



FRATING PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at the Memorial Hall, Main Road, Frating CO7 7DJ on 7th November 2022 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Cllr Terry Cuthbert (Chair) Cllr Paula Bland (Deputy Chair)
Cllr R Mogg Cllr Philp

In Attendance: Mrs J Spear (Clerk), Cllr Lynda McWilliams and 2 members of the public, who arrived part way through.

11.22.124 To receive and approve any Apologies for Absence

Cllr Hynes sent her apologies these were accepted by the council.

11.22.125 To receive any Declarations of Interest

None declared.

11.22.126 Minutes of the 03rd October 2022 meeting to be approved and signed

Resolved - It was agreed that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 3rd October 2022 were approved as a correct record, signed by the Chair.

11.22.127 Public Participation session relating to items on the Agenda

At this time of the meeting there were no members of the public present.

11.22.128 Reports from Essex Police

Nothing in Frating but there was an attempted break in Great Bromley, a smashed window but nothing taken. An outbuilding was broken into in Great Bentley outbuildings were stolen.

PCSO Paul Beer has been in touch about a resident reporting individual tapping into a water hydrant, will be tracing the vehicle and if there is an issue with the vehicle they will chase but not much they can do about the water. Worth keeping an eye on if it is a regular occurrence.

Council requested another speed check at a time not Sunday morning, plus issues with residents parking outside the Snooty Fox forcing drivers onto the wrong side of the road, a particular issue with Silverton lorries and buses.

Action - Clerk

11.22.129 Reports from the District and County Councils

There has not been a report received from Cllr Guglielmi again this month, the council have requested that the clerk write to him and ask if there will be one.

Action – Clerk

Cllr McWilliams has sent over a written report today, the clerk will forward onto Cllrs but also gave a run down of the report during the meeting, items to note:

- Tree Wardens for the district have finally been able to meet for the first time since the pandemic.

- Council Enforcement teams worked hard over the summer in response to public feedback about the problems that come with the increase in tourism at that time of year.
- New Gym Equipment to be installed in 3 TDC run leisure centres.
- Charges are going to be brought in for replacement recycling boxes.
- A plan to introduce sheltered accommodation to help support vulnerable patients while they recover when coming out of hospital.

Cllr Bland asked about the new link road between the A120 and the A133, as she had heard that this was no longer going ahead. Cllr McWilliams advised that this is very much going ahead as it is a government sanctioned project. The Clerk has received an email and will forward this to the council.

Action – Clerk

At this time 2 members of the public arrived, and Cllr Cuthbert proposed to close the meeting so that they could discuss what they had come about, all councillors agreed

The members of the public were residents from Frating Park who were asking for an update on a crossing issue they had raised a few years ago, with residents from Frating Park struggling to cross the very busy A133 to use the buses. The clerk had already been in contact and advised them that project LTEN193001, has been proposed and has been backed by Cllr Guglielmi to be progressed. FPC do not have a time line for the works but will let the residents know as soon as we hear.

They also requested if there was any update on the speed limit on the road, as they have experienced numerous incidents with speeding outside the entrance to Frating Park, as they feel 60mph is way too excessive for where the unlit entrance to Frating Park is. Cllr Cuthbert advised that there will be appropriate signage in place to warn motorists about the crossing and that the council are working on getting a VAS sign in place to help with this proposal.

Cllr Cuthbert reopened the meeting.

11.22.130 Reports from other committees and representatives

None received – TDALC is on the 23rd November

11.22.131 To consider the following planning applications:

a) 22/01442/Full Sunnyholme

Resolved – The council agreed unanimously to object to this planning application on the basis of it being over development of the site, the fact that the proposed floor plan lends to the property being turned into a HMO which would lead to a big increase in vehicle movements onto a private road (Haggars Lane) which causes another issue as the proposal includes a change to the frontage of the property from the A133 to Haggars Lane. There hasn't been enough provision for the increase in parking that will be required which will lead to an overflow of the vehicles parking on Haggars Lane. In regards to the proposal of making the property 3 floors this is not in keeping with the surrounding properties the majority of which are bungalows.

