



# FRATING PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at the Memorial Hall, Main Road, Frating CO7 7DJ on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

**Present:** Cllr T. Cuthbert (Chair) Cllr R. Mogg  
Cllr T. Philp Cllr. J Hynes

**In Attendance:** Mrs J Spear (Clerk), Cllr Lynda McWilliams and 1 member of the public.

### 12.22.140 To receive and approve any Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Cllr P. Bland, these were accepted by the Council.

### 12.22.141 To receive any Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made.

### 12.22.142 Minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022 meeting to be approved and signed

**Resolved** that the minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022 were a true record and these were signed by the Chair.

### 12.22.143 Public Participation session relating to items on the Agenda

Agenda item 12.22.154 – A member of the public want to ask if the council is considering setting up some kind of warm hub she said this would have the double advantage of having a sociable element to it. The village is a predominantly an oil fuel village and the price of oil has risen and is vey high now.

Cllr Cuthbert proposed to move agenda item 12.22.154 up the agenda to be discussed now.

**Resolved** – All in favour.

Cllrs discussed that the cost of the hire of the memorial hall would have to be paid for, at a cost of £15 per session – plus the cost of hot drinks and some biscuits. Also need to find out if there is a day/time every week for a month that would be available.

Cllr Philp said she would be happy to help run it and also so would the member of public, the clerk advised she can be there and work from the building to help see if that increases engagement.

**Resolved** - Cllr Cuthbert proposed to contact the memorial hall and check for the best day/time, also that the village hall would pay for 4 sessions in January and pay for tea and coffee at a total cost of £75, also for the clerk to make a leaflet advertising a Frating Social gathering for a leaflet drop to gauge interest. All Cllrs in favour.

**Action – Clerk**

### 12.22.144 Reports from Essex Police

Clerk advised that our local police officer advised that he had driven past the Snooty Fox at night time but he said that there are no parking restrictions there so people can park there.



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He will try to conduct a speed check at another time, as the last one on a Sunday morning is not an effective time.

Cllr Cuthbert has requested reporting our issues to the Rural Engagement team to see if we can get any other help.

**Action - Clerk**

Lorries parking outside the new Costcutter is still an issue. As this is not in Frating Parish the council have asked if the clerk will liase with Great Bromley and see if they have had any issues reported.

**Action – Clerk**

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

District Report circulated prior to the meeting.

Cllr McWilliams asked for the Sunnyholme Planning application for it to be called in to planning committee, following Frating Parish Councils request from the last meeting and the issues raised. Before it could come to the panel the application was withdrawn, but there was still time for the 22 objections to be written on there.

Cllr McWilliams sent across the details of the proposed boundary changes prior to this months meeting, the Cllrs supported spreading the word in the village with a leaflet drop in Frating. The final decision on the proposed change will be decided on the 13<sup>th</sup> June.

Cllr McWilliams has also spoken to the planning officer about the length of time that has elapsed since the Palletplus application and has passed on Frating Parish Councils frustration at the lack of any response, she was able to find out that the application will not be seen in December or January.

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

### **a) Neighbourhood Watch**

Cllr Philp advised that Dave Sexton is still the acting chairman there is no other changes at this time.

### **b)TDALC**

The Clerk advised that at the meeting planning was discussed, it was advised that at the moment there is a lack of money in the pot to carry out projects as it is and with inflation this pot of money for these projects has been significantly reduced which is going to increase waiting times. In regard to enforcement the lack of this has been explained with the loss of all of the staff, who have now been replaced but getting them up to speed takes time.

The new windfarm proposal was also discussed and the major impact that this is having already on Dedham/ Ardleigh etc and they have not yet even been built. The next meeting is in January, all questions can be sent across before the next meeting.



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## 12.22.147 To consider the following planning applications:

APPLICATION NO: [22/01835/FULHH](#)

PROPOSAL: Proposed new access with existing access closed.

