase with Great Bentley Parish Council to make a joint application.  
Action – Clerk

## **01.23.176 Chairman Report**

### **a) TBS Visit**

Cllr Cuthbert, Cllr Philp and Cllr Mogg were invited to visit the recently expanded local business and reported back that it is a huge operation. They did raise the issue of the bad way in which the verges had been left after they had work done to increase the amount of electricity supplied to the larger site. TBS have already gone back to their contractors to get them to come and rectify the issue. He also advised that they will be happy to donate new books to the local book club and the warm hub if needed aswell.

They also stated that they have a company policy where their employees can work volunteer days in their local community and that this may be a idea to get the local closed cemetery tidied up.

### **b) Verges**

As discussed above some of the signs that were lift behind have been removed and the contractors should be coming back to clear the verges.

### **c) Open Space**

The work has really started in earnest but there have been some concrete posts left behind with the fences removed and need to just check if the contractor is removing those.



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## d) Play Area

There has been no update about the plans from TDC for the playground refurbishment, but as it stands Landscape Services will also be looking after the play area after its handed over.

- A water pipe has burst outside Holly Farm – Affinity water have been out and inspected it, and will be back to repair it, this could be up to 10 days.
- A sheet of asbestos has been flytipped opposite Holly Farm, this has been reported to TDC
- There will be a Fire Safety check in the village hall on Friday at 10am.
- At the traffic lights the sound is now working on them.
- There has been a late planning application received for Hill Farm which needs to be added to next months agenda, although the actual site is in Frating the entrance to the sight is in Elmstead, so we need to send this over to Elmstead Market Parish aswell as they may not have received notice of the application.

## 01.23.177 Clerks Report

- Precept request has been agreed by Tendring District Council.
- Reply received about the new bin siting request and this has been refused.
- Cllr Guglielmi has reported that there has been no update about the Traffic light repair, this has been moved to the casualty reduction department and we should get an update this week.
- Great Bromley PC have not had any complaints about the lorrys parking next to the new shop at their crossroads.
- The wall mount is ready for the Box for the bible, just need the words confirming for the plaque.
- The clerk has attended 2 more training courses for support with the CiLca.

## 01.23.178 To discuss requesting a new quote for our open space maintenance.

**Resolved** – Cllr T. Cuthbert proposed that we should get a quote for our open space maintenance from a new provider, all council in Favour.

**Action – Clerk**

## 01.23.179 To Discuss plans for the Coronation

**Resolved** – The Parish Council would like to do something similar to the Memorial Day last year, but need to check what the pub are doing and what days before moving forward with a plan.

**Action – Clerk**

## 01.23.180 Finance



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a) To review and receive monthly bank reconciliation figures for December and January. As of 16<sup>th</sup> December there was a total of £26654.93 in both accounts and as of 18<sup>th</sup> January 2023 there was a total of £26400.66.

**Resolved** – That both bank reconciliations are correct and these were signed by the Chair.

**b) To approve new payments for February in accordance with the 2022/23 budget, payment list attached.**

**Resolved** – Cllr P. Bland proposed to make the payments, Cllr T. Philp's seconded, all in favour.  
**Action – Clerk**

**i) Receipts –**

**£84.40 p3 payment from Essex County Council**

Payment Noted by the Council

**01.23.181 Items from the councillors to be added to the next meeting**

- Market Fields development buffer zone
- GB Parish News – Frating Parish News
- Overgrown area needs maintenance – Cllr Philps
- Hill Farm Planning application

**01.23.182 To note the date and time of the next meeting**

**Resolved** that the next meeting will be held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 7:30pm

Meeting closed 21:11 pm

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