



## PARISH NEWS: Spring 2026

**Dear Frating Resident,**

Welcome to the spring edition of the Frating Parish Council Newsletter. In this issue, we share an overview of the Tendring District Council (TDC) Local Plan Consultation and highlight ways you can play an active part in village life. We hope you find these updates useful and informative.

**Councillor Terry Cuthbert, Chairman**

### **Have Your Say: Tendring District Council's Local Plan Consultation**

TDC is seeking views on the next stage of its Local Plan, which will guide future housing, employment, infrastructure (such as new schools), and community facilities across the district. This is an important moment for residents to understand what is being proposed and for you to give your views before decisions are finalised.

A key proposal is a new Garden Village of 4,500 homes in Frating and the surrounding area (Hare Green). If progressed, this development would have a major influence on our landscape, transport, services and the character of our community. The consultation closes on **23rd March 2026**.

### **How to take part & find out more**

You can view all proposals and supporting documents on the TDC website: [www.tendringdc.gov.uk/consultations/local-plan-review-preferred-options](http://www.tendringdc.gov.uk/consultations/local-plan-review-preferred-options). Responses can be submitted online using the form provided or you can send written comments by email or post. Your feedback matters; it helps ensure the final Plan reflects the needs and priorities of the people who live in Frating.

There is a special presentation on the Local Plan by the TDC Corporate Director at the **Memorial Hall** on **6th March 2026 at 5.30 pm** where you can learn more about the proposals and ask questions. Residents are strongly encouraged to attend.

Additional consultation events in our area include:

**Thursday 26th February** – Brightlingsea Parish Hall, **3 pm – 7 pm**

**Saturday 28th February** – Weeley St Andrews Primary School, **10 am – 2 pm**

Further sessions will also take place in Frinton-on-Sea and Harwich; full details are available on the TDC website.

## **Thinking About Getting More Involved? Become a Parish Councillor**

We currently have vacancies on the Parish Council and would like to invite residents to apply. Parish councillors play an important role in representing local views, influencing decisions on services and facilities that benefit the parish. It's a rewarding way to make a real difference, develop new skills, and work alongside others who share a commitment to our area.

You don't need any special qualifications just enthusiasm, common sense, and a willingness to get involved. Serving as a parish councillor requires only a few hours a month but provides an opportunity for you to help shape the future.

If you're over 18 and live or work in the parish, you may be eligible to join. To find out more, come along to a meeting or contact the Clerk on [clerk@fratingparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@fratingparishcouncil.gov.uk)

For an informal discussion on the role of a councillor contact:

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## **A Kind Reminder About Fireworks & Consideration for Our Community**

Many of us enjoy marking special occasions with fireworks. They can be a wonderful spectacle, but they also bring unintended consequences particularly for pets, wildlife and neighbours who may be sensitive to loud noise.

We're asking all residents to be mindful of the impact that fireworks can have on others. Sudden bangs and prolonged noise can cause significant distress for animals, who often experience anxiety long after the display has ended. For some residents especially those who are elderly or unwell the unexpected noise can also be unsettling.

You can help by:

**Letting neighbours know in advance** if you plan to use fireworks, especially those with pets.

**Choosing quieter, low-noise fireworks** where possible.

**Keeping displays short and at reasonable times** avoiding late evenings.

**Following all safety guidance** to protect yourself and others.

A little consideration goes a long way; we can all enjoy fireworks while keeping our community and our pets safe and calm. Thank you for helping to make our parish a kinder, more considerate place.

## **The next Frating Parish Council Meetings will be held on:**

Monday, 7.30 pm at the Memorial Hall on **2<sup>nd</sup> March, 13<sup>th</sup> April and 11<sup>th</sup> May.**

If you would like to suggest an article for future editions of the newsletter, please contact the Clerk on [clerk@fratingparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@fratingparishcouncil.gov.uk)

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