

FRECKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting of Freckenham Parish Council on
Monday 16th March 2020 at 7.30 pm at Freckenham Village Hall

Present: Cllr Wheeler, Cornell, Douch and Cllr Brooks and King who were co-opted at the meeting
In attendance: Parish Council Clerk Jadi Coe, Cllr Harvey, Cllr Busuttil and four members of the public

Chairman Cllr Wheeler welcomed everyone to the meeting

03/20/01 Apologies for absence & approval of reasons tendered

None

03/20/02 Declaration of interest in any items on the agenda

None

03/20/03 Members of the public are invited to speak on any item within the Agenda for a maximum time of three minutes.

Cllr Wheeler offered the members of the public in attendance

the option to speak on any item on the agenda, however the offer was declined.

03/20/04 Fill vacancies by co-option

It was proposed and agreed to co-opt Michael King and Paul Brooks. Cllr King and Cllr Brooks were welcomed to the councillor table and signed the acceptance forms.

It was agreed that the clerk should organise Bank Mandates in order to add the new councillors as bank signatories. (JC)

03/20/05 To receive reports from the County Councillor, District Councillor and to receive the Police Reports

Cllr Wheeler thanked Cllr Busuttil for agreeing to use some of his locality budget to contribute £3,570.00 towards the cost of a consultant to conduct a landscape appraisal in respect of Freckenham's Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr Busuttil reported that the number of positive cases of Covid-19 are low in Suffolk but this is expected to change quickly, following this some County Council meetings are being cancelled.

Cllr Busuttil also reported that Suffolk County Council are re drafting the preferred HGV routes within the county and neighbouring counties. The Public Consultation is expected to begin in April.

Cllr Wheeler thanked Cllr Harvey for agreeing to use some of his locality budget to contribute £350.00 towards the cost of the public event for the presentation of the neighbourhood plan.

Cllr. B. Harvey reported on West Suffolk news including the increase in Council Tax rates, County Lines, changes in regards to commenting on planning applications, Civil Parking Enforcement coming into force on 6th April 2020, actions being taken to decrease the number of rough sleepers and that principal West Suffolk meetings are now being live streamed. Cllr Harvey requested that the clerk minute the following in regards to fly tipping:

West Suffolk Council are part of the Suffolk wide campaign to crack down on fly tipping with prosecutions taking place resulting with a business in Bury St Edmunds being fined accordingly.

If Residents are aware of fly tipping in their villages please contact Dominic Owner by email at dominic.owner@westsuffolk.gov.uk with a copy to Cllr Harvey.

Cllr Harvey finally reported that residents must now renew their garden waste collection subscription. The service can no longer be paid for by cash or cheque. Direct debit, or debit and credit cards are the only means of payment.

03/20/06 To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20th January 2020.

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20th January 2020 were proposed and agreed as being a true account of the meeting held, and the minutes were signed by the Chairman.

03/20/07 Matters arising from the Minutes not covered in the Agenda

None

03/20/08 Planning:

03/20/08.01 To consider any planning applications:

DC/20/0146/FUL - (i) change of use and conversion of agricultural building to dwelling (Class C3) (ii) change of use of agricultural land to residential garden and (iii) provision of vehicular access at 5 Mortimer Lane, Freckenham, IP28 8JD

It was proposed by Cllr Cornell that the Parish Council has no objections to the application. Following a unanimous vote the proposal was carried.

DC/20/0350/TCA - (i) 1no. Yew (T1 on plan) - cut and clear branches from telephone wire back to beyond apex of roof allowing a minimum of 1 metre clearance (ii) 1no. Sycamore (T2 on plan) - cut and clear branches from telephone wire back to beyond apex of rood allowing a minimum of 1 metre clearance reducing lateral branches back to main stem (iii) 1no. Beech (T3 on plan) - reduce to a 6 metre habitat stem (iv) Yew (T5) - reduce height by 2 meters_at The Old Rectory, Church Lane, Freckenham, IP28 8JF

It was proposed that the Parish Council has no objections to the application. Following a unanimous vote the proposal was carried.