LOCATION: Tall Trees Clacton Road Frating Colchester

**Resolved** – New entrances on to the A133 were not supported by Essex Highways – so this should not be allowed now, however the Parish Council know that any objection will not be listened too as the other access is being closed and the new property will need an access – No objection

## 12.22.148 Planning Decisions

None Received

## 12.22.149 Palletplus Update

Another consultation has been sent out by TDC:

[21/00186/FUL | Extension to Crossways Centre to include demolition of buildings fronting the site, surfacing of extension to yard, erection of loading bay, landscape, drainage, infrastructure and ancillary works including additional lighting \(part retrospective, revised Highways information from EAS received and dated 18 November 2022 - 14 day reconsultation\). | Crossways Centre Frating Road Great Bromley Colchester Essex CO7 7JW \(tendingdc.gov.uk\)](#)

Frating Parish Council have objected to every stage of the different applications. They have requested information about all permissions given to Palletplus but there is still no clarification of the opening hours. TDC gave permission in 2012 which was for 41 vehicle movements a week, they were then granted a certificate of lawfulness which again the parameters of this have never been given to Frating Parish Council.

Essex Highways have objected to the increase in vehicles using the B1029 at any time, this new / extended application does not stop this issue. Frating Parish Council have been requesting a change to the traffic lights since 2017 (Palletplus are trying to take credit for it in this application). It is not good enough that this has taken over 12 months and there still is not a decision. Cllr McWilliams advised that the planning committee are waiting for it – but it hasn't been passed to committee, so she thinks there is a lot of work going on behind the scenes. The move to the field opposite TBS as a potential move has now not been mentioned.

**Resolved** – Cllr Cuthbert Proposed re-entering another objection onto this application, all in favour.  
**Action – Clerk**

## 12.22.150 Planning Enforcement

### a) New Property Next to Frating Park

When Cllr Cuthbert was on the site visit he was advised that the occupants did require a



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change of use of land, so why has this now changed?

## b) Lothlorian

Has the minor material amendment been received from the applicant? If not what happens next and when?

## c) 1 New Bungalow, Haggars Lane

As stated a planning application is required – if this is not sent in what happens next and when?

## d) Morehams Hall

As stated the planning application requested has not been received, so what happens next and in what time frame?

In regards to the other properties reported Frating Parish Council are happy that the response has been adequate.

**Resolved** – All Cllrs in favour of this response.

**Action – Clerk**

## 12.22.151 Footpaths

### a) Footpath Number 2

A reply has been received that the footpath has been re-instated since then, however since then the field has now been cropped so the footpath is now unwalkable again so this needs to be monitored.

**Action – Cllr Cuthbert**

b) **Footpath 8** no reply received yet, still within 56 days of the first report.

c) **Footpath 5** they are monitoring the situation – as this is over the 56 days – ask what happens now? What does monitoring mean.

**Action – Clerk**

## 12.22.152 To discuss the proposed Purchase of Land Fenn Close/Barrell Close

**Resolved** – After much discussion Cllr Mogg proposed that as Frating do not have enough open space they cannot sell any. All in favour. Clerk will advise the applicant.

**Action – Clerk**

## 12.22.153 To Discuss the Parking at the Snooty Fox

Discussed under Agenda Item 12.22.144

## 12.22.154 To Discuss setting up a Winter Warming Hub

Discussed under Agenda Item 12.22.143

Cllr Bland arrived to join the meeting.



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## 12.22.155 Chairman Report

The crossroads traffic lights timings are going to be upgraded with the intention to add a right hand arm so the traffic from Great Bentley will get their own time to turn right. Now they are discussing adding another arm for traffic to turn the other way – which will only aid the flow of traffic.

Essex County Council the crossing at Frating Park is on the list as a project to be actioned, it is now the final stages of being agreed.

There is no longer a dog warden service at Tendring District Council to report any issues about dogs.

