



FRATING PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES of the FRATING PARISH ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held at the Memorial Hall on Monday 6th July 2026 at 19:30hrs.

Present: Cllr Terry Cuthbert
Cllr Terri Philp
Cllr Chris Walpole
Kay English, Clerk to the Council

There were two members of the public present.

07.26.46 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Paula Bland, Cllr Sally Potter and Cllr Brian Winter.

07.26.47 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

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

07.26.48 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Q.1 The ongoing building works behind Pennyfields Estate was discussed.

Response: There was no further update noting that planning permission for internal refurbishment was not required. To obtain clearer information, it was suggested that a direct personal enquiry be made to establish the current position.

Q.2 The Chairman of Neighbourhood Watch highlighted the availability of bin-mounted signage to increase awareness of the scheme, noting that additional copies had been produced for wider distribution.

Response: FPC confirmed its support for the initiative.

07.26.49 MINUTES

Members RECEIVED and CONSIDERED the draft Minutes of the Frating Parish Council meeting held on 1st June 2026.

It was **RESOLVED**: That the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 1st June 2026 be **APPROVED** and signed by the Chairman.

07.26.50 MATTERS PENDING

Members RECEIVED and CONSIDERED a list of Parish Council's current outstanding actions as outlined in Appendix B.

It was **RESOLVED**: That the Matters Pending be **NOTED**.

07.26.51 REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

i. Cllr Pat Murray (Tendring Rural West Division) asked whether an action list could be provided in advance of meetings to enable ECC matters to be progressed more efficiently. He confirmed that all parish meetings were now diarised, though group meetings held on Monday evenings may limit his ability to attend every meeting.

Cllr Murray confirmed that he was working with Cllr Guglielmi on various outstanding issues. Pothole repairs and road-surfacing works had been undertaken in parts of Frating with an emphasis on avoiding patching work in favour of full-surface repairs designed to last four to five years. Concerns were raised regarding workmanship of resurfacing in Bentley Road, where drains sit lower than the finished surface; Cllr Mark Webster had been notified. Due to the accelerated pace of works, it was thought that some elements were being overlooked. Pothole repairs should be reported via the online ECC portal. A significant pothole near the traffic lights/public house was noted and Cllr Murray undertook to photograph it and report accordingly.

Cllr Murray left the meeting at 7.50 pm.

ii. Cllr Keteca representative for The Bentleys & Frating Ward not in attendance.

iii. FPC Representative's Report:

Permissive footpaths: recent clearance works had been completed and were positively received by both residents and visitors.

Great Bentley Carnival: Cllr Walpole reported that the event was scaled back with recent heatwave and high temperatures being a consideration. Despite the shorter route, the carnival remained successful and continued to benefit the wider area, including Frating.

It was **RESOLVED**: That the representatives reports be **NOTED**.

07.26.52 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

i. Cllr Mark Webster responded to FPC's concerns on various highway matters. In summary: Holly Farm, Main Road, Frating: applications 24/01661/VOC and 25/00485/FUL proposed five and three dwellings respectively served by a shared private drive. This scale of development did not meet the threshold for a dedicated right-turn lane though the existing centre hatching would remain. Guidance required a ghosted right-turn lane only where access points generated more than 300 two-way daily vehicle movements; eight dwellings fell below this level with Main Road functioning as the major road and the private drive as the minor road.

There was a fault with one of the vehicle detectors on the A133 causing extended green signal times even during quieter periods. Repairs were delayed because the detector's access chamber had been contaminated with sewage. The Environment Agency had since resolved the contamination and arrangements for repairing the detector were underway with completion expected within the next 2–3 weeks.

ECC was in the process of updating the Essex Safer Speed Strategy ¹ which was limiting taxpayer-funded speed limit changes until the new strategy was adopted. Changes would still proceed where recommended through road safety audits linked to wider highway improvements, new developments, or the casualty reduction programme.

¹ [Essex Safer Speeds Strategy - Essex County Council - Citizen Space](#)

Consultation on the draft Safer Speeds Strategy had recently concluded with ECC officers reviewing feedback before determining next steps. Further updates would be provided once decisions had been made.

It was **RESOLVED**: That the Chairman's Report be **NOTED**

07.26.53 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk reported that she had worked an additional 4 hours in June 2026 due to CiLCA training, risk assessment/policy preparation.

It was **RESOLVED**: That additional hours of working be **APPROVED**.

07.26.54 PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT

i. Planning Applications Received:

None.

ii. Planning Decisions:

<u>26/00566/FULHH</u> Refusal - Full 10.06.2026 <i>Delegated Decision</i>	<i>Planning Application - Erection of detached garage to front and extension of rear annex building.</i>	<i>3 Frating Hill Frating Colchester Essex CO7 7DG</i>
<u>26/00620/ROC</u> Approval - Full 04.06.2026 <i>Delegated Decision</i>	<i>Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act for Removal of Condition 9 (A133 Ghosted Right Turn Lane) of application 25/00485/FUL.</i>	<i>Holly Farm (rear) Main Road Frating Colchester Essex CO7 7DJ</i>
<u>26/00628/ROC</u> Approval - Full 04.06.2026 <i>Delegated Decision</i>	<i>Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act for Removal of Condition 8 (Compliance: A133 ghosted right turn lane) of application 24/01661/VOC as condition is not required.</i>	<i>Holly Farm (front) Main Road Frating Colchester Essex CO7 7DJ</i>

iii. Planning Appeals: **None received**.