03/20/08.2 To note applications pending:

None

03/20/08.3 To note applications received after the agenda is published:

DC/20/0407/FUL - Vehicular access Location Land Opposite Hawthorn Farm Ferry Lane West Row Suffolk

It was agreed that the clerk would circulate the application with a view to arrange an EGM (JC)

03/20/08.4 To note applications determined:

DC/19/1911/LB and DC/19/1910/HH - Application for Listed Building Consent and Householder Planning Application - (i) Renovation and conversion of existing outbuilding to ancillary accommodation (ii) single storey extension (following demolition of C20th outbuilding lean-to) (iii) single storey outbuilding for garden storage and (iv) replacement windows and doors to the main house at Lavrock House North Street Freckenham IP28 8HY (*approved 8/1/20*)

03/20/08.5 Update on Neighbourhood Planning Process

Cllr Douch reported that the landscape assessment is currently underway and is due to completed at end of March. The assessment will document unique points in the village with a chance to nominate key views. There is also a site assessment survey being carried out by Urban Vision which assesses the likelihood of different sites being developed following land owners responses, this will detail confidence in the land supply and the capacity for the number of dwellings. Cllr Douch also reported that the next step is to hold a drop in event which is scheduled to be held on the 6th June in the Village Hall.

03/20/08.6 Update on Sunnica Solar Farm proposal

Cllr Douch reported that the Sunnica proposal was discussed at the West Suffolk Council cabinet meeting on 11th February. At the meeting, Cllr Drummond indicated he expected the Statutory Consultation to begin in June/July 2020 which will be dependent on meetings still taking place. Cllr Harvey is expected to have a meeting with the Sunnica consultants and the West Suffolk Planning Team and following this Cllr Douch will arrange an Alliance meeting.

The Parish Council has formed a sub-group of Councillors and Parishioners who are helping to write the Parish Council's response to the Statutory Consultation. The group have had two good meetings and have looked at Graveney with Goodnestone Parish Council's response to the Cleve Hill Statutory

Consultation as a model. The Parish Council expect to repeat the survey once the Statutory Consultation begins in order to have Parishioner's views of the actual plans to use in the response. The Landscape Assessment for the Freckenham Neighbourhood Plan is currently underway and the Parish Council believe this report will be a helpful reference in the response to the Sunnica Statutory Consultation.

Cllr Douch reported he had attended the Action Group Meeting on 3rd February when representatives from the Graveney with Goodnestone Parish Council were in attendance talking about their experience on the Cleve Hill proposal.

03/20/09 Recreation Ground and other assets:

03/20/09.1 Playground Report

Cllr Cornell reported that the support to retain the self-closing gate is due to be delivered.

03/20/09.2 Update on grass cutting

Cllr Cornell reported that the grass has been cut and the edges are due to be cut.

03/20/09.3 Any other matters relating to the Recreation Ground

Cllr Cornell raised concerns of the dead tree on the recreational ground. It was agreed that the clerk would contact West Suffolk Council and request this to be removed and possibly replaced. (JC)

03/20/10 Highways Matters

Cllr Wheeler reported he would like to have a meeting to discuss Highways issues with Francesca Clarke from Suffolk County Council. (DW)

Cllr Busuttill reported he and Cllr Harvey had an informal productive meeting with Highways Suffolk in hope to get issues in the area resolved.

Cllr Wheeler reported that vehicles are parking on the pavements in the village parking issues, which forces people with buggies, disabled people using wheelchairs and pedestrians to walk on the road. A new notice has been produced which Cllr Wheeler handed to all members with the request that if a vehicle is parked on the pavement then a notice is placed on their windscreen and that the councillor notes the number plate.

Cllr Douch asked Cllr Wheeler whether there was an update on the street light issues, Cllr Wheeler responded by stating he continually chases Suffolk County Council, and that the Parish Council have recently received the Suffolk County Council lighting energy and maintenance draft invoice which details maintenance and energy costs on lights which have not been working,

03/20/11 SALC

The date of the next local meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 8th September at 7:00pm at Freckenham Village Hall. Cllr Cornell volunteered to provide refreshments.

