

FRECKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 6 March 2017
at Freckenham Village Hall, Fordham Road at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Cllrs. D Wheeler (Chairman), S Cornell & C Pearson
Cllr. P Gibbs arrived at 8.02pm

In Attendance: Mrs HA Gurner (Clerk), Cllr. Harvey FHDC, Cllr. Busuttil & 1 member of the public

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

- Agenda

		<u>Action</u>
113.	Apologies for absence. Cllr. Barton & Cllr. Waters	
114.	Declaration of interest in any items on the agenda. No one declared an interest.	
115.	Members of the public are invited to speak on any item within the Agenda for a maximum time of three minutes. No one came forward.	
116.	The Minutes of the meeting held on 16/1/2017 were confirmed as an accurate record and signed accordingly by the Chairman.	
117.	Matters arising from the Minutes not covered in the Agenda. There were no matters arising.	
118.	<p>Reports from the District, County Councillor & the SNT Newsletter</p> <p>Cllr. Brian Harvey mentioned the Broadband meeting on Friday 3 March 2017. As a result of the public meeting in Worlington regarding broadband. Matthew Hancock MP was told about the lack of broadband speed coverage in the local area. The closing date for the next round of the Ofcom meetings is 10 March 2017. The Ofcom App can now be downloaded and residents are encouraged to make use of this app – the more people use it the better. The Ministry will interpret this as being a high demand in Freckenham therefore it is more likely to be given priority. There is a chance to comment on the Local Plan Consultation now.</p> <p>There is a small amount of money left under Cllr Harvey's Locality Budget which will need to be allocated in the next week. Also there is a new grant coming out for sporting activities from Sport England – the Clerk has the details.</p> <p>Cllr. Busuttil mentioned that potholes have been filled in recently – in particular the large one outside Bussens in Mildenhall. Suffolk Highways confirmed that Fiveways should be a higher priority and the discussions are continuing.</p> <p>Cllr Waters was not present and no report was supplied.</p> <p>The Clerk read out the SNT Newsletter for February 2017, it was noted that the statistics appeared the same to the previous newsletter in January.</p>	
119.	<p><u>Planning:-</u></p> <p>119.1 To consider any planning applications:-</p> <p>119.1.1. DC/17/0310/VAR Millfield, Fordham Road, Freckenham - Planning Application - Variation of condition 3 of F/2002/428 - To remove</p>	The Clerk submitted 'no

	<p>occupancy restriction 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. Decision: No objections</p> <p>119.1.2. DC/17/0313/HH Driftwood, Mortimer Lane, Freckenham - Householder Planning Applications - (i) First floor extension over existing garage (ii) new front porch and (iii) external render and cladding to existing house. Decision: No objections</p> <p>119.2 No planning applications received after the Agenda had been issued.</p> <p>119.3. To note Decisions:-</p> <p>119.3.1. DC/16/2334/VAR Millfield, Fordham Road, Freckenham - Planning Application - 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. Application withdrawn / abandoned - see new application above.</p> <p>119.3.2. DC/16/1400/OUT Freckenham House, Mildenhall Road, Freckenham - Outline planning application (all matters Freckenham House VALID DATE: reserved) - 6 No. low carbon dwellings. Application withdrawn / abandoned.</p> <p>119.3.3. DC/16/2748/FUL East View, Freckenham – 4no dwellings (following demolition of existing dwelling) and associated vehicular access - it was noted that this application has been withdrawn.</p> <p>119.4. To receive an update on the Single Issue Review (SIR):- As Cllr. Barton was not at this meeting, the Clerk will obtain an update from him on this local plan and if necessary refer back to the Chairman to submit comments.</p> <p><i>8.02pm Cllr. Gibbs arrived.</i></p> <p>119.5. To receive an update on the Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr. Pearson gave an update on the SALC training for Neighbourhood planning which he stated was very informative. It is not necessarily a Parish Council matter, you must have a Committee to approach this, goes through independent inspections and is very costly. He was given a copy of the East Bergholt Neighbourhood Plan which took just over 2yrs to complete & the cost to the Parish Council was £25,000! Cllr Pearson intends to put a presentation together and show this at the Annual Parish Meeting where members of the public can come and see what is involved.</p> <p>119.6. Bury St Edmunds masterplan – The Chairman read out an email received regarding this plan. It is recommended that all members look at this and attend one of the many open days. Will be brought forward onto the next Agenda.</p>	<p>objections' during the meeting</p> <p>The Clerk submitted 'no objections' during the meeting</p> <p>Cllr Barton</p>
120.	<p><u>Recreation Ground and other assets:-</u></p> <p>120.1 Playground Report</p> <p>The report has been received and the Chairman reported that the Inspector from Sovereign has been unable to replace the short bolts on the basket fixings with longer versions , but has now put lock-tight on the nuts, so they should not come loose in the future. Cllr. Pearson mentioned whilst at the SALC conference last week he picked up various pieces of literature regarding play equipment. There is a course available for self-inspection of approximately £90 – once you have completed this, we would be able to undertake inspections ourselves for three years, thus</p>	

