

FRECKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of Freckenham Parish Council held on
Monday 18th March 2019 at 7.30 pm at Freckenham Village Hall

Present: Cllr Wheeler, Pearson, Hurton, Barton

In Attendance: Clerk, Jadi Coe, Cllr Harvey, and 9 members of the public

03/19/01 Apologies for absence & approval of reasons tendered

Cllr Cornell sent her apologies (unwell).

03/19/02 Declaration of interest in any items on the agenda

No declarations from members

District Cllr. Harvey stated he had a non-pecuniary interest in item 7.1 of the agenda, planning application for 20 holiday homes on Ferry Lane, Worlington.

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

A member of the public was appointed to speak on behalf of all the public in attendance at the meeting.

The member of the public stated that they wished to object to the planning application DC/19/0146/FUL for various reasons including the following:

- Loss of agricultural land
- Increased pressure on the River Lark which would have a negative effect on the wildlife
- Road networks not strong enough to cope with increased traffic to and from the site
- Increase in litter, pollution and noise levels

03/19/04 To receive reports from the County Councillor, District Councillor and to receive the Police Reports

District Cllr. Harvey reported that the final full meeting of Forest Heath District Council would be held on 20th March.

He also stated he was going to stand again for District Councillor and that the Council would enter the Purdah period from 29th March.

Cllr. Wheeler thanked Cllr. Harvey for £500 towards the War Memorial Bench from Cllr. Harveys Locality Budget.

Cllr Harvey also reported on the ongoing issues on the traveller's site at Elms Road, but ensured the Parish Council an enforcement officer was taking action.

Cllr Harvey passed on Cllr. Busutill apologies.

No Police Reports of relevance received, however Cllr Harvey stated that there is an increase in drug and knife crime in our area including County Lines. He stated the importance of keeping an eye on vulnerable people.

03/19/05 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 21st January 2019

The minutes were proposed as a true record of the meeting held and all agreed.

03/19/06 Matters arising from the Minutes not covered in the Agenda

None

03/19/07 Planning: To consider any planning applications

03/19/07.1 - DC/19/0146/FUL - Planning Application - (i) change of use from agricultural land to accommodate 20 holiday lodges with associated camping area (ii) managers accommodation (iii)

and open space for tourist accommodation and (iv) new access and associated parking. Ferry Lane, Worlington.

It was proposed to object to the planning application on the following grounds:

- That the site is to be open to guests 365 days a year and is not proposed to be closed for the winter period
- Increase in level of traffic on the local narrow roads, which are already heavily used by agricultural vehicles, therefore increasing the risk of accidents occurring
- Loss of agricultural land
- No pavement for holiday makers leaving and returning to the site, deeming the access to the site by pedestrians extremely dangerous
- Increase in noise and light pollution affecting neighbouring properties
- Lack of amenities in the immediate local vicinity

All agreed.

It was earlier mentioned that our District Councillor should take this matter to the Delegation Panel.

03/19/07.2 To note applications determined

DC/18/2430/HH – Fordham Road – Application approved 11/2/19

03/19/07.3 Update on Neighbourhood Planning Process

An open meeting is to be held on Saturday 23rd March between 10:00am and 4:00pm. There will be 12 panels displayed on tables around the Village Hall, a creche and refreshments would be offered to members of the public attending.

It was agreed that as the Parish Council has received funding to cover costs for the Neighbourhood Planning, and that the Village Hall should receive money for hire of the hall at the Villager rate of £12 per hour for a total of 8 hours, totalling £96.00.

03/19/08 Recreation Ground and other assets

03/19/08.1 Playground Report

It was reported that the monthly Play Park report from West Suffolk Council has been received and detailed issues with the self close gate and a small welding issue on the slide. Cllr. Barton reported he had contacted a welder and these issues would be rectified in the near future (LB) It was noted that the adult fitness equipment was not being used as often as had hoped.

03/19/08.2 Update on grass cutting

It was reported the grass had not been cut but would be in the near future.

03/19/08.3 Update on the wall between Chippenham Road & Shores Close

It was reported that Cllr Harvey has requested a date for when the work will begin, but no date has yet been received.

03/19/08.4 Confirm new memorial bench installation

It was reported £500 was received from County Cllr. L. Busutill's Locality Budget and £500 from District Cllr. B. Harvey's Locality Budget. It was agreed to purchase Memorial Bench totalling £1,236.60.

This bench would replace the wooden bench by the River and the wooden bench would be placed at the bus shelter on Elms Road.

A parishioner had kindly offered to help install the benches.

The clerk to order bench. (JC)

03/19/08.5 Any other matters relating to the Recreation Ground

It was noted that the Lark Preservation Trust volunteers had cut trees around the bank of Lee Brook and had also carried out work to reinforce the river banks. Several parishioners had kindly helped carry out this work by volunteering their time, machinery and by providing refreshments.

03/19/09 Highways Inspection

Cllr Wheeler reported that he had taken both the District Councillor, Cllr. Harvey and the County Councillor, Cllr. Busutill around the village to show them the various road problems in the area. Cllr Harvey stated the importance of reporting potholes on the Highways website to ensure Highways are aware.

It was noted a parishioner had requested a sign at the top of Chippenham Road stating unsuitable for HGVs, Cllr. Wheeler stated that two signs have been requested from Highways informing road users that the road is unfit for large vehicles.