Action – Clerk

Also requested Cllr McWilliams to call it in, clerk will email Cllr McWilliams with the full details.

11.22.132 Planning Decisions

Hockley Farm house has been agreed by planning that this can be demolished and replaced.

11.22.133 Palletplus Update

No further updates have been provided at this time.

11.22.134 Planning Enforcement

- Lothlorian
- Morehams Hall
- One New Bungalow, Haggars Lane

- d) Cedar Hall
- e) Land adjacent to Valetta

No updates have been received from planning enforcement, despite the Clerk chasing, however she has been on holiday for 3 weeks so will chase again.

Action - Clerk

11.22.135 Footpaths

a) Footpath Number 2

Has not been flattened, but it is still within the 56 days of inspection.

b) Footpath 5 and 10

Have both been flattened for the public use of the footpaths so that one is ok now.

c) Footpath 8

Has not been flattened, but it is still within the 56 days of inspection.

11.22.136 Chairman Report

Penguin Random House tour date to be arranged.

Action – Clerk

Estuaries Windfarm surveying has now been published, there are some dates at local village halls for residents to go and have a look at the exhibits.

Parking of lorries at the crossroads at the new costcutter (Harwich Road), no reply received from Cllr Guglielmi.

Action – Clerk

Verge on the A133 that needs clearing with the debris and signs left over from Highways.

Action – Clerk

Highways Survey sent out to all cllrs, Cllr Cuthbert has asked if all cllrs can fill this is out.

Action – All Cllrs

Dog Poo bin is not large enough (by the estate) so need to look at the cost of this.

Action – Clerk

11.22.137 Clerks Report

- VAS Sign update – License application received, they have requested confirmation of support from our County Cllr – Cllr Guglielmi has sent one over which the clerk has forwarded on.
- Open Spaces Update, 2 quotes received to clear the open space.

Bland Landscapes quoted £3336.49 plus VAT

Landscape Services quoted £2750 plus VAT

Both include removing the fencing, removing the bushes, leveling and re-seeding. Bland Landscapes would use a digger and level it all off and re-seed the whole area. Landscape Services would grind out the stumps and level – re-seed patches.

Also advised that ongoing maintenance to keep the grass down would be £75 every 2 weeks, doubling the councils cost.

At the moment the S106 money money is held by TDC and needs to be released by them, the clerk will chase and find out what stage this is at, at the moment, as FPC don't want to spend the money out in this financial year and not receive it back in until the next financial year.

New Website – has been built, just needs checking and then moving the domain name across for anyone searching for Frating Parish Council.

11.22.138 Finance

a) To review and receive monthly bank reconciliation figures for October, as of 7th November there was a total of £27, 713.36 in both accounts.

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

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

As per attached payment list - a total of £546.62

Resolved – proposed by Cllr Bland, seconded by Cllr Philp – all in favour.

Action – Clerk

c) To discuss the final cost of the centennial celebration:

Parish Council Spend:

Total Net cost: £1320.41

Take off the £250 donation off this from Cllr Mcwilliams - £1070.41

Plus the £40 Donation from Jon Bartington £1030.41

Minus £100 donation from UK Construction Ltd

Memorial Hall Spend

£650 donations received

£30.10 cost spent on food leaves £619.90 left to be transferred to FPC.

Final Amount left to pay after Donations

Total Cost £1030.41 - £619.90 leaves £410.51 (50% each) leaves £205.26 for each to pay for half the costs

d) To Discuss the Outcome of the Clerks Review

Resolved – This item is to be deferred until the December meeting.

Action – Cllr Cuthbert and Cllr Mogg

e) Receipts –

£4750 Precept Payment

£46 LCTS

£33.75 Eon Refund

£175 cash donations from the memorial day

£34.41 card donations from the memorial day – (£35 was paid on cards, £0.59 SumUp charges for the payments)

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

- Land adjacent to Valetta
- Litter Picking
- Purchase of VAS Signs
- Update on the S106 monies held by TDC for the open spaces project
- New Dog/ Litter Bin

11.22.140 To note the date and time of the next meeting

Resolved – That the next meeting be held on Monday 5th December 2022 at 7:30pm

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 21:12pm

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