

FRECKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL  
Minutes of an Extra-Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 5 December 2016  
at Freckenham Village Hall, Fordham Road at 7.30 p.m.

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Present: Cllrs. D Wheeler (Chairman), L Barton (Vice Chairman) P Gibbs, C Pearson & S Cornell

In Attendance: Mrs HA Gurner (Clerk), Cllr. B Harvey – District Councillor, & 34 members of the public

Due to the many people attending this meeting, the Chairman opened up the meeting prior to starting the Agenda for questions from the public, not exceeding three minutes each question. One member of the public spoke in favour and six members of the public spoke out against the application. The Chairman read out a further objection from another member of the public who was unable to attend this evening.

The following documents will be appended to the signed Minutes:-

- Agenda

87.	<u>Apologies:-</u> None.	<u>Action</u>
88.	<u>Declaration of Interest:-</u> None.	
89.	<p><u>Planning:-</u></p> <p><u>89.1. To consider any planning applications:-</u></p> <p>89.1.1. DC/16/2334/VAR Millfield, Fordham Road, Freckenham. Variation of condition 3 of F/2002/428 – To remove occupancy restriction and transfer this restriction to new dwelling for the change of use of the land and erection of american barn to house 16 loose boxes for horses in convalescence and pre-training. The Council made no comments.</p> <p>89.1.2. DC/16/1400/OUT Freckenham House, Mildenhall Road, Freckenham Outline planning application (all matters reserved) – 6 no. low carbon dwellings. Bearing in mind all the comments made in the public part of the meeting the Councillors then had a discussion around this application. After considerable debate Councillors <b>decided</b> that:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eco-design buildings are welcomed</li> <li>• The proposed pavement around the site starting from where the existing pavement on the opposite side of Mildenhall Road is - going all the way round the bend at Mildenhall road &amp; joining up with Elms Road was considered positive on the proviso that it terminated at a point where there was a pavement on the opposite side of the road.</li> <li>• Request that should FHDC approve this application a more detailed ecological survey is carried out to consider the impact of this application on birds and bats in particular – this was something raised by a number of residents in the area.</li> <li>• <b>Object</b> that the planning application is outside the settlement area, although not clear whether this is in fact within the conservation area – more information would be required for clarification on this matter</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Object</b> to the fact that 22 trees are to be felled</li> <li>• <b>Object</b> on the grounds of traffic safety – another entrance on Mildenhall Road and nearer to the ‘S’ bends will make the road more dangerous than it already is</li> <li>• <b>Strongly object</b> on the scale and dominance of the project – six houses is too many</li> <li>• No comment on the style or design of housing as no elevation drawings have been provided, but object to an application whereby all are of the same design or ‘estate’ style housing as it does not fit in with the character of Freckenham</li> <li>• <b>Object</b> to the loss of privacy for the immediate neighbours that this project will have a great impact on</li> </ul> <p>Although Councillors were very positive on the eco-design and also the pavement around the outer edge of the site the overall decision is to <b>object</b> to the application on the above grounds and the Clerk to submit same.</p> <p>89.1.3. DC/16/2529/TCA Drift Cottage, Elms Road, Freckenham Trees in a Conservation Area Notification – (i) 2no Lime trees (T1 and T2 on plan) – Lift lower branches up to a height of 4m. Councillors had no objections to this application.</p> <p>89.1.4. DC/16/2633/TPO Drift Cottage, Elms Road, Freckenham TPO182(1972) Tree Preservation Order – (i) 2no Chestnut trees (T3,T5 and T6 on plan) – Reduce the height by 1/3<sup>rd</sup> and (ii) 1no Chestnut tree (T4 on plan) T4)- Remove leading arm that branches out and is causing serious stress to the tree (All within Area A3 of Order) Councillors had no objections to this application.</p> <p>89.2. <u>To note applications determined:-</u></p> <p>89.2.1. DC/16/1974/TPO - TPO 182 (1972) - Tree Preservation Order - (i) 1no. Cherry Plum (3 on plan, within area G1 on order) overall crown reduction by 25%; (ii) 7no. Lime (16 - 22 on plan, within area G1 on order) thin crown by 20% and raise canopy to 3.5 metres. Linden House Elms Road Freckenham. <b>Freckenham Councillors sent No objections, FHDC Approved.</b></p> <p>89.2.2. DC/16/1965/FUL - Planning Application - Extension for a further two years of temporary change of use of single dwelling house to Class B1(a) office use. Rectory Cottage Church Lane Freckenham Suffolk. <b>Freckenham Councillors sent No objections, FHDC Approved.</b></p>	
90.	<p><u>Financial matters:-</u></p> <p><u>90.1. To confirm payment of invoices:</u></p> <p>(a) M C Services, Installation of hand-rail to the Recreation Ground at £100.00, cheque no. 877</p> <p>(b) Gipping Press Ltd, Printing of Parish Pump (Winter edition 2016) at £102.60, cheque no. 878</p> <p>(c) Peter Taylor-Whiffen, Editing of Parish Pump (Winter edition 2016) at £140.00, cheque no. 879</p> <p><u>90.2. To confirm any payments received after the Agenda was issued – to be tabled on the night:</u></p> <p>Mr D E Wheeler, expenses for wreath for Remembrance Service and mileage expenses for attending the SALC AGM at £52.50, cheque no. 880</p>	
91.	<p><u>Any Other Business:-</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consideration of the Neighbourhood Plan to be put on the next Parish</li> </ul>	

	<p>Council Agenda.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Parish Pump won a runner up prize in the Suffolk Association of Local Councils - Newsletter of the Year 2016, Smaller Council Award</li> </ul>	
92.	<p><u>Date of Next Meeting:-</u> Monday 16 January 2017 at 7.30pm</p>	

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.40pm.

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