

FRECKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting of Freckenham Parish Council on
Monday 12th July 2021 at 7.30 pm at Freckenham Village Hall

Present: Cllr Wheeler, Cornell, Douch, King

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

Cllr Wheeler welcomed everyone to the meeting.

07/21/01 Apologies for absence & approval of reasons tendered

Apologies were received from Cllr Stanbury and two members of the public.

07/21/02 Declaration of interest in any items on the agenda

None

07/21/03 Members of the public are invited to give their views on any item within the Agenda

No members of the public were in attendance.

07/21/04 To receive reports from the County Councillor, District Councillor and to receive the Police Reports

Cllr Harvey reported on various local issues including:

- Electric vehicle charging points, there are 46 charging points installed in 15 locations across West Suffolk.
- The West Suffolk Draft Local Plan.
- The Local Plan working group continues to review the various options currently on the table.
- Sunnica, WSDC had expected Sunnica to produce their DCO response by June 2021, this has been further delayed and is now not expected until September 2021. The next alliance meeting is scheduled for 22nd July 2021.
- The next Town and Parish forum is due to be held on 14th July 2021 at 6:00pm via Teams.
- Mildenhall Hub which has now opened.

Cllr Wheeler reported that the gullies around the village had been cleared however contents of the gullies were left on the road and pavements. Cllr Harvey agreed to inform Cllr Stanbury and ask him to look into this.

Cllr Harvey was asked if WSDC would consider installing EV charging points at village halls and/or in other rural locations.

Cllr Harvey responded confirming the need for further charging points and that if a particular resident would like a charging point then permission would need to be requested from the housing association who owns the land on which the cable may cross.

07/21/05 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 18th May 2021

The minutes of the meeting held on 18th May 2021 were approved as a true record of the meeting held.

07/21/06 Matters arising from the Minutes not covered in the Agenda

None

07/21/07 Planning:

7.1 To consider any planning applications:

None

7.2 To note applications pending and determined:

DC/21/0471/OUT – outline application for one dwelling at Rectory Farm – *approved on 4.6.21*

DC/21/0533/FUL – application to convert barn into two dwelling and change of use of agricultural land to residential garden & associated external works – *refused on 16.6.21*

7.3 Other planning considerations

-Reach Parish Council pre-submission consultation on the draft Reach Neighbourhood Plan

The plan details were discussed by members and it was agreed to respond confirming the plans were acceptable.

-Isleham Parish Council pre-submission consultation on the draft Isleham Neighbourhood Plan

The plan details were discussed by members and it was agreed to respond confirming the plans were acceptable.

7.4 Update on Neighbourhood Planning Progress

It was confirmed that there was little progress to report on since the report given Mr Nick Woolley at the Annual Parish meeting. Requests passed to and required from County Council Highways covering whether access to three possible development sites suggested within the report from the consultants AR Urbanism would be acceptable have still not been received.

7.5 Update on Sunnica Proposal

Cllr Douch confirmed that the Alliance group were considering a landscape appraisal from the point of view of each village affected, the appraiser would produce the report and attend hearings.

The cost is expected to be £25,000 which would be approximately £3,000 for each of the 8 villages. Freckenham Parish Council have funds brought forward of £3,000 from the budget 2019/20 and funds of £1,300 available from the 2020/21 budget.

07/21/08 Recreation Ground and other assets:

8.1 Playground/Recreation Ground Report

Cllr Cornell reported that herself, Cllr Douch and Cllr Wheeler had walked around the park earlier and have agreed

to paint the children's equipment and to repair the rotten wooden posts. Cllr Wheeler agreed to obtain quotes.

Cllr Cornell continued to report that the height of the swings from the ground is in excess of 800mm and WSDC ask that this is considered. Cllr Cornell suggested laying wood chippings under the swings to increase the height of the ground but Cllr Harvey confirmed he believed that special chippings were required for use in play parks.

