

FRECKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of Freckenham Parish Council on
Monday 14th November 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.

22/11/01 Apologies for absence & approval of reasons tendered

Two parishioners had given their apologies.

22/11/02 Co-option of councillors

None

22/11/03 Declaration of interest in any items on the agenda

None

22/11/04 Members of the public are invited to give their views on any item within the agenda

Two members of the public in attendance informed the members of their plans to change the use of a parcel of land in the village to a secure dog field. The land they are looking at is on Fordham Road, where they plan to erect an enclosed dog park with a 6ft fence, for dogs to socialise during day light hours when booked via an online booking system. Parking and dog bins would be available.

Cllr Harvey suggested a pre-assessment meeting with West Suffolk Planners to discuss their plans including access from the highway

The Parish Council commented that this was a good idea and would support the proposals based on what was discussed.

22/11/05 To receive reports from the County Councillor, District Councillor and to receive the Police Reports

Cllr Stanbury reported on the shortfall in the County Council's draft budget for 2023/24 and his attendance at the recent public police meeting, in which speeding was the main concern of residents.

Cllr Harvey reported on the upcoming Town and Parish Forum and the issue of rough sleepers in the area.

22/11/06 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 10th October 2022

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th October 2022 were proposed by Cllr Englebrecht as a true record of the meeting and was seconded by Cllr Tucker. This was resolved following a unanimous vote.

22/11/07 Matters arising from the Minutes not covered in the agenda

None

22/11/08 Planning:

8.1 To consider any planning applications:

DC/22/1832/FUL – a. one dwelling b. vehicular access on land north of Horseshoe Barn, Mortimer Lane, Freckenham
It was proposed and agreed to refuse the application due to over development of the site and that it went against policies DM24 and 28.

DC/22/1827/LB – one internal double door between garage kitchen with blocking up of an existing door at The Old Rectory, Church Lane, Freckenham

It was proposed and agreed to support the application

To note applications pending and determined:

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 – pending at 7/11

8.2 Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Cornell reported that the draft plan should be ready for approval at the next Parish Council meeting.

8.3 Sunnica Proposal including request for further financial help

The landscape consultant Michelle Bolger needs to carry out some further work due to changes in the application by Sunnica. The Sunnica alliance group are asking parishes for a further £1,500 to cover the cost of this work.

In the 2022/23 budget £4,800 was included for Sunnica expenses, at date £2,367.75 has already been paid to Michelle Bolger for works, so there are sufficient funds left to contribute a further £1,500.

It was proposed and agreed to fund a further £1,500 for any work required.

On Friday the clerk submitted the written representation.

Cllr Harvey reported that the Local Impact report and Written Representation should have now been submitted ahead of the open hearings which begin on 6th December at the Memorial Hall in Newmarket. If people wish to speak or attend then they must register, although people can observe the hearings remotely without registering.

22/11/09 Recreation Ground and other assets

9.1 Playground/Recreation Ground Report

No update.

9.2 Update on grass cutting

This has not been done recently due to the weather but will be cut as soon as the weather allows.

9.3 Any other matters

Cllr Cornell confirmed her son had fixed the post which had been damaged by a vehicle.

Cllr Cornell asked whether Cllr Stanbury and Harvey could contribute towards a memorial bench in the name of the David Wheeler. The bench which has been chosen costs £434. The clerk to complete a request form once the quote is received.

22/11/10 Highways Inspection

Nothing to report

22/11/11 Chippenham Road Wall

Cllr Cornell reported that the work had been started but the workers had done a poor job at present and have not returned for over two weeks. It was agreed to contact Flagship and copy in Lesley-Ann Keogh at West Suffolk Council.

22/11/12 SALC, to confirm the date of the next local area meeting

Following the last meeting held on 15th September, no further date has been agreed.

22/11/13 West Suffolk District Council Town & Parish Forum, to confirm the date of the next meeting

The next forum is on 16th November and will be held via Microsoft Teams.

22/11/14 Financial Matters:

14.1 To approve any quotes received

None

14.2 To confirm payment of invoices

Payee	Details	Amount
Village Hall	Locality budget funding	£100.00

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

None

14.4 Clerk to update on bank balances held

The clerk reported that at date £22,189 is held in the deposit account and £984 in the current account.

14.5 Clerk to present accounts to date and draft budget for 2023/24

The clerk circulated a copy of the draft accounts to date which included a comparison to the budget and a draft budget for the year 2023/24.

The draft budget showed a precept of £14,906 which resulted in council tax payers' contributions remaining the same.

The clerk confirmed that this would need to be agreed at the next meeting and if anyone thought of any likely expenses then to contact her ahead of the next meeting.

22/11/15 Working Groups Report

15.1 Circular Walk

No update

15.2 Emergency Plan

No update

15.3 Defibrillator monthly check Report

The volunteer who carries out the checks has confirmed everything is as it should be.

15.4 Community Speedwatch

CLlr Cornell reported that one speed check had been carried out recently

22/11/16 Correspondence Received

None

22/11/17 Letting of woodland to the East and West of North Street

Following the last meeting the clerk contact Matthew Lee at SCC and asked to accept the terms but with just a £5 annual rent charge. The clerk has not yet had a response to this.

22/11/18 Update on request from Village Hall regarding Film Nights

The clerk requested funds of £100 towards costs on behalf of the Village Hall, this has now been received and will be paid to the village hall.

22/11/19 Parish Pump

The clerk is collating articles for the Pump and it should go to Gipping Press early next week.

22/11/20 Urgent Business

None

The meeting closed at 8:30pm

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