

## FRECKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The Meeting of Freckenham Parish Council on  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 pm at Freckenham Village Hall

### MINUTES

In attendance:

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

Also in attendance:

Clerk Naomi Alecock, County Cllr. Stanbury, Chairman of the Freckenham Neighbourhood Plan Group Nick Woolley and 5 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 extraordinary meeting held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024 from those members present at the meeting**

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the minutes from the extraordinary meeting on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024. Proposed by Cllr. Brooks, seconded by Cllr. A Smith. All in favour.

#### **4. Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

#### **5. Police Report**

There was no police report received.

#### **6. District Councillors Report**

There was no District Councillors report received.

#### **7. County Councillors Report**

The SCC budget has been set with the council tax being raised by the maximum. £60m is needed in savings which will be through the operation of the council.

Sunnica has been postponed until 11<sup>th</sup> April.

There are still discussions happening with regards to the Post Office operating in Mildenhall.

The Police Crime and Commissioner Tim Passmore and the Community Officer Emma attended Barton Mills Parish Council meeting last week, the police have increased the number of community officers so you should see more of a presence and attendance at meetings.

*Cllr. Stanbury left the meeting.*

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

The Parish Council confirmed that it:

- (i) **APPROVED** the submission of the Neighbourhood Plan at the earliest convenience

Proposed by Cllr. Brooks, seconded by Cllr. McCoig. All in favour.

## 9. To approve the response to West Suffolk Council regarding the Local Plan

The Parish Council confirmed that it:

- (ii) **APPROVED** its response to comment  
(iii) **APPROVED** the modifications to the Local Plan

It also **APPROVED** the Freckenham Neighbourhood Plan Group to submit the same 2 objections as the Parish Council to West Suffolk Council.

Concerns were raised by a resident regarding how the potential development site opposite the village hall is being promoted and it is disconcerting. If the village is classified as type B there should be no material development. Another point was raised regarding right of appeal if the village classification to a B is rejected, Nick Woolley responded that the objection on the classification requested the right to attend and speak to the Inspector at the Local Plan Enquiry due to the importance of the matter.

Proposed by Cllr. Brooks, seconded by Cllr. McCoig. All in favour.

## 10. To adopt the General Power of Competence

It was **RESOLVED** to **ADOPT** the general power of competence. Proposed by Cllr. Tucker, seconded by Cllr. McCoig. All in favour.

## 11. Financial Matters

### 11.1 To receive the monthly bank accounts

It was **NOTED** that there is currently £393.06 in the current account and £25,060.79 in the business account.

### 11.2 Agree payments