

**FRECKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of Freckenham Parish Council held on**  
**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 7.30 pm at Freckenham Village Hall**

Present: Cllr Cornell, Cllr Englebrecht and Cllr Tucker

In attendance: Parish Council Clerk, Jadi Coe and three members of the public

Cllr Cornell welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**22/10/1 Apologies for absence & approval of reasons tendered**

Apologies were received from Cllr Harvey, Cllr Stanbury and five parishioners

**22/10/2 Co-option of councillors**

None

**22/10/3 Declaration of interest in any items on the agenda**

None

**22/10/4 Members of the public are invited to give their views on any item within the agenda**

A member of the public asked the Parish Council why and how Freckenham had been classified as a type A village rather than a type B village in the recent draft Local Plan. Cllr Cornell confirmed that this was determined by West Suffolk Council not the Parish Council or the Neighbourhood Plan Group. Cllr Cornell also confirmed that the NH Plan group have queried West Suffolk Council on this.

A member of the public also queried as to why they have been informed that the NH Plan group have had draft plans created for the site WS683. Cllr Cornell and Tucker confirmed that they were not aware any plans had been produced.

**22/10/5 To receive reports from the County Councillor, District Councillor and to receive the Police Reports**

Cllr Stanbury and Harvey sent their apologies.

**22/10/6 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

The minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022 were proposed and agreed as being a true record of the meeting held.

**22/10/7 Matters arising from the Minutes not covered in the agenda**

None

**22/10/8 Planning:**

**8.1 To consider any planning applications:**

None

**To note applications pending and determined:**

DC/22/0761/FUL – one dwelling and new vehicular access at land north of Horseshoe Barn, Mortimer Lane, Freckenham – refused 16.8.22

**Pending:**

DC/22/1073/FUL – conversion of barns to two dwellings, change of use of agricultural land to residential garden and associated external works at Hall Farm Church Lane, Freckenham

**8.2 Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr Cornell reported that she had a meeting with West Suffolk Planners on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October and that the NH Plan group are meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> October and are looking to approve the plan.

**8.3 Sunnica Proposal**

Cllr Cornell reported that she attended a Sunnica meeting at Bedford Lodge last week. She confirmed that Sunnica still do not have permission to connect to the National Grid at Burwell.

## **22/10/9 Recreation Ground and other assets:**

### **9.1 Playground/Recreation Ground Report**

It was agreed to try and carry out the works required by organising a working group over a weekend.

### **9.2 Update on grass cutting**

Cllr Cornell confirmed that the grass would be cut the following day.

### **9.3. Any other matters**

None

## **22/10/10 Highways Inspection**

Cllr Tucker ask about the results of the recent traffic surveys. The clerk forwarded the results to all members and confirmed the results could be used as evidence in the future to seek help with Highways and traffic issues.

## **22/10/11 Chippenham Road Wall- Cllr Cornell to report**

Cllr Cornell reported that Flagship have confirmed a contractor should start work this week.

## **22/10/12 SALC, to confirm the date of the next local area meeting**

No date has been confirmed.

## **22/10/13 West Suffolk District Council Town & Parish Forum, to confirm the date of the next meeting**

No date has been confirmed.

## **22/10/14 Financial Matters:**

### **14.1 To approve any quotes received**

None

### **14.2 To confirm payment of invoices:**

The following invoices were approved for payment:

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Jadi Coe	Clerk salary	£1,010.00
HMRC	Clerk expenses	£90.00

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

The following invoices were approved for payment:

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Michelle Bolger	Sunnica	£762.30
SALC	Payroll service	£22.80
Jadi Coe	Clerk expenses	£26.97
Sue Cornell	Queens Jubilee mugs	£309.48

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

The clerk reported that at date £2,015 is held in the current account and £23,188 in the deposit account.

The clerk also had an updated bank mandate to add new councillors and remove old councillors as signatories. This was approved and signed by the Cllr Cornell and the clerk.

## **22/10/15 Working Groups Report:**

### **15.1 Circular Walk**

It was reported that the walk should have been cut in August.

### **15.2 Emergency Plan**

No update.

### **15.3 Defibrillator monthly check Report**

The volunteer reported the defibrillator is in good working condition.

### **15.4 Community Speedwatch**

The team has been out of action over summer but intend to start again next week.

## **22/10/16 Correspondence Received**

Correspondence was received reporting a fence that is in need of repair, which has become dangerous. It was agreed to contact the land owner.

It was also reported that complaints have been received in regard to ivy which has overgrown and needs cutting back. It was agreed to write to the resident.

A member of the public asked the Parish Council to record their thanks to the parishioners who had trimmed the ivy on the Paddock fencing on Mildenhall Road.

**22/10/17 Letting of woodland to the East and West of North Street**

Matthew Lee from SCC has confirmed that Suffolk County Council is willing entirely at their cost to undertake a tree safety assessment of the entire area. On receipt of the report Suffolk County Council will then carry out any works identified as urgent immediately and any non-urgent works in the following financial year. In addition, Suffolk County Council will commit to commissioning an annual tree safety assessment at their cost for the duration of the Tenancy, and will carry out any works recommended in the report at their cost. In return for the above Suffolk County Council would request that Freckenham Parish Council agrees to pay the proposed rent of £525.00 per annum.

It was proposed and agreed to decline this offer and confirm that the Parish Council would only accept this offer if the same terms were applied but there was an annual rent of just £5.

**22/10/18 Request from Village Hall regarding Film Nights**

District Cllr Harvey has confirmed he can contribute £100 from his locality budget. The clerk will apply for this money on behalf of the village hall.

**22/10/19 Update on the re-printing of the book, Manor of Freckenham**

The re-printing was discussed and due to various reasons including the costs and data protection, it was agreed not to pursue this.

**22/10/20 Parish Pump**

The deadline for articles for the next edition is 4th November.

**22/10/21 Remembrance Sunday**

Cllr S Cornell confirmed this would be in hand and the clerk did not need to action anything.

**22/10/22 Urgent Business**

Cllr Cornell reported that she had looked further into getting a memorial bench for the ex-chairman on the playing fields. The cost of a recycled plastic bench would be £375 and a memorial plaque £50. It was proposed and agreed to purchase a memorial bench and install on a concrete base at the playing field.

It was reported that a street light in North Street was covered in foliage and a street light in Mildenhall Road was on all day. The clerk to report when exact locations known.

**The meeting closed at 8:40pm**

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