	<p>saving on the costs of external inspections.</p> <p>120.2 Update on the levelling of the Recreation Ground Cllr Barton has not given an update.</p> <p>120.3 Update on grass cutting A grant has been obtained from Cllr James Waters, Suffolk County Council for £1,500 towards the cost of a ride-on mower and a cheque is expected shortly. Cllr Cornell provided a list of suppliers who we could contact to find out prices and specification. Cllr Cornell's brother has agreed to go with Cllr Pearson to look at these.</p> <p>120.4 Update on Playground signs – the Chairman reported that he is awaiting for a quotation to come through and will report back at a later date.</p> <p>120.5 Any other matters It was brought up about the amount of dog mess in the village despite the fact we have many dog bins installed. The Clerk to contact Lesley-Ann Keogh to find out if there are any more signs available or if there is another dog bin available which we could install on the public footpath between the pub and the church. The Clerk produced the papers from West Suffolk (FHDC) regarding renewal of the Play Equipment monthly inspections and annual audit for a cost of £24.50 per month for the inspection and £53.50 for the annual audit. It was resolved to renew this contract for the next financial year 2017-18.</p>	<p>Cllr Barton</p> <p>Chairman</p> <p>The Clerk emailed Lesley-Ann 6.3.2017</p> <p>Confirmation email 10/3/2017 from West Suffolk regarding receipt of forms for 2017-18</p>
121.	<p><u>Highways and Public Transport:-</u></p> <p>121.1 Update from the Chairman – Spoken to Mr Guy Smith, SCC Highways Department and he is hopeful that Mildenhall Road will be re-surfaced in the next financial year, which will reduce the flooding. Cllr Cornell reported that there are three potholes in Chippenham Road – previous treated potholes which have come through again after only a couple of months.</p> <p>121.2 To receive an update, if any, on the Garden area in The Street This has also been taken up with Guy Smith once more to confirm whether the shuttering is the responsibility of Suffolk County Council or the Parish Council.</p> <p>121.3 Street light outages – the Clerk last week reported the G39 which is out on Church Lane outside the Church. No other outages have been reported. It was reported that Hillside Farm on Chippenham Road has an overgrown hedge affecting the road verge. The Clerk agreed to send a letter.</p>	<p>Light repaired 6.3.2017</p> <p>Letter posted 7.3.2017</p>
122.	<p><u>SALC:-</u></p> <p>122.1 To confirm the date of the next area meeting as Tuesday 14 March 2017, to be held at Freckenham Village Hall at 7pm. All members encouraged to attend as we are the hosts.</p> <p>122.2 Update on Councillor training recently undertaken – Cllr Pearson reported back on the leadership skills course recently undertaken at SALC, another good training course.</p>	
123.	<p><u>Town & Parish Forum:-</u></p> <p>123.1. The next meeting is 5 April 2017, venue to be confirmed.</p>	
124.	<p><u>Financial Matters:-</u></p>	