03/19/10 SALC

The date of the next local meeting is scheduled for 26th March at 7.00pm and is to be held at The Elizabethan Tithe Barn, Bardwell.

Cllr. Wheeler and Cllr. Pearson will attend the meeting and the clerk would confirm at the weekend whether she was available to attend.

03/19/11 FHDC Town & Parish Forum

The new structure of the Forum which would be held by West Suffolk District Council is coming together.

03/19/12 Financial Matters:-

03/19/12.1 To confirm payment of invoices scheduled as at 10/3/2019

The following payments were proposed for approval by Cllr. Wheeler and all agreed

<u>Name</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Q no.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Suffolk County Council	Street Light Maintenance	993	£2,607.47
Parish Online	Parish Online	994	£60.00
Peter Taylor-Whiffen	Spring 19 Pump editing	995	£140.00
Gipping Press	Spring 19 Pump printing	996	£142.17
CW Kirk Lawnmowers	Lawnmover service	997	£157.57
SALC	50% of cost of clerk election course	998	£15.00
J Coe	Clerk expenses (incl. mileage, ink, Microsoft Office, internet security)	999	£73.42
D Wheeler	Cllr expenses (incl. mileage, clerk leaving gift, flash drives)	1000	£143.88
Riverside Print	Neighbourhood Planning	1001	£52.00
Places for People Planning Consultancy	2018/19 phase	1002	£2,890.20

TOTAL	£6,281.71
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03/19/12.2 To consider any invoices received after the Agenda was issued

The following invoices were received after the Agenda was published, these were proposed by Cllr Wheeler to approve for payment and all agreed:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Q no.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
SALC	6mths payroll to 31.3.19	1003	£10.80
Lawrence Barton	Banner	1004	£82.15
Jadi Coe	March qtr salary	1005	£621.51
HMRC	PAYE/NI Qtr 4 2018/19	1006	£155.20
Village Hall	Use of Hall for meeting (8hrs at £12/hr) 23.3.19	1007	£96.00
			£869.66

03/19/12.3 Clerk to update on bank balances held

The clerk reported at date £8,653.32 was held in the Current Account and £5,572.94 in the Deposit Account as at 17th March 2019.

03/19/12.4 Amendment to Bank Signatories.

It was reported that the clerk was now a full signatory and had online banking access. Cllr. Wheeler informed members that the previous clerk had made a complaint to Lloyds Bank in regards to changing the signatory and in doing so Lloyds Bank had paid £100 into the Parish's Current Account as a gesture of goodwill.

03/19/12.5 Forest Heath District Council. New Contract to cover playground inspection

Cllr. Wheeler reported that West Suffolk have been instructed to carry out annual and monthly play park inspections, and that this is now free of charge until March 2021.

03/19/03 Working Groups Report

03/19/13.1 Circular Walk

Cllr. Barton reported that the walk by Elms Road had been overploughed, therefore people were needing to walk on the road. He would contact County Farms for them to advise the farmer not to plough over the walk areas. (LB)

03/19/13.2 Emergency Plan

Cllr. Pearson stated nothing to report.

03/19/13.3 Defibrillator monthly check Report

Cllr. Barton reported checks were being carried out by a volunteer in the village and noted that the area of the defibrillator was clean and tidy.

03/19/13.4 Community Speedwatch

It was reported the last Speedwatch caught no vehicles speeding.

03/19/14 Correspondence Received

The clerk reported an email from Community Action Suffolk had been received detailing a new project This Community Can, which helps in organising activities in the village. It was agreed that the

clerk should invite Nicky from CAS to the Annual Parish Meeting to receive further details about the project. (JC)

The clerk reported she had been contacted by Newgate Communications who represent Sunnica Ltd. Sunnica Ltd is a proposal for a new energy farm connecting to the National Grid at Burwell, part of which would be in the parish. It would be made up of two solar farms, one to the south of Worlington and one to the south of Chippenham, it would have the potential to deliver up to 500MW of renewable energy – enough to power approximately 100,000 homes. The scheme would be a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project.

It was agreed to arrange a meeting with Newgate Communications, to find out more in regards to the proposal. (JC)

03/19/15 Local Elections

The clerk distributed Nomination Packs to current members that wished to stand for council in the upcoming elections.

The clerk stated that she had an appointment at West Suffolk House on 29th March at 10:30 and if anyone would like the clerk to deliver their nomination packs, then these would need to be with Cllr. Wheeler by 9:00am on 29th March and the clerk would collect from Cllr. Wheeler.

03/19/16 Urgent Business

Cllr Pearson reported that the village sign that has been broken, was with a parishioner, who has kindly offered to repair and reinstall.

Cllr. Wheeler reported that Kier were being very considerate to parishioners entering and leaving the village and delays have been kept to a minimum. Cllr. Wheeler has also been informed that they are nearly two weeks ahead of schedule. Cllr. Wheeler did report of his concerns in regards to the route Bus 357 would take once the road was closed from Pound Corner to Mildenhall Road, but had informed Mulley's Buses, who are to inform him of planned changes to the route.

03/19/17 Future Meetings

The 20th May 2019 was agreed as the next meeting date which will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting and that the Annual Parish Meeting would be held on 15th May at 7:00pm.

The meeting closed at 9:30pm

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