

FRECKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the of Freckenham Parish Council meeting held on
Wednesday 23rd March 2022 at 7.45 pm at Freckenham Village Hall
(with audio also transmitted using Zoom for members of the public)**

Present: Cllr Cornell, Douch, King

In attendance: Cllr Harvey and Parish Council Clerk, Jadi Coe

Cllr Cornell welcomed everyone to the meeting.

22/03/01 Apologies for absence & approval of reasons tendered

Cllr Stanbury sent his apologies

22/03/02 Declaration of interest in any items on the agenda

None

22/03/03 Members of the public are invited to give their views on any item within the agenda

No members of the public were present

22/03/04 To receive reports from the County Councillor, District Councillor and to receive the Police Reports

Cllr Harvey reported on:

Additional EV points being installed in West Suffolk in large public carparks; locality budgets; TPOs at Green Lane; County Lines; Sunnica.

Cllr King reported that there was a white van acting suspiciously around the village recently. Cllr Harvey confirmed that if people are concerned the details can be reported on the online police reporting tool.

22/03/05 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 10th January 2022

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th January 2022 were proposed and approved as being a true record of the meeting held.

22/03/06 Matters arising from the Minutes not covered in the agenda

Cllr King reported of a potential trip hazard on a path. This is to be reported on the SCC online reporting tool.

22/03/07 Planning:

7.1 To consider any planning applications:

DC/22/0358/HH – single storey rear extension, b) single storey side extension, c) detached garage and associated parking at 22 North Street, Freckenham, IP28 8HY

It was proposed and agreed that the parish council have no objections to the application.

7.2 To note applications pending and determined:

DC/21/2295/HH – single storey rear extension at 21 East View, Freckenham – *approved 11.1.22*

DC/21/2216/FUL – change of use of agricultural land to residential garden and construction of wildlife pond at The Old Granary, Church Lane, Freckenham – *approved 25.1.22*

DC/21/1621/HYB - hybrid planning application - a. proposed 70 kilometre pipeline and associated above ground infrastructure at Gazeley, Isleham and Woodditton; b. Outline planning application - for above ground infrastructure at Bexwell, Kentford, Lady's Green and Rede with all matters reserved except for access at land required For Bexwell To Bury St Edmunds Anglian Water Pipeline For Anglian Water, Moulton Road, Gazeley - *pending*

DC/22/0142/TPO – fell one Horse Chestnut at Drift Cottage, Elms Road, Freckenham - *pending*

DC/21/2379/RM - Submission of details under outline planning permission DC/21/0471/OUT - the means of access appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for the construction of one dwelling at Rectory Farm, Elms Road, Freckenham, Suffolk, IP28 8EW - *pending*

7.3 Other planning considerations

None

7.4 Update on Neighbourhood Planning Progress

No update reported.

7.5 Update on Sunnica Proposal

Cllr Douch reported:

Sunnica's DCO application has been published on the Planning Inspectorate website, see the "Docs" tab, and the list of 268 documents under "Developer's Application":

(<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/sunnica-energy-farm/?ipcsection=docs>)

The period for the Registration of Interested Parties, which was the opportunity for the Parish Council, members of the public and experts to submit comments directly to the Planning Inspectorate, closed on the 17th March 2022. The Parish Council's Relevant Representation, which accompanied its registration, will be published on the Parish Council website Sunnica page. The next step is the Examination phase, a little like a public enquiry. The Planning Inspectorate will publish dates and locations in due course, expected within 6-8 weeks. During the Registration Period, the Parish Council ran the Sunnica awareness stall at each Freckenham Farmers Market, and attended every Meet-Up Monday event at the Golden Boar, to encourage residents to register. Thank you to everyone who has registered. Relevant Representations from SCC, WSC, CCC, ECDC have all been published and submitted to the Planning Inspectorate. The whole scheme Landscape Appraisal, organised by the Parish Councils Alliance – Sunnica Group, is being undertaken by Michelle Bolger of Michelle Bolger Expert Landscape Consultants. The first stage payment (contribution) will shortly be due, in line with Freckenham PC's previous decision to contribute. Michelle Bolger will represent all affected Parish Councils during the Examination Process. In the meantime, anyone can visit the Planning Inspectorate website, search for Sunnica, and subscribe to receive updates on the application by email. Freckenham resident Mrs Sandie Geddes has put a huge amount of work into researching the archaeology, wildlife and landscape along the U6006 Green Lane which runs from Elms Road Freckenham by Rectory Farm to Newmarket Road Worlington. Part of the lane is in Freckenham Parish, the remainder in Worlington. As a result, Green Lane has been mentioned in the Relevant Representation by WSC, and multiple Tree Preservation Orders have been granted on the lane. I would like to thank Mrs Geddes for all the careful and detailed work she has put in to protecting Green Lane for the residents of Freckenham, Worlington and others who use and enjoy it.

The Parish Council remains against the Sunnica proposal in its current form, and continues to liaise with the Community Action Group and Parish Alliance Sunnica Group.

There are traffic surveys published as part of the Sunnica application, showing speeding on Mildenhall Road and Elms Road. See Appendix F Traffic Surveys in 6.2 Appendix 13C: Framework Construction Traffic Management Plan and Travel Plan Elms Road West (close to Badlingham Road junction) page 257 "A 7-day automatic traffic count on Elms Road (West), commencing Tue 28 Sep 2021, recorded a total of 9,203 vehicles. The posted speed limit of 60mph was exceeded by 7.5% of vehicles.

