



FRATING PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at the Memorial Hall, Main Road, Frating CO7 7DJ on the 6th March 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

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

In Attendance: Mrs J Spear (Clerk) and 3 members of the public.

03.23.183 To receive and approve any Apologies for Absence

Cllr J Hynes and Cllr L McWilliams sent her apologies and these were accepted by the council

03.23.184 To receive any Declarations of Interest

None Declared

03.23.185 Minutes of the 6th of February 2023 meeting to be approved and signed

Resolved - that the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on the 6th February 2023 were these were a true record and signed by the Chair.

03.23.186 Public Participation session relating to items on the Agenda

MOP raised Opposite Holly Farm – 2 piles of asbestos these have reported about a month ago and they still have not been collected – Cllr. T Cuthbert advised he had also reported it but will now chase it.

MOP pavement to Elmstead Market, is shrinking and is becoming unsafe to walk on, Cllr Cuthbert advised that we have raised it before and it has not been done, but as a council we can report this again and see if we can do anything else about it.

MOP discussed that the recent development in elmstead market advised that one of the planning conditions is that they have to supply allotments – can this be considered if any major developments happen in Frating in the future, as Cllr Cuthbert advised we shouldn't get any new development here due to the local plan, but this is something that can be noted.

MOP raised the Palletplus issue that has been ongoing on for a long time. The new case officer has now advised that they are recommending approval on the application which is very disheartening.

Cllr Cuthbert proposed moving up agenda item 03.23.190 to discuss now – all in favour of this.

The council discussed that a member of Frating Parish Council will apply to speak against the application at the planning committee meeting next week.

Action Clerk

MOP sent an email about the books that have been donated by Random House, which have been now given to the book club, they were a really nice selection. She is suggesting opening up the book club an extra half an hour early to give more access to the rest of the



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village to borrow them who aren't members at the moment to share the access. The Clerk will share on the website too.

Cllr Cuthbert proposed moving up agenda item 03.23.191 to discuss now – all in favour of this.

MOP advised that he is more than happy to continue with any support that the trustees require with the new heating suggestion.

Resolved - This has been noted by the Parish Council .

03.23.187 Reports from the District and County Councils

None received by the time of the meeting.

03.23.188 Reports from other committees and representatives

a) Neighbourhood Watch

Cllr T. Philp's is still waiting for the minutes of the last meeting to be sent over and the next meeting is in May.

03.23.188 To consider the following planning applications:

a) 23/00052/FUL, Land at Hill Farm Clacton Road Elmstead Colchester, Proposed erection of two dwellings (in lieu of Prior Approval for the conversion of an agricultural building into two dwellings, subject of application

22/00475/COUNOT)

Resolved – that the parish council will object to this proposal based on the fact that the outline planning permission that has been granted no longer applies to this application because the footprint is outside of the barn footprints with having 2 separate houses.

Action – Clerk

b) 23/00193/FULHH, 36 Tokely Road Frating Colchester Essex, Proposed first floor side extension over existing converted garage. Extended area to be finished in Weatherboard Cladding. New dual pitch roof.

Resolved – that the Parish Council have no objection to this application

c) 22/02076/FUL, Land North and South of A133 Clacton Road at Finches Lane Elmstead Essex, Full planning permission for 86 No residential dwellings to the north of Clacton Road including new access, 40 No residential dwellings to the south of Clacton Road using existing access. Construction of market field grows use Class E to include multi use building (337sqm), reception office (200sqm), workshop (222sqm), 46 space car park, ancillary landscaping and buildings.

- Outline planning permission (access only) for mixed use commercial Space 1.12ha up to 2500sqm.

(The proposal constitutes a departure from the Development Plan)

Resolved – that the parish council will object to this proposal based on the fact that this development is outside the development boundary and also that the buffer between the 2



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villages of Frating and Elmstead will be significantly decreased.

