

**FRECKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of Freckenham Parish Council on**  
**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at 7.30 pm at Freckenham Village Hall**

Present: Cllr Wheeler, Cornell, Douch, Brooks

In attendance: Parish Council Clerk, Jadi Coe, Cllr Harvey and Cllr Busuttil

Cllr Wheeler welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**09/20/01 Apologies for absence & approval of reasons tendered**

Cllr King sent his apologies and these were approved

**09/20/02 Declaration of interest in any items on the agenda**

None

**09/20/03 Members of the public are invited to give their views on any item within the Agenda**

It was reported that some residents had contacted the Parish Council in regard to concerns on some of the planning applications on the agenda.

A resident had also contacted the clerk in regards to the speed limit on the road to West Row.

**09/20/04 To receive reports from the County Councillor, District Councillor and to receive the Police Reports**

Cllr Busuttil reported on various issues including his continued objections in regards to the Sunnica proposal.

Cllr Harvey gave his monthly report including an update on the draft local plan which if approved will go to full consultation in October; County Lines issues; concerns of rough sleepers in Mildenhall; Sunnica and also locality budget funds available.

No relevant police reports received.

**09/20/05 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

The minutes of the meeting held 27<sup>th</sup> July 2020 were proposed and agreed that they were a true record of the meeting held.

**09/20/06 Matters arising from the Minutes not covered in the Agenda**

None

**09/20/07 Planning:**

**7.1 To consider any planning applications:**

DC/20/1356/HH - (i) re-render North, South and East elevations (ii) replace roof tiles (iii) demolition of Garden Shed (iv) 1no. open sided car port to side (v) remove concrete hardstanding replace with permeable block paving (vi) remove chimney at Lynn Cottage, The Street, Freckenham, IP28 8HZ

It was proposed and agreed to support the application but ensure West Suffolk Council were aware of the Parish Councils concerns and requests as follows:

- Extra care is taken to not damage the neighbouring properties garden, and if any damage occurs this should be put right by the applicant
- Any work should only be carried out in normal working hours i.e. 7:30am to 6:00pm weekdays and Saturdays to minimise noise and disruption to neighbouring properties
- Concerns that the vehicle entrance to the property is narrow and vehicles will need to reverse into or from the entrance onto The Street where it meets Chippenham Road, a busy junction, which often has speeding vehicles on it.

DC/20/1500/EIASCO Request for Scoping Opinion under Regulation 15 of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 - 55 kilometre potable water pipeline between Bexwell and Bury St Edmunds together with associated connections and above ground apparatus at Bexwell to Bury St Edmunds, Pipeline, Suffolk

It was proposed and agreed that the Parish Council had no objections to the application

DC/20/1528/VAR – Variation of condition 2 of DC/20/0822/FUL to enable use of revised plans for conversion of barns into 1 dwelling at Elms Farm, Elms Road, Freckenham, IP289 8JG

It was proposed and agreed that the Parish Council had no objections to the application

7.2 To consider any planning applications outside of the Parish that may have an impact on the parish

DC/20/1284/FUL – (i) change of use of Gypsy and Traveller Residential area, providing 12 pitches with concrete pads (ii) 12 no dayroom/amenity buildings (iii) vehicular access and 12 no parking spaces (iv) play area (v) post and rail fencing at Land opposite Pen Villa, Isleham Road, Worlington, Suffolk

It was proposed and agreed to object to the application based on concerns including the site being over developed, lack of parking, inadequate sewage disposal, no amenities in village, no footpath or transport links on Isleham Road

7.3 To note applications pending and determined:

DC/20/1303/TCA - (i) 1no. Horse Chestnut (T1 as indicated on plan)- fell (ii) 1no. Ash (T2 as indicated on plan)- fell at Church Meadow, Church Lane, Freckenham, Suffolk – *approved 11.9.20*

DC/20/0977/TPO – crown reduction of Walnut Tree at 1 Mortimer Lane, Freckenham  
*Approved 10.8.20*

DC/20/0822/FUL – barn conversion to 1 dwelling at Elms Farm. Freckenham  
*Approved 20.8.20*

7.4 Discuss government white paper plan

Cllr Wheeler voiced his concerns to the District and County Councillor on the white paper plan and further merging of Local Government into unitary authorities.

Cllr Busuttil stated this has been discussed over many years and that there are concerns that local representation would be lost.

7.5 Update on Neighbourhood Planning Progress

Cllr Douch reported that the drop in event on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September had been attended by 35 residents and that lots of comments had been received and there had been activity on the voting boards, Cllr Douch thanked all those who had helped organise the event and those who had helped at the event. The clerk reported she had now put the site assessment, key view document and Landscape Appraisal on the Parish Council website.

7.6 Update on Sunnica Proposal

Cllr Douch reported that Sunnica held an online briefing on the evening before the Statutory Consultation opened on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September. He has written a report and asked the clerk to publish it on the website. (JC)

He continued to report that the next sub-group meeting is scheduled to take place on 29<sup>th</sup> September and they plan to put a list of topics together as part of the Parish Councils response.