	<p>124.1. The following invoices were approved for payment:- (a) Mrs H A Gurner, Clerk's salary (Feb & Mar 17), Q 885 £583.34 (b) Mrs H A Gurner, Clerk's expenses (Jan & Feb 17), Q 885 £49.40 (a) + b) together as one cheque total of £632.74) (c) Road Runner TCA Ltd, Speed gun battery & battery charger, Q886 £158.82 (d) Mr C. Pearson, Travel expenses for 2 x visits to SALC, Q887 £68.40 (e) Suffolk County Council, Street lighting invoice, Q888 £2,256.24 (f) SALC, Leadership Skills course for Cllr. Pearson, Q889 £120.00 (g) John Haste (The Great Outdoors), Grass cutting, Q890 £418.00 (h) Society of Local Council Clerks, Renewal of Clerk's subscription, Q891 £78.00</p> <p>124.2. The following Invoices received after the Agenda were approved for payment:- (a) Peter Taylor Whiffen, Editing Parish Pump Spring 2017 edition, Q892 £140.00 (b) Gipping Press Ltd, Printing Parish Pump Spring 2017 edition, Q893 £103.00</p> <p>124.3. Finance Report The Clerk gave a brief update on Finances, overall we are well within our budget for 2016-17, but still have a month to go. The Clerk recommended putting some money aside into earmarked reserves (EMR) instead of keeping it all within the general reserves.</p> <p>124.4. To re-appoint Hills Accounting Services as our Internal Auditor for the year 2016-17.</p>	
125.	<p>125.1 Rights of Way Improvement– Cllr. Barton although not present, had sent a brief update on the Circular Walk, he has walked it and it is good.</p> <p>125.2 Emergency Plan update – Cllr. Pearson had no update.</p> <p>125.3 Defibrillator monthly check Report and any other reports – Cllr. Barton. The Chairman mentioned he would like to see a report on this as evidence that the checks are being undertaken.</p> <p>125.4 Community Speedwatch – Cllr Cornell reported that the speed gun is not working and when she contacted RoadRunner they informed her that the battery will be at fault despite paying out for a new battery and charger recently. The speed gun has now been given to Cllr. Pearson to see if he can get it working.</p>	<p>The Clerk to progress with Cllr Barton</p> <p>Cllr. Pearson to report at next meeting</p>
126.	<p><u>2018 remembrance of the end of the first world war</u> Cllr Pearson will bring this up at a Village Hall Meeting and report further.</p>	Cllr. Pearson
127.	<p><u>BT Telephone Box</u> Cllr Barton had also previously confirmed the painting of the telephone box has been agreed for Saturday 13 May 2017.</p>	Cllr Barton
128.	<p><u>Correspondence Received:-</u> Email received from a member of the public regarding putting in a cold water tap on the allotments. This has been raised previously. Cllr Pearson gave an update to members from Shores Charity regarding this issue, where Anglian Water had been contacted for a quote. The quotation had come in at £2,500-£3,000 and it needed to be decided who was going to pay for it. It was never resolved and the subject was dropped. Cllr Pearson will revert back to Bob Gee who is the Chairman of Shores Charity.</p>	Cllr Pearson

129.	<p><u>Urgent Business:-</u> The Chairman brought up his disappointment with the lack of response to the public Broadband meeting on Friday 3 March, which was advertised on our web-site, the village noticeboards and the Chairman also delivered notices through letterboxes in the village. Despite receiving a lot of complaints previously regarding lack of broadband speed, not one resident turned up with the exception of the Chairman. He received one apology from a resident.</p>	
130.	<p><u>Future Meeting:-</u> To confirm the date of the next meeting as Monday 15 May 2017 at 7.30pm. The Annual Parish Meeting due in April, date to be confirmed at a later date.</p>	

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.17pm.

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