22/03/08 Recreation Ground and other assets:

8.1 Playground/Recreation Ground Report

It was discussed to have a memorial bench installed at the playing fields in memory of David Wheeler. Cllr Harvey confirmed he would be able to contribute towards the cost from his locality budget.

8.2 Update on grass cutting

The grass cutting is up to date.

8.3 Any other matters

None

22/03/09 Highways Inspection

Locality grants have now been received for the speed counts for Freckenham, but Barton Mills Parish Council is still waiting on SCC funds, once this is received, the speed counts will be ordered.

22/03/10 Chippenham Road Wall

Cllr Cornell reported that she has sent numerous emails but had no response.

22/03/11 SALC, to confirm the date of the next local area meeting

The next 2022 local area forums for West Suffolk will be held on 15th September with the last one being held on 15th March. The meetings will continue to be held remotely.

22/03/12 West Suffolk District Council Town & Parish Forum, to confirm the date of the next meeting

The date of the next meeting has yet to be confirmed.

22/03/13 Financial Matters:

13.1 To approve quotes received

-SCC confirmed unit 0009 in Church Lane was beyond repair and therefore quoted £622.46 (net) to supply and install a new LED lantern and bracket support arm to be fixed to the UKPN wooden pole. The quote was to be approved at this meeting; however, SCC intervened before this meeting and repaired the light as they had received several complaints. SCC would however, still like the Parish Council to fund these costs.

The lantern that has been installed temporary is not an LED lantern, but an LED will be fitted if quote accepted.

The clerk also requested quotes from K&M Lighting and Pearce and Kemp.

K & M Lighting quoted £320 to remove and dispose of existing bracket and lantern, supply and fit 1.5m outreach bracket with 30w LED lantern controlled by photo electric cell.

A quote form Pearce and Kemp has yet to be received.

The Parish Council agreed to not replace the light and leave as it is, until it requires replacing.

Cllr Douch reported that West Row have changed all their units to LED and do not pay for maintenance and energy costs via SCC. The clerk to obtain more information and whether any grants were received to change all the units to LED.

-The Parish Council tried to obtain 3 quotes for the work required on the park, however only 2 contractors willing to take on the work would provide quotes:

-A quote has been received from James Holdgate, in the sum of £1,950.00.

-A quote has been received from Eastern Play Services, in the sum of £6,035.50

It was proposed and agreed to accept the quote from James Holdgate.

13.2 To confirm payment of invoices

The following invoices were approved for payment:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Q no.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
SALC	Payroll service	NA	£22.80
Parish Online	Annual subscription	NA	£60.00
Suffolk County Council	Street light energy and maint	NA	£2,400.36
Gipping Press	Parish Pump	NA	£218.00
TOTAL			£2,701.16

13.3 To consider any invoices received after the agenda was issued

The following payments were approved for payment:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Q no.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Jadi Coe	Clerk salary	NA	£921.00
Jadi Coe	Clerk expenses	NA	£31.57
HMRC	Clerk PAYE and NI	NA	£179.00
TOTAL			£1,131.57

13.4 Clerk to update on bank balances held

The clerk confirmed at date £2,100 is held in the current account and £23,831 in the deposit account.

22/03/14 Working Groups Report:

14.1 Circular Walk

Cllr Douch reported that the path has once again been cropped and he has informed SCC who are arranging a meeting between SCC, County Farms and the leaseholder, in hope to rectify this issue.

Cllr Douch also reported a new hedgerow has been planted, which has made the footpath clearer.

14.2 Emergency Plan

Nothing to report on or update.

14.3 Defibrillator monthly check Report

The volunteer who carries out the checks has confirmed there are no problems to report.

14.4 Community Speedwatch

The Speedwatch teams have been out when possible, and recently a lorry was recorded speeding at 43mph on Fordham Road.

22/03/15 Correspondence Received:

-The Freckenham Village Hall committee has asked that the Parish Council pay £100 annually for the use of the village hall, this is to cover the income lost when classes are cancelled due to Parish Council meetings.

It was agreed that this was reasonable.

-John and Jane Leitch personally thanked the Parish Council particularly Cllr Douch for the efforts made in regard to Sunnica, and making people aware of the proposal as well as what residents can do to object to the proposal.

-An email was received from a member of the public who wishes to purchase a property in the parish, but had noticed the area adjacent WS084 has been included in the WSDC Sheela.

Cllr Harvey explained that the Draft Local Plan is due to be published in April/May this year.

22/03/16 Parish Council Vacancies update

Following the delivery of the Parish Councillor leaflet no one has come forward.

It was agreed to advertise the vacancies at the Farmers Market on Saturday 26th March.

22/03/17 Freckenham Parish Meeting

It was agreed that the clerk would check the village hall availability.

22/03/18 Discuss celebrations for the Queens Platinum Jubilee

The Queens Jubilee committee would like to organise celebrations on Thursday 2nd, Friday 3rd, Sunday 5th June.

Cllr Cornell confirmed she would like to also hold celebrations on Saturday 4th June on the playing fields, which could involve a BBQ, tug of war, football games.

Cllr Cornell would also like to make more people aware that the Queen came to stay at Freckenham House before her coronation, by asking the media to report on this.

It was suggested to print the picture of the Queen at Freckenham on mugs as a gift for the children in the village to celebrate the Jubilee weekend.

Cllr Harvey was thanked for his contribution of £250 towards costs for the weekend including flags and bunting.

22/03/19 Update on the re-printing of the book, Manor of Freckenham

No update

22/03/20 Urgent Business

Cllr Cornell has been given the Parish Councils indenture dated 1984.

It was suggested to get this copied and framed and if allowed to display in the church or the Village Hall with the original to be archived.

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