

FRECKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of Extra Ordinary Meeting of Freckenham Parish Council held on
Friday 23rd August 2019 at 7.00 pm at Freckenham Village Hall**

Present: Cllr Wheeler, Pearson, Cornell, Douch, Barton

In attendance: Clerk, Jadi Coe, County Cllr Louis Busuttil, District Cllr Brian Harvey and 3 members of the public

Cllr Wheeler welcomed everyone to the meeting.

08/19/01 Apologies for absence & approval of reasons tendered

None

08/19/02 Declaration of interest in any items on the agenda

Cllr. Wheeler 4.01 – planning application DC/19/1444/FUL

08/19/03 Members of the public are invited to speak on any item within the Agenda for a maximum time of three minutes

One member of the public accepted the offer to speak. The member of the public spoke of her disagreement of some of the comments made by the applicant in response to the original concerns raised on planning application DC/19/0146/FUL.

08/19/04 Planning

08/19/04.01 To consider any planning applications

DC/19/1444/FUL – 1 dwelling on land adjacent to Homefields, Fordham Road, Freckenham. (consultation expiry extended to 17th September)

It was agreed to support the application but state that work should only be carried out during normal working hours, 8:00 to 18:00 Monday to Friday and 8:00 to 13:30 on Saturdays. In addition, Building and 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 priority
DC/19/1472/HH – 1 stable at Hill Cottage, Fordham Road, Freckenham. (consultation expiry extended to 28th August)

It was agreed to support the application but state that work should only be carried out during normal working hours, 8:00 to 18:00 Monday to Friday and 8:00 to 13:30 on Saturdays.

DC/19/0146/FUL - Planning Application - (i) change of use from agricultural land to accommodate 10 holiday lodges (ii) managers accommodation (iii) and open space for tourist accommodation and (iv) new access and associated parking. Ferry Lane, Worlington. (consultation expiry extended to 28th August)

It was agreed to respond to the amended planning application, stating that the Parish Council still stand by previous comments made and that the Parish Council disagree with the Highways Statement as the Parish Council believe the access point is not safe or suitable.

08/19/04.02 To note applications pending

DC/19/1118/HH- Householder Planning Application- single storey extension at 6, North Street, IP28 8HY

It was noted that the planning application was approved on 26th July.

08/19/04.3 To note other applications

None

08/19/04.4 To note applications determined

None

08/19/05 Financial Matters

08/19/05.1 To confirm payment of invoices

None

08/19/06 Correspondence Received

Cllr. Barton reported he had received correspondence from Isleham Parish Council requesting to join the Parish Council Group regarding the Sunnica proposal.

08/19/07 Urgent Business

It was reported that a couple of residents had contacted the Parish Council following the death of a dog and also two dogs becoming poorly, as they believed this was due to chemicals used to kill weeds on the playing fields.

Members of the Parish Council stated that as the spray to kill the weeds has been used for many years and is diluted more than required it was unlikely that these dogs had become ill due to the weed killer but the Parish Council would investigate this matter further.

Cllr. Wheeler reported he has spoken with the farmer of the field opposite the playing fields and has had confirmation that the farmer has not recently sprayed any chemicals, but all the chemicals he uses are diluted correctly and are for use around animals. Cllr Wheeler suggested that after the spraying of chemicals on the playing field a notice could be displayed on the field stating chemicals have been used to kill weeds.

Cllr Barton updated the members on the current status of the Sunnica proposal. He stated that due to time he had not had chance to make the relevant amendments to both the Sunnica and Neighbourhood Plan survey but would do this very soon. He then reported that the organised trip to the Solar Farm in Lakenheath was good and informative. He continued to report that he and Cllr. Brian Harvey felt that it was best to wait for Sunnica to contact the Parish Council first in regards to another meeting, rather than the Parish Council approaching Sunnica first. He stated that a meeting is due to be held with representatives from the County and District Councils affected by Sunnica and a few members of the Parish Council group and that he would ask all the members if they had any items they would like to be included on the meeting's agenda.

Cllr. Douch reported he had attended the recent meeting of the Community Action Group who had met with MP Matt Hancock.

Cllr. Douch also reported he, Cllr. Barton and Cllr. Wheeler were invited to a recent RPA meeting, where they stated that they were supportive of the views of the Parish Council Group and if the members of the Parish Council Group were in agreement, they could form a sub-group of the RPA. Cllr. Barton followed on stating that he is to arrange another meeting with the Parish Council Group for September and he would report on the RPA offer and that he would like to appoint a Chairman of the group and to discuss bringing in someone with expertise in planning proposals of this type.

08/19/08 Future Meetings

Cllr. Wheeler reminded all that the next SALC forum is to be held on 10th September at 7:00pm at Lakenheath. Cllr Barton stated he would be unable to attend. He also reported that a member from West Suffolk Council would attend the meeting to report on the Rural Taskforce Survey.

Cllr Wheeler asked the clerk to put the survey on the Parish Council website. (JC)

The date of 16th September 2019 was confirmed as the next Parish Council meeting.

The meeting closed at 8:20pm