It was **RESOLVED**: That the planning applications, received and determined and appeals be **NOTED**.

iv. Local Plan Update: The Chairman attended the Local Plan meeting held in Clacton. The Plan had been accepted as initially proposed including the Hare Green development, which was now set at 1,450 dwellings. This scale of development would require significant changes to supporting infrastructure. A further opportunity to comment would be available later in the year.

v. Tarchon Interconnector Project: Details of the Public Consultation was outlined in Appendix C; the project would bring electricity into the connection point before transmission to Germany.

vi. Five Estuaries Project Update: The offshore element feeding into the substation had now received consent for construction including associated pylons. The environmental impact was expected to be considerable. The project had been in planning for seven years and concerns remained, including lorry movements on Little Bromley Road. Some objections were still ongoing.

vii. Lufkins Farm Reservoirs Update: Cllrs Cuthbert, Philp and Potter attended a site visit. The project, ongoing since 2008, had now completed its first reservoir. Planning permission had been granted for the second reservoir and the batching plant. There was no planning permission for the concrete processing plant, although this was subject only to procedural matters. Once completed, the site was expected to operate cleanly and may allow public access, although it would remain private land. Lorry movements were anticipated to increase traffic at the traffic lights with some developer funding already received for upgrading the lights, but it was proposed that ECC should seek further funding.

viii. Alresford Viaduct Signage Update: The signage was in the design stage with no explanation provided for the prolonged delay. The matter was raised with Cllr Mark Webster.

It was **RESOLVED**: That the updates on the projects and Alresford Via Duct be **NOTED**.

07.26.55 FINANCE

i. Schedule of Payments and Receipts Appendix D

It was **RESOLVED**: That the Schedule of payments and receipts be **APPROVED**.

ii. Invoices presented for payment by the Clerk circulated prior to the meeting

It was **RESOLVED**: That the payments as presented by the Clerk be **APPROVED**.

iii. Payments for August 2026

It was **RESOLVED**: That approval for August payments would be undertaken at an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council, which would be held on 3rd August 2026 (refer minute 07.26.57).

07.26.56 GOVERNANCE

i. Policy Review

It was **RESOLVED**: That the policies outlined in Appendix E be **APPROVED**.

ii. Risk Assessment Public Rights of Way

It was **RESOLVED**: That the Risk Assessment for Public Rights of Way as outlined in Appendix F be **APPROVED**.

iii. Litter Picking: The Clerk had made further enquiries with EALC and SLCC regarding litter picking on roads of 40mph with the position remaining unclear. Responses from the Road Safety Team and Clear Insurance were awaited. This would be on the agenda for the next meeting.

It was **RESOLVED**: That no litter picking events would take place until clarification was received on whether this activity could take place on roads of 40mph or more.

iv. New FPC Website

The Clerk reported on the proposed new website layout, with improved accessibility. The website change layout was circulated to Cllrs prior to the meeting for information.

It was **RESOLVED**: That the Clerk would work with FPC's website designer to initiate the changes.

v. Co-Option Vacancy: TDC had confirmed that the vacancy could be filled through co-option.

It was **RESOLVED**: That the vacancy be advertised in the autumn edition of the Parish Newsletter.

07.26.57 COMMUNITY, OPEN SPACES

i. Donation request Frating Memorial Hall as outlined in Appendix G. This item was deferred due to personal interests declared by Cllr Cuthbert following which the meeting would be inquorate.

It was **RESOLVED**: That an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council would take place on 3rd August 2026 to consider this item under urgency.

ii. Donation request Basics Essex as outlined in Appendix H. The benefits to Frating residents were still unclear.

It was **RESOLVED**: That the Clerk would seek further information on the community benefits to Frating.

iii. Closed Churchyard: work remained ongoing with the replacement hedge and seating.
It was **RESOLVED**: That the on-going works be **NOTED**.

iv. Community Event: 3rd August 2026 Fraud Prevention. A Notice was displayed promoting the event; the event had been advertised via the summer newsletter and details would be added to the website.

It was **RESOLVED**: That the Fraud Prevention Community Event be widely advertised to encourage attendance.

v. Vehicle Speeding: The Chairman attended a meeting with police in Alresford and discussed the speeding concerns in Frating. Data from the Vehicle Activated Sign was provided to the police with the aim of receiving support for a speed reduction operation in the village.

It was **RESOLVED**: That these concerns continue to be raised with the Police.

vi. Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) statistics.

The Clerk reported that due to the new laptop and an upgrade in the ElanCity software, statistics were not available for presentation at this meeting. The Clerk would endeavour to provide statistics from April – August at the next meeting in September.

It was **RESOLVED**: That the position regarding the VAS be **NOTED**.

07.26.58 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.

07.26.59 DATE OF THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next parish council meeting was scheduled to take place on Monday 7th September 2026 at 19:30hrs at Frating Memorial Hall.

The meeting closed at 08.25 pm hours.

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