

FRECKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The Meeting of Freckenham Parish Council on
Monday 16th September at 7.30 pm at Freckenham Village Hall

MINUTES

In attendance:

Cllr. Brooks
Cllr. McCoig
Cllr. A Smith
Cllr. S Smith
Cllr. Tucker

Also in attendance:

Clerk Naomi Alecock, District Cllr. Taylor, County Cllr. Stanbury and 3 members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence & approval of reasons tendered

There were no apologies for absence.

2. Declaration of interest and dispensations

There were no declarations of interest or dispensations.

3. To receive approval of minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 8th July 2024 from those members present at the meeting

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the minutes from the parish council meeting on Monday 8th July 2024. Proposed by Cllr. Brooks, seconded by Cllr. A. Smith. All in favour.

4. Public Participation

A parishioner reported that the public right of way at Mortimer Lane needs cutting and that brambles are covering the path in Green Lane.

5. District Councillors Report

Cllr. Taylor reported on the decision of Sunnica and advised that mitigation is needed to limit the impact on residents.

He advised that West Suffolk Council are looking to bring back weed killer under some circumstances.

6. County Councillors Report

Cllr. Stanbury circulated his report prior to the meeting.

He advised that the 'Say No to Sunnica' campaign is still running and have a scientific approach to the proposal. We now have to work collectively to get the best for the local people.

District Cllr. Taylor, County Cllr. Stanbury and 1 member of the public left the meeting.

7. To note the Parish Councils submitted comments on the Neighbourhood Plan Examiner's Clarification Note

The Parish Council have agreed amendments to the parking and dark skies in the Neighbourhood Plan which will fall under Building Regulations. We should hear back from the Examiner within the next 2 weeks.

1 member of the public joined the meeting.

8. Planning Consultations

8.1 DC/24/1266/HH – Householder planning application – garage with workshop – 17 Mildenhall Road, Freckenham

It was **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT**. Proposed by Cllr. McCoig, seconded by Cllr. Tucker. All in favour.

9. Parish Matters

9.1 To receive an update on the playing field

Cllr. A. Smith advised that the play equipment had been subjected to some vandalism including obscene graffiti and a broken padlock on the service gate which has now been rectified. It was **AGREED** to add a post to Facebook regarding the vandalism.

Following the latest inspection, it is advisable to look at the exercise equipment next year as the foundations are unstable and the wood above ground is splitting.

A further request was made for the hedge at The Old School House to be cut to improve access.

Concerns were raised with the river becoming full due to the build up of reeds. It was **AGREED** to contact The Lark Preservation Society to ask if this could be cleared.

9.2 To discuss and agree the arrangements for Remembrance Day

It was **AGREED** that Cllr. McCoig will read the tribute and lay the wreath on behalf of the Parish Council. It was also **AGREED** to purchase a wreath from the RBL Poppy Appeal at a cost of £20.00.

10. Financial Matters

10.1 To consider a grant request from Lighthouse Women's Aid

It was **AGREED** to place an advert promoting the charity in the next Parish Pump adding that if people would like to make a donation they can.

10.2 To consider the insurance policy renewal quote

The renewal quote for 01/10/24 – 30/09/25 is £1113.42, a slight increase on last year's premium of £1023.08. It was **AGREED** to accept this quote.

10.3 To receive the monthly bank accounts

It was **NOTED** that there is currently £496.70 in the current account and £23,055.57 in the business account.

10.4 To agree payments and expenses

Retrospective approval of invoices (subject to 5.5(a) of the financial regulations)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total</u>
10/07/2024	Gipping Press - Summer Parish Pump	£282.00	£0.00	£282.00

To be approved

09/09/2024	Clerk expenses	£37.36	£0.00	£37.36
16/09/2024	A. Smith expenses	£73.61	£0.00	£73.61

£110.97	£0.00	£392.97
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It was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the above payments and expenses. Proposed by Cllr. Tucker, seconded by Cllr. Brooks. All in favour.

The Chair agreed to add an item that was requested at the last meeting.

10.5 To consider a proposal from the Shores Trust

The Shores Trust are asking for a grant to cover the cost of their skip so that they are able to remove rubbish from previous tenants to enable them to rent out more allotments. The cost of the skip is £220.00 (inclusive of VAT). It was **AGREED** to give this grant. Proposed by Cllr. S. Smith, seconded by Cllr. Brooks. All in favour.

2 parishioners have agreed to do some gardening around the bench but need 2 bags of gravel to stop the weeds from growing. It was **AGREED** for these to be purchased. Proposed by Cllr. McCoig, seconded by Cllr. A. Smith. All in favour.

11. Exchange of information

Niall Murphy, a former Councillor of the Parish Council has recently passed away. His funeral will take place tomorrow at 1pm at St Johns Catholic Church in Mildenhall followed by a burial at Freckenham. The wake will be held at Freckenham Village Hall, everyone is welcome.

12. Date and time of next meeting – Monday 11th November 2024 at 7.30pm in Freckenham Village Hall, 7 Fordham Road, Freckenham, IP28 8JB

The meeting closed at 20.12pm.