



FRATING PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held at the Memorial Hall, Main Road, Frating CO7 7DJ on Monday 5th June 2023 at 7:30pm.

Present: Cllr T. Cuthbert (Chair) Cllr P. Bland (Vice Chair) Cllr R. Mogg
Cllr T. Philp Cllr V. Morris

In Attendance: Mrs J Spear (Clerk), Tendring District Councillor Lynda McWilliams and 2 members of the public.

06.23.38 To receive and approve any Apologies for Absence

None received

06.23.39 To receive any Declarations of Interest

None declared

06.23.40 Minutes of the 19th May 2023 meeting to be approved and signed

Resolved – that the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 19th May 2023 are a true record and these were signed by the Chair.

06.23.41 Public Participation session relating to items on the Agenda

MOP asked about the progress on the play area as it has been a while since anything has moved forward.

Cllr Cuthbert advised that when they built the park, the parish requested to make the area one big park, instead of being split which didn't happen. Last year the PC engaged with TDC to renew the park and change the layout, which is still ongoing and the parish council are pushing TDC to get the project moved further on. Cllr T. Cuthbert advised the MOP that we would keep her updated as and when we hear anything.

06.23.42 Reports from the District and County Councils

Cllr. T. Cuthbert would like to express congratulations on behalf of the Parish on Cllr. L. McWilliams reappointment as our Tendring District Councillor.

Cllr McWilliams sent over her report prior to the meeting which was circulated the council but added the following:

- Called in the Holly Farm Planning Application.
- Cllr L. McWilliams has also been chasing the progress of the play area.
- Community Initiative funding from county being administered by EALC, with 2 levels of grants up to £10,000 each to go towards capital or revenue projects towards voluntary organisations.
- North Falls exhibition attended, they took lots of notes of peoples questions and concerns to take back to the applicant.

06.23.43 Reports from other committees and representatives

a) TDALC



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The clerk reported that they have a new chair, Frank Belgrove. That they are looking into the way s106 money is agreed at the development stage of planning applications as currently it is a very rigid system. John Pateman-Gee the head of planning has now been in post for a year and now has 5 full time members of staff and 2 part time all the roles all filled in house rather than being consulted out and going forwards this should mean more continuity within planning and enforcement. He will also look to being attending local parish and town council meetings when required.

b) Neighbourhood Watch nothing to report at this time, as there have been no meetings. Cllr. V. Morris asked how a Neighbourhood Watch could be set up in the estate as it may help with the antisocial problems occurring at the play area, as the current one is for Bromley road only. Cllr. T. Philp advised that she send over the details so Cllr. V. Morris could find the required info and that this has been set up independently of the parish council.

c) Community Gardens – Cllr. P. Bland advised that she attended the local meeting in Elmstead Market and was advised that the new road will now not be completed before the new housing, it will be built in phases. The money was allocated in full by the government but with the rising cost of inflation the money that was allocated is not now enough, and there doesn't seem to be a planned finish of the infrastructure.

Cllr. L. McWilliams is going to speak to Gary Guiver from planning to find out what is going on, because if they are just able to build the houses and not having to complete the infrastructure first then there is no guarantee that the infrastructure will ever be built.

06.23.44 Annual Lighting Survey

To note that the annual lighting survey has been carried out and all the lights have been cleaned and checked.

Resolved This has been noted by the council.

06.23.45 To consider a response to the Statutory Consultation from the North Falls Offshore Windfarm

Resolved this was discussed under item 06.23.42

06.23.46 To consider taking part in the Salt Bag Partnership Scheme 2023

Salt bin on the open space?

Resolved Cllr. T. Cuthbert proposed not to take part in the Salt Bag Partnership this year, all in agreement, no action.

06.23.47 To consider the following planning applications:

a) [23/00576/FUL](#), Holly Farm Main Road Frating Colchester

Proposed demolition of house and outbuildings and erection of 6no. detached dwellings served from a single point of vehicular access (Amended and additional information received)

Resolved that the amended plans don't change the Parish Councils original objection, no action needed.



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b) SunnyHolme – the deadline for comments has been extended, its not a fresh application, this was noted by the council who have already objected to the application.

06.23.48 Planning Decisions

None received.

06.23.49 Chairs Report

a) Footpaths

Footpath Number 1: The irrigation equipment is blocking the footpath currently, so you must walk around the equipment into the crops. Cllr. T Cuthbert will keep an eye on it, it may only be here for a couple of weeks if it is left longer than he will report on the highways portal.

b) Verges

Cllr. T. Cuthbert has not received any further communication from Penguin Random House about them correcting the verges from their contractor's mess. He has now gone onto Highways and reported this for the second time as there has been no response from Highways either.

c) Palletplus there has been no further progress with the application, as the legal agreements have not been agreed between TDC Solicitors and the applicants.

06.23.50 Clerks Report

Report circulated prior to the meeting.

The clerk is using a new reporting tool, to aid in further transparency of her workload and to be able to give the Cllrs more up to date reports of ongoing and completed tasks.

06.23.51 Finance

a) To review and receive monthly bank reconciliation figures for May. As of 18th May there was a total of £23827.36 in both bank accounts.

Resolved – that the May Bank Reconciliation is correct, and this was signed by the Chair.

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

Resolved – Cllr. P. Bland proposed that the payments be made, seconded by Cllr. T. Philp
Action – Clerk

c) Final Coronation Celebration Spending Report

The clerk reported that a total of £72.95 was spent, minus the £50 donation from TDC via Cllr. L. McWilliams that makes the total cost to the Parish Council of £22.95

Cllr. T. Cuthbert confirmed that there would be no hire charges for the use of the memorial hall that day.

c) To note the following Receipts –



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i) £50 from TDC (Cllr McWilliams) for the Coronation.
This was noted by the council.

06.23.52 Items from the councillors to be added to the next meeting:

- Co option of a new councillor
- Community Gardens
- New Cllr Training

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

Resolved – That the next meeting is to be held on Monday 3rd July at 7:30pm.

There being no further business the meeting was closed by the Chair at 20:34pm

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