Penguin Random House have been contacted about the state of the verges after the work to lay the new power cables and signs and lots of the signs have now been removed however ECC have carried out their verge cutting and have managed to flatten the heaps of dirt but the footpath is still unpassable, the clerk will get back in touch with Penguin Random House.

There has been a sheet of metal left in a ditch, the clerk will report this to Tendring District Council as fly tipping, opposite Frating Park.

The Chair and the Clerk have been working on updating the Emergency Plan.

## 12.22.156 Clerks Report

Clerk asked the council to confirm the exact amount for the Food Bank Donation from the Memorial Day, although all of the final figures were discussed at the last meeting a final amount of the donation wasn't.

Cllr Mogg proposed a £175 donation, this was seconded by Cllr Cuthbert, all in favour.

Clerk has completed her Standing orders course which is part of the core courses needed for CiLca training.

The meeting at Penguin Random House has been confirmed for Wednesday January 11<sup>th</sup> between 5-7pm, more info will be sent over nearer to the time.

The Clerk has signed on for her CiLca course beginning the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022.

The Clerk has been in touch with Penguin Random House in regards to the signs and the earth covering the pavement outside Frating Park. Although lots of the signs have gone, she will re-chase about the earth covering the pavement as that is still there.

## 12.22.157 Finance

**a) To review and receive monthly bank reconciliation figures for November, as of 18<sup>th</sup> November there is a total of £27,152.12 in both accounts.**

**Resolved** – That the November bank reconciliation is correct and signed by the Chair.

**b) To approve new payments in accordance with the 2022/23 budget.**



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As per attached payment lists for December and delegated authority for payments in January as there is not a January Meeting a total of

**Resolved** – proposed by Cllr P. Bland, seconded by Cllr J. Hynes – all in favour.

**Action – Clerk**

**c) To discuss giving a donation to Essex Air Ambulance**

**Resolved** – Cllr Cuthbert proposed donating £100, all in favour.

**Action – Clerk**

**d) To discuss giving a donation to St Helena Hospice**

**Resolved** – Cllr Cuthbert proposed donating £100, all in favour.

**Action – Clerk**

**e) To discuss and agree the recommended precept request for 2023/24**

The clerk has prepared a draft budget based on the projected end of year spend for 2022/23 spend and used that the project the predicted spend for 2023/24. With taking on the open space after it has been cleared, the maintenance costs for a whole year will double which increases Frating Parish Councils Expenditure by £500. Also the projected price rise for electric has been advised to increase by 20% at an increase of £180 per year. In the next financial year there is an election, Tendring District Council have advised that the cost will be what was paid last time with an increase of 30% on top, projected cost £1000. The IT costs have increased this year with both the Scribe banking system and the new and updated website running costs, at an increase of £270 per year.

The increase in the precept request with these increases in costs is £1900 from last year to a total of £11400. Working on last years tax base this is an increase of £7.63 per person per year. However at the time of the meeting this years Tax Base has not yet been received and there have been new houses completed and new residents have moved into the village so the predicted amount per person will be less and this will be confirmed once this is received.

**Resolved** – Cllr Cuthbert proposed to accept the increase in the precept, Cllr Mogg seconded, all in favour.

**Action - Clerk**

**f) To Discuss the purchase of an additional bin.**

**Resolved** – To write to the landowner to request permission to place the new bin on his land.

**Action - Clerk**

**g) To Discuss the purchase of 2 Evolis Speed Signs**

**Resolved** – Cllr Cuthbert proposed making the purchase of 2 VAS signs at a cost of £4800 including VAT, Cllr Mogg seconded all in favour – this purchase will be made from Capital Expenditure.

**Action – Clerk**



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h) **Resolved** – that the Parish Council agree to a spinal point increase in the Clerks pay due to the increase in experience of the last year.

**Action – Clerk**

**i) Receipts –**

£725.15 from the Memorial Hall

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

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

**Resolved** – that the next meeting be held on the 6<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 7:30.