03/20/12 West Suffolk District Council Town & Parish Forum

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 17th March at Newmarket Memorial Hall. Although the West Suffolk Council may cancel the Forum following the latest government advice in relation to Covid-19.

03/20/13 Financial Matters:

03/20/13.1 To confirm payment of invoices

It was proposed and agreed to accept and pay the following invoices:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Q no.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Parish Online	NH Plan	1053	£60.00
Gipping Press	Parish Pump	1054	£147.83
Peter Taylor Whiffen	Parish Pump	1055	£140.00
Jadi Coe	Clerk expenses	1056	£17.49
TOTAL			£365.32

03/20/13.2 To consider any invoices received after the Agenda was issued

<u>Name</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Q no.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
D Wheeler	Mileage	1057	£56.70
D Wheeler	Mileage	1058	£22.05
A Douch	Printout maps (NH Plan)	1059	£16.44
Places4People	NH Plan support	1060	£1,399.80
			£1,494.99

Cllr Wheeler reported that the grant received this financial year from Locality/Groundwork was £6,348.00 to which this has not spent in full, therefore the balance will need to be returned to them and the Parish Council will then re-apply for the forthcoming financial year, when the program re-opens for the balance. The Parish Council will also go for additional funding depending on what is required.

03/20/13.3 Clerk to update on bank balances held

The clerk reported that on 9th March 2020 £943 was held in the current account and £21,978 in the deposit account but today has transferred £2,000 from the deposit account to the current account to cover the cheques agreed.

03/20/14 Working Groups Report:

03/20/14.1 Circular Walk

A member of the public reported that the river side of the walk was fine, but the side by the Suffolk County Council field was continually being ploughed. It was agreed that the clerk would send a letter to Suffolk County Council as the land owner detailing the issues. (JC)

A member of public asked whether details of the walk are on Village website. Cllr Wheeler responded stating it had been on the website in the past, but this would be checked.

Cllr Douch stated that a local representative from the Ramblers Society may be able to help the Parish Council if required.

03/20/14.2 Emergency Plan

Cllr Wheeler reported that councils are not being asked to activate their plan in reaction to Covid-19 at the present time, however, the situation is continuously being monitored.

It was agreed the Parish Council website should direct residents to the government website for more advice in regards to Covid-19. (JC)

03/20/14.3 Defibrillator monthly check Report

The volunteer who cleans and carries out checks on the defibrillator reported that the defibrillator was in good working order. Cllr Wheeler thanked the volunteer for his continued work.

03/20/14.4 Community Speed watch

The Speed watch representative who was in attendance at the meeting distributed copies of the latest Speed watch report. The representative talked through the report highlighting important facts including that over a 7-day period in February a total of 22,700 vehicles travelled through the village and 36.6% of these vehicles were travelling over the speed limit. The representative reported that he would seek to arrange training courses for both current and new members of the Speed watch team.

Cllr Wheeler thanked the representative for his attendance at the meeting and his continued work.

03/20/15 To appoint a Council Representative to The Village Hall Committee

Cllr King agreed to be the Council Representative

03/20/16 To discuss further the idea of re-printing copies of the book Manor of Freckenham

Cllr Wheeler reported that the Lord of the Manor is asking if the book could be re-printed. Cllr Douch suggested that it may be possible to get the book digitalised. It was agreed that Cllr Douch would look further into getting the book digitalised and the likely costs. (AD)

03/20/17 Correspondence Received

None

03/20/18 Urgent Business

It was reported that the Village Hall are postponing public events including film nights following the latest government advise in regards to Covid-19.

Cllr Wheeler reported that the litter pick is at the current time still going ahead however there will be no refreshments or activities following the litter pick.

Cllr Douch reported that two schemes to help the vulnerable had been set up including a telephone tree, and practical support.

03/20/19 Future Meetings

It was confirmed that the Annual Parish Council Meeting would be held on 11th May 2020. The Annual Parish Meeting on 27th May 2020 if the Village Hall is free with a start time of 6:30pm.

It was agreed to ask the Village Hall, Shores Charity, the Church and the Speed watch team to each do a small presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting.

Cllr Wheeler thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.00