Cllr Douch queried whether the Parish Council needed to carry out another survey asking residents whether they support or oppose the application, as the last survey was completed last year and since then the boundaries of the site have changed. It was agreed that a new survey would be appropriate. (AD)

Cllr Douch thanked those that helped man the Sunnica awareness stall which included laminated A2 maps, at the weekend of the 26<sup>th</sup> September which residents stated was very useful as there were concerns that the maps in the booklet were too small and that for those without internet access this was the only map available. Cllr Douch voiced his and resident's concerns that there is a lack of public awareness that the Statutory Consultation period had now begun and that the booklet sent to residents could be mistaken for junk mail as it arrived in a plain white envelope and wasn't marked Sunnica.

Cllr Douch requested help from Cllr Harvey to obtain written answers to questions submitted to Sunnica before the 15<sup>th</sup> July and 21<sup>st</sup> September online briefings.

### **09/20/08 Annual Parish Meeting:**

It was agreed to not hold an Annual Parish Meeting as there was no requirement this year due to Covid-19.

### **09/20/09 Recreation Ground and other assets:**

#### 9.1 Playground/Recreation Ground Report

Cllr Cornell reported that 3 members of the public had kindly offered to be part of a new committee group, Friends of Freckenham Playing Field.

Cllr Cornell continued to report on the latest West Suffolk Park Inspection, including issues with the swing chains, rotting timber and peeling paint work.

Cllr Wheeler agreed to obtain a quote from his contact to replace the rotting timber posts at the playing field. (DW)

#### 9.2 Update on grass cutting

Cllr Cornell reported that the grass cutter required a service and it was agreed Cllr Cornell could arrange this. (SC)

### 9.3 Any other matters

Cllr Cornell reported on the work her and her family had carried out in and around the field including, cutting back of nettles, hedges and cutting and clearing dead trees.

### **09/20/10 Highways Inspection**

Cllr Wheeler reported that ongoing issues had not been resolved and that he and Cllr Busuttill have a scheduled meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> October in hope to resolve the issues.

### **09/20/11 SALC, to confirm the date of the next local area**

No date has been confirmed for the next meeting but it is likely to be held in March 2021.

The clerk is to forward any date as soon as this is known to all councillors. (JC)

### **09/20/12 West Suffolk District Council Town & Parish Forum**

It was confirmed that the date of the next meeting is Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 6:00pm and that the meeting would be held on Microsoft Teams.

### **09/20/13 Shores Charity**

Cllr Douch reported that Shores Charity are seeking funding for a bore hole on the land at the allotments as money from the charity cannot be used for capital expenditure. Cllr Busuttill and Cllr Harvey responded stating they could help towards this from their locality budgets and would supply Cllr Douch with application forms. Cllr Douch asked the Parish Council on behalf of Shores Charity whether they could contribute towards the cost. Cllr Wheeler responded stating that depending on the final cost it may be possible for the Parish Council to make a contribution to fund any shortfall of money required after contributions are received from the District and County Councillors.

### **09/20/14 Financial Matters:**

#### 14.1 To confirm payment of invoices

None

#### 14.2 To agree and confirm payment of Chairman's Allowance

It was proposed and agreed that the Chairman could receive his annual allowance of £100.00

#### 14.3 To consider any invoices received after the Agenda was issued - to be tabled on the night

<u>Date</u>	<u>To whom</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Chq No.</u>
30.9.20	J Coe	Clerk expense (6mths)	£64.12	1077
30.9.20	J Coe	Clerk salary	£861.10	1078
30.9.20	HMRC	PAYE and NI	£201.40	1079
28.9.20	A Douch	Printing of Sunnica maps	£72.00	1080
28.9.20	A Douch	Replace lost chq 1059	£16.44	1081
28.9.20	D Wheeler	Chairman's allowance	£100.00	1082

#### 14.4 Clerk to update on bank balances held

The clerk reported that at date £9,329 was held in the current account and £21,642 was held in the deposit account.

### **09/20/15 Working Groups Report:**

#### 15.1 Circular Walk

Cllr Douch reported he has reported the ploughed section of the footpath along Elms Road to Suffolk County Council and that he would report other issues including a fallen tree.

It was agreed that the clerk should write to Suffolk County Council requesting that the path is not ploughed. (JC)

#### 15.2 Emergency Plan

Cllr Wheeler confirmed no update to the plan.

#### 15.3 Defibrillator monthly check Report

Cllr Wheeler thanked the volunteer who carries out the monthly checks and has reported there are no issues with the defibrillator.

Cllr Wheeler continued to report that the bus shelter was recently victim to some graffiti of which Cllr Cornell had kindly cleaned and repainted.

#### 15.4 Community Speedwatch

Cllr Wheeler reported that the Speedwatch team had been working hard and continued to find vehicles speeding through the village and that he intended to ask Suffolk Highways at an upcoming meeting whether speed ramps can be installed at either end of the village to slow vehicles down and the possibility whether the speed limit can be reduced to 20mph in the centre of the village.

**09/20/16 Correspondence and Verbal Communication Received:**

Cllr Douch reported that residents at the Badlingham end of the village had advised they have poor broadband connections, and that he believes Superfast Broadband is now available following equipment installation in the new green box on Badlingham Road outside Brookside Stud. However, residents would be required to upgrade their current service with their provider to benefit from Superfast Broadband

**09/20/17 Discuss the re-printing of the book, Manor of Freckenham**

Cllr Douch reported that he had received quotes to reprint the book however there were concerns the copyright was still active. Cllr Douch agreed to contact the publisher to determine this. (AD)

**09/20/18 Urgent Business:**

None

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