Cllr Cornell also reported on the dog fouling on the field.

8.2 Update on grass cutting

Cllr Cornell reported the following:

-The grass is currently being cut on a regular basis.

-The playing field subgroup have been spraying the footpaths, cutting back dead wood, cutting a resident's hedge and cutting the nettles & hump back, to allow for more access to river. The group are planning on making a garden on top of the hump and to install a bench.

-The subgroup welcomes a new member who resides on Mortimer's Lane.

-The group plan to hire a woodchipper and use some of the chippings to fill underneath the swings and to also spread on the hump which will help prevent weeds.

-The next subgroup meeting is due to be held on the field on Wednesday 22nd July at 6.00pm

8.3 Any other matters

None

07/21/09 Highways Inspection

Cllr Wheeler reported he and Cllr Stanbury had discussed local issues including more adequate signage, white lines and the flooding on Mildenhall Road, Cllr Stanbury was trying to get these issues addressed by Suffolk Highways.

07/21/10 Chippenham Road Wall

Cllr Cornell reported that she met with Martin Burrell from Flagship Homes on 21st June and together they walked around the estate, he took measurements and photographs of the brick wall which he agrees is very dangerous and he has promised to keep in touch and keep us updated. She also stated she had informed him that all the boundary walls of the properties were in the same state of disrepair. At date Martin has confirmed he is due to meet with his manager this week and will report back after this date.

Cllr Cornell also reported that the grass she believed was owned by Flagship as until recently the grass had been cut regularly by SP Landscapes on behalf of Flagship but since then has been cut by WSDC.

07/21/11 SALC, to confirm the date of the next local area meeting as Tuesday 14th September

The date of the next local area meeting was confirmed to be Tuesday 14th September at 7pm and this will be held on Zoom.

SALC are also holding their AGM on 29th July at 7:00pm via Zoom

07/21/12 West Suffolk District Council Town & Parish Forum as Wednesday 14th July

The date of the next Town and Parish Forum was confirmed to be Wednesday 14th July and this would be held on Microsoft Teams at 6:00pm.

07/21/13 Financial Matters:

13.1 To confirm payment of invoices

The following invoices received and published with the agenda, were approved for payment:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Q no.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Jadi Coe	Clerk salary	Online	£880.00
HMRC	Clerk salary	Online	£220.00
C W Kirk Lawnmowers	Lawn mower service	Online	£155.13
Gipping Press	Parish Pump	Online	£125.29
TOTAL			£1,380.42

13.2 To consider any invoices received after the Agenda was issued

The following invoices was received after the agenda was published and was approved for payment:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Q no.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Peter Taylor-Whiffen	Parish Pump	Online	£140.00

13.3 Clerk to update on bank balances held

The clerk reported that at date £2,333 is held in the current account and £24,829 in the deposit account.

13.4 To agree and confirm payment of Chairman's allowance

It was agreed to pay Cllr Wheeler a Chairman's allowance for the year of £100.00

07/21/14 Working Groups Report:

14.1 Circular Walk

It was confirmed that it had recently been cut and was in good condition.

14.2 Emergency Plan

No update to report

14.3 Defibrillator monthly check Report

The volunteer who carries out the check had confirmed the last check was carried out in June.

14.4 Community Speedwatch

Cllr Wheeler thanked Cllr Stanbury for £258 and Cllr Harvey for £248 for their contributions from their locality budget which will fund the cost of two new speed guns and cases.

07/21/15 Correspondence Received:

None that hadn't already been discussed within other agenda items.

07/21/16 Parish Council Vacancy update

At date there are no willing and available residents to consider for co-option.

07/21/17 Update on the re-printing of the book, Manor of Freckenham

No update

07/21/18 Urgent Business:

Cllr Douch asked the clerk to confirm the quote for the hardstanding area around the allotment borehole.

The next meeting date was confirmed as 13th September 2021.

The meeting closed at 9:00pm

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