

FRECKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

**The Extra-Ordinary Meeting of Freckenham Parish Council on
Monday 26th February at 7.30 pm at Freckenham Village Hall**

MINUTES

In attendance:

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

Also in attendance:

Clerk, West Suffolk District Cllr. David Taylor, Chairman of the Freckenham Neighbourhood Plan Group Nick Woolley and 12 members of the public

1. Apologies for absence & approval of reasons tendered

Apologies were received from Cllr. S Smith.

2. Declaration of interest and dispensations

There were no declarations of interest or dispensations.

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

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

4. Public Participation

There was 1 member of the public who spoke regarding the village classification which then started a discussion. It should be made clear in the final draft of the neighbourhood plan that nobody in Freckenham has requested development and a type A classification.

5. To approve the neighbourhood plan for submission to West Suffolk Council

Nick Woolley gave an update on the progress of the neighbourhood plan, due to some changes to meet the Local Plan requirements more consideration and clarification is needed and therefore it could not be approved at the meeting.

The Parish Council confirmed that:

- (i) It maintains its objection to being classified as a Type A village
- (ii) It does not wish to have a site allocated for housing in the village
- (iii) It does not support the allocation of the site opposite the village hall
- (iv) If the allocation remains in the Local Plan consideration should be given to development and sustainability

Some further changes are needed and Ian Poole will confirm our objection on village classification and allocation of land before the Local Plan deadline with a view to formally approve the neighbourhood plan at the next meeting on 11th March. The Council formally

instructed Ian Poole to prepare the submission of the Parish Council's objections to the current draft local plan, having obtained the Parish Council's approval to his wording.

6. To receive a verbal update on the Local Plan and Village Classification

Concerns were raised over the land ownership of the allocated site and a B classification would prevent any unwanted development.

A question was raised as to whether there is an appeal process in place if the village remains Type A. Dave Taylor will speak to Jim Thorndyke with regards to this and Nick Woolley to Ian Poole to ascertain the procedure.

2 members of the public left the meeting.

The Chair allowed Cllr. Taylor to give a district update. SCC have set their budget and services will be tight due to a loss of £70m. WSC are investing more in grounds due to the cuts. Cllr. Taylor does have some locality budget left if anyone would like to apply.

7. Planning Consultations

To consider the following planning applications:

7.1 DC/23/2050/VAR – Reconsultation – Planning application – variation of condition two of DC/22/1832/FUL to enable use of amended plans for a. one dwelling b. vehicular access – Land north of Horseshoe Barn, 5 Mortimer Lane, Freckenham

It was **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT**. Proposed by Cllr. Brooks, seconded by Cllr. A Smith. All in favour.

7.2 DC/24/0120/FUL – Planning application – a. horse stable with overhang connection to existing stable b. covered horse walker c. extension to existing exercise arena – Woodland House, Elms Road, Freckenham

It was **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT**. Proposed by Cllr. Brooks, seconded by Cllr. A Smith. All in favour.

8. Financial Matters

8.1 To approve the Internal Auditor for 2023/24

It was **RESOLVED** to **APPOINT** Anthony Preece at a cost of £75 + VAT for the 2023/24 internal audit. Proposed by Cllr. Brooks, seconded by Cllr. McCoig. All in favour.

8.2 To agree the payment of Clerks salary on receipt of payslips at the end of each quarter

It was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the payment of the Clerks salary on receipt of payslips at the end of each quarter to ensure the accounts are in line with the paperwork. Proposed by Cllr. Smith, seconded by Cllr. McCoig. All in favour.

8.3 To agree payments and expenses

20/02/2024	Clerk expenses	£32.12	£2.99	£35.11
01/02/2024	Defib pads x 2	£104.00	£21.79	£130.74

It was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the above payments and expenses. Proposed by Cllr. McCoig, seconded by Cllr. Brooks. All in favour.

Cllr. Taylor and 1 member of the public left the meeting.

8.4 To consider quotes received for playing field

4 quotes have been sourced for the repair of the play equipment and the companies checked on Companies House. Cllr. A Smith recommended the contractor who could install the play equipment and provide an annual service. They can complete every job on the report that needs doing, however it has been suggested that the rubber matting is not required. The quote for this is £5449.32 incl. VAT. It was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE**. Proposed by Cllr. McCoig, seconded by Cllr. Brooks. All in favour.

Nick Woolley and 1 member of the public left the meeting.

8.5 To consider quote for street light at 11 Church Lane, Freckenham

A quote of £531.75 + VAT was considered to supply and install replacement LED lantern to existing pole bracket/column with standard cell at 11 Church Lane. It was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the quote. Proposed by Cllr. Brooks, seconded by Cllr. Smith. All in favour.

8.6 To consider quote for street light at Unit 16, The Street, Freckenham

A quote of £442.21 + VAT was considered to replace the obsolete lantern with a new LED type. It was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the quote. Proposed by Cllr. Brooks, seconded by Cllr. Smith. All in favour.

8.7 To consider quote for street light at Unit 28, The Street, Freckenham

A quote of £442.21 + VAT was considered to replace the obsolete lantern with a new LED type. It was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the quote. Proposed by Cllr. Brooks, seconded by Cllr. Smith. All in favour.

9. Exchange of information

Cllr. A Smith reported that we have 2 SID units that are faulty. It was **AGREED** to **DISPOSE** of these. Proposed by Cllr. Brooks, seconded by Cllr. Tucker. All in favour.

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

The meeting closed at 20.26pm.