

FRECKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL  
Minutes of Extra-Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 8 August 2017  
at the Village Hall, Fordham Road, Freckenham at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs. Wheeler - Chairman, Pearson – Vice & Cornell

In Attendance: Cllr. Busuttil – Suffolk County Council, 5 parishioners and the Clerk.

Absent: Cllr. Gibbs

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

- Agenda

45.	<u>Apologies</u> Cllr Barton & Cllr Harvey, FHDC.	<u>Action</u>
46.	<u>Declaration of Interest in any items on the Agenda</u> Cllr Wheeler declared a non-pecuniary interest. However as there are only three members of the Council in attendance the Clerk granted a dispensation in order for Members to vote on the planning application.	
47.	<u>Members of the public are invited to speak on any item within the Agenda for a maximum of three minutes</u> One member of the public spoke in favour of the application with another member saying they had no objections.	
48.	<u>Planning</u> 48.1 <u>Current Planning Applications</u> DC/17/1423/FUL Homefields, Fordham Road – 1no. dwelling. Considerations to be put forward to the District Council include:- Freckenham Parish Council does not object in general to this application. However, there are considerations that they would like to be put forward to the District Council. These are listed below:- Considerations to be put forward to the District Council include:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• that the proposed new bungalow should be set further back so it is in line with the existing bungalow "Homefields".</li> <li>• The current vehicle access should be shared for the existing Bungalow Homefields and the new proposed property as shown on the location plan submitted, with the dividing fence set back to enable access to both properties and their respective garages.</li> <li>• It is questioned as to whether there was an old farm track for access to the field at the rear as it is severely overgrown. Local residents of long standing have stated they have no knowledge. The track on the planning application states 6.0 metres but on the site plan drawing is 5.27 metres.</li> <li>• Which trees? fronting Fordham Road will be retained, as existing are Laurel and Conifer.</li> <li>• What sort of trees will be built across the front of the proposed new property?</li> <li>• Working time constraints should be kept to – Mondays – Fridays with Saturday mornings only, not Sat afternoons or Sundays. Building &amp; Delivery Vehicles should be on site, off the road, off the pavement thus allowing safe pedestrian passage and no vehicles to be parked on any verges. Fordham Road is a very busy road and safety must be considered as the highest</li> </ul>	Clerk registered comments on the planning portal 9.8.2017

	priority.	
49.	<p>To consider a response to the consultation by West Suffolk to move towards 'one council' combining Forest Heath District Council and St Edmundsbury.</p> <p>Members are not keen on FHDC proceeding the merger with St Edmundsbury. With St Edmundsbury Council being the bigger Council and Forest Heath District Council being the smaller part, FHDC will lose out to the bigger Council. Members of the public here were not happy with this merger either. Cllr Busuttil gave a talk on what is happening locally with regards to this. There is a meeting taking place tomorrow evening at 7pm in the Fenland Room, The Pavillion, Mildenhall when more information will be given. Everyone is encouraged to attend to hear more about this. Cllr Busuttil is keen on saving money and keeping the Council Tax low, but this is likely to rise with or without the merger.</p>	
50.	<p><u>Any Urgent Business</u></p> <p>Single Issue Review by the District Council – hearings will commence at 9.30am on 25 September at the Council Offices and will run until 29 September 2017. Members can attend if they wish.</p> <p>Telephone Box – the Chairman requested a quotation from James Holdgate which has now been received in the region of £510 + VAT. Cllr Pearson mentioned Elly Sallingboe (a Freckenham resident) is keen to pay for the restoration of the telephone box. The Clerk was asked to contact her.</p> <p>It was brought up by a member of the public that the Coffee Caravan which was stolen recently could benefit from a donation by the Parish Council from S.137 of the Local Government Act 1972.</p> <p>The SALC AGM is on 7 November 2017 at the Blackbourne Community Centre, Elmswell- unfortunately the Chairman is not able to attend this meeting and as we are entering in the Web-site and the Parish Magazine competition - this is the meeting where the winners are announced, it would be good to see members attend in the Chairman's absence.</p>	Letter sent 11.8.2017
51.	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>The date of the next meeting is confirmed as Monday 11 September 2017.</p>	

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.42pm.

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