03.23.189 Planning Decisions:

[22/01921/FULHH](#) – Lothlorien Main Road Frating Colchester, Retrospective application for rear single storey flat roof extension.

Approval - Full

Delegated Decision

This decision has been noted by the council.

03.23.190 Palletplus Update

Discussed under Agenda Item 03.23.186

03.23.191 To discuss the new heating proposal in the village hall

Discussed under Agenda Item 03.23.186

03.23.192 Footpaths

All the public footpaths are not too bad, there has been some cropping and one of them is not quite as wide as it should be but it is being trampled down with more walking.

03.23.193 Chairman Report

a) Pride of Tendring Award

To note that Cllr T. Cuthbert was awarded a Pride of Tendring Award this year for his long time service to Frating Village.

b) To note that this coming year 2023/24 p3 work plan has been submitted to TDC

This has been noted by the Council.

c) The Verges

Cllr T. Cuthbert has been in communication with Random House, he was advised that the contractors should be back within 2 weeks. However the contractors are here now to put in the crossing by the bus stop (this pathway was covered when the contractors put in the new cables for Random House). Cllr Cuthbert will contact TBS to make sure that they will still be coming back to make the verge and footpath right after the crossroads work has been completed.

d) Crossing at Frating Park

This work is currently being undertaken at the moment.

e) Signage for the diversion for the arlesford viaduct are incorrect

Clerk will contact Highways to advise them that these diversion signs are incorrect.

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03.23.194 Clerks Report

Clerk advised that the traffic lights have still not been looked at, and we have had 2 terrible accidents here within the last month. Unfortunately, the 2 contacts for this work are not



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available at the moment.

S106 money has been confirmed that it will be paid into the Parish Council account from TDC on the 9th March so the payment to the contractor for the work on the open space can be made.

Election Flyers are ready with feedback given from Cllrs, Clerk will print and then these can be distributed. The Elections details are on the website and FB and Next Door.

The clerk has had some issues with Barclays about the confirming of business details from December, after numerous phone calls and being on hold for upwards of 3 hours they have apologised and paid £100 into the Parish bank account as a gesture of goodwill.

Unit one of the CiLca has been completed and the clerk is moving onto the next unit now. VAS signs update, the application can be put in from the middle of March and Great Bentley will also input theirs at the same time to share the cost of the lamppost inspection between the 2 councils.

03.23.195 To discuss the response from the landowner about the placement of a bin and any actions arising.

Resolved – Cllr R. Mogg proposed that we reply and thank the landowner for his email and that the information has been passed onto the Parish Council.

Action – Clerk

03.23.196 To discuss the 2 quotes for grass cutting and maintenance for the coming year 2023/24.

Quote 1: £180 net fortnightly cuts from mid march – roughly 16 cuts per year

Quote 2: £150 net fortnightly cuts from mid march – roughly 16 cuts per year

Resolved – Cllr T. Cuthbert proposed that we go with Quote 2, all in favour of this.

Action – Clerk

03.23.197 To discuss the action plan for a coronation celebration

The village hall committee would like to be involved with the celebration, as Rob Butcher, take place on the Sunday of the Coronation Weekend, tea and coffee, nibbles, kids craft activity, hamper

03.23.198 Finance

a) To review and receive monthly bank reconciliation figures for February.

As of 17th February 2023 there was a total of £ 25,510.24 in both accounts

Resolved – That the monthly bank reconciliation is correct and this was signed by the Chair.

b) To approve new payments for March in accordance with the 2022/23 budget, payment list attached.

Resolved – Cllr P. Bland proposed to make the payments, Cllr T. Philp's seconded, all in favour.

Action – Clerk



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i) Receipts – none received.

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

None added

03.23.200 To note the date and time of the next meeting and the Annual Parish Meeting

Resolved – that the next meeting is on 03rd April 2023 at 7:30 and that the Annual Parish Meeting be held on the 15th May 2023.

There being no further business the chair closed the meeting at 20:59