



FRATING PARISH COUNCIL

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** as her objection in December was to the location of the west bound VAS sign and the bigger point of the speed indicator of the VAS sign.*

Minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held at the Memorial Hall, Main Road, Frating CO7 7DJ on Monday 05th January 2024 at 7:30pm.

Present: Cllr T. Cuthbert (Chair) Cllr P. Bland Cllr T. Philp
Cllr. V. Morris Cllr. J. Hynes

In Attendance: Mrs J Spear (Clerk), Tendring District Councillor Lynda McWilliams, and 24 members of the public.

Public Notice from The Chair

Before the Chair opened the meeting he requested a minutes silence be held in respect of the loss of Cllr. Reginald Mogg who was a valued member of the Parish Council and the village.

02.24.151 To receive and approve any Apologies for Absence
None Declared

02.24.152 To receive any Declarations of Interest
None Declared

02.24.153 Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting held on the 08th January 2024 to be approved and signed
Resolved Cllr. P. Bland proposed that the minutes of the 08th January 2024 were a true record of the meeting, all were in agreement and these were signed by the Chair.

02.24.154 Public Participation session relating to items on the Agenda

A MOP of the public wanted to have it noted that she wanted to raise an objection to the installation of the VAS signs in the village, as she wasn't happy that this objection was not minuted fully in the December Minutes. *- The MOP does not have a carte blanche objection to the VAS signs in the village but the point she made in December and was re-raised at the February meeting. She feels incredibly minded **
A MOP wanted to ask about the bus shelter that we need to clarify the ownership of the bus shelter and the land, also that the applicant has stated that they have been in contact with the parish council as advised by TDC planning to contact the parish council and resolve the issue of the bus shelter. The chair confirmed that the applicant has proved the land is owned by the applicant using the land registry certificate. he further advised that the parish council have not had any contact with the applicant. The clerk will email TDC planning and advise them that contrary to what the applicant has stated they have not been in contact with the parish council.

Another MOP wanted to reiterate the statements made by the previous MOP about the importance of the bus shelter on the land. He suggests that we move this to litigation as he thinks the parish council have a strong case of claiming land ownership over the land due to the length of time that the bus shelter has been in situ.



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MOP wanted to ask about the Mineral Extraction Plan that has been discussed. as he has now received his letter (all the houses within 250m of the sites will receive a letter regarding the consultation), this is really important so that all residents close to this can have their say. The chair advised that we attended the online presentation of the meeting for this last week. Frating fought before, 6 years ago but this will be on the agenda for next month, once we receive the paperwork from Essex County Council the council will be putting it all online.

A MOP wanted to ask about the flooding issue, he lives near the Snooty Fox on Frating Road the flooding, they are fed up of the flooding they have been suffering for many years. The Chair advised them that this area is unfortunately in Great Bromley and they need to speak to Great Bromley Parish Council. They advised that they have been to them already but think the problem is within Frating and causing their issues. The Chair gave a brief overview of the extensive flooding issues that have occurred in Frating, and that the parish council have contacted Essex County Council, environmental services, Tendring District Council, Anglian Water and Bernard Jenkins. There will be a site visit arranged with the agencies as this is the 3rd time this has occurred. The clerk asked if they can provide them their details so she can add their information to the folder she is building of complaints.

Another MOP moved into Bromley road in 1993 he never had a problem with flooding until the new housing estate was built 20 years ago, he no longer lives in this property.

A MOP asked about the play area project and when that is going to be begun, the clerk advised that it is due to be started anytime it was just waiting for the play area to be disinfected after the flooding.

02.24.155 To note that Frating Parish Council has vacancies for new Cllrs

This was noted by the Parish Council. The clerk will put the notice up to advertise the vacancy this week following the correct legal procedure.

02.24.156 Code of Conduct

To remind Cllrs of Cllr attended events.

This week the clerk has forwarded the Code of Conduct at The Standing Orders around to councillors and wanted to remind all cllrs. that if they attend any events or act as a representative that has not been sanctioned to do so by the parish council, then they do so as an individual only and not as a representative of the parish council.

02.24.157 Reports from the District and County Councils

Not received from Cllr. Guglielmi at the time of the meeting.

Cllr. L. McWilliams report was circulated prior to the meeting, there were no questions raised at this time.

02.24.158 Chairmans Report

a) Footpaths

The previously reported fingerposts were reported as down at a previous meeting, he has



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been advised confirmation today that they have been put back up. He has further reported that a directional sign opposite the Memorial hall has started to rust and is about to fall over, (it can take up to 28 days for this to be investigated).

The barriers that were knocked over down by the bridge have now been replaced after 3 months.

The footpaths are in good condition right now.

b) Taylor Wimpy Signs

The signs that were reported to enforcement have been removed now after their retrospective application was refused.

02.24.159 Clerks Report

Flooding was already discussed during the public participation section and there have been no further updates since the clerks report.

Historian Robert Butcher confirmed that the cost of the Commonwealth War grave sign is free so we just need the permission form to be signed by Tendring District Council.

Anglian Water confirmed that the Play Area was cleaned on Saturday 03rd February.

02.24.160 To discuss the reported findings from the VAS Signs for December and January

The clerk advised that looking at these reports it does show that there has been an overall reduction in the speed of drivers coming through Frating so this may show that the signs are having an impact. The clerk is awaiting where we need to send these reports too over at the rural engagement team, as they show peak speeding times and so will help inform the police when they can come and carry out speed checks. There is still 13% of drivers going over the speed limit.

02.24.161 Flooding in Frating

a) To note the report and ask any questions about the actions regarding the flooding.

The report was noted by the council. No questions asked about the actions regarding the flooding.

b) To discuss and agree to setting a meeting with Essex County Council Flood Management

Cllr. P. Bland advised that she will struggle to attend in the working day but would like to help.

Resolved Cllr. T. Cuthbert proposed that we arrange the meeting and advise the rest of the council when it will be and if anyone else can attend if they can, all in agreement.

Action – Clerk and the Chair

02.24.162 To hear a report from the TDALC meeting

The main discussion was about the lowering of the speed limits in the area.

Recycling Bins will soon be available at Brightlingsea library and Clacton Town Hall and they will be chargeable. Cllr. Philp advised she has been advised that these will be £7.50 each plus £2 for a lift.

Fly tipping issues were discussed along with littering.



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02.24.163 To note the report from the Essex Minerals Local Plan Briefing and discuss next steps.

As discussed in the public participation session earlier, this will be discussed at next months meeting as soon as the council receive the documentation due tomorrow the council will be sharing this publicly in the noticeboards and online on our website. Cllr. Morris advised a MOP from Brightlingsea contacted her about the consultation and she has signposted her to contact the clerk. The Chair advised we do still have all the reports from last time to begin with.

02.24.163 Planning

a) 23/01072/FUL – To note that the applicant has provided extra proof of the land ownership on the application and that the parish council have not had any contact from the applicant, except to refuse the offer to attend the parish council meeting where the application was to be discussed.

This was noted by the Parish Council.

There was a debate pursued by Cllr. V. Morris regarding the land that the bus shelter sits on and the budget for legal fees that is in the budget for the next financial year for the parish council to try to claim ownership of the land, the clerk advised no decision can be made to spend money that money as there is not an item on the agenda to make that decision and it will have to be added to next months meeting.

Cllr. T. Philp expressed her dismay at the debate, apologised to the Chair and left the meeting at this time.

02.24.164 Finance

a) To review and receive monthly bank reconciliation figures for January. As of 18th January, there was a total of £21,557.00 in both bank accounts.

Resolved – that as of 18th January there was a total of £21,557.00 in both bank accounts and the bank Reconciliation is correct, and this was signed by the Chair.

b) To discuss purchasing and sending flowers in memory of Cllr. R. Mogg.

Resolved – Cllr. P. Bland proposed a spending limit of £50 for the flowers, all in agreement.

Action – Clerk

c) To approve new payments for February in accordance with the 2023/24 budget, payment list attached.

Resolved – Cllr. proposed that the payments be made, seconded by Cllr. V. Morris, all in favour.

Action – Clerk

d) To note the following Receipts –

£0.06

This was noted by the council

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



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To Discuss seeking legal advice on the land the bus shelter sits on.
Essex Minerals Local Plan
Update on the Flooding
Update on the Play Park

02.24.166 To note the date and time of the next meeting.

The next meeting is to be held on Monday 04th March 2024 at 7:30~~pm~~

There being no further business the chair closed the meeting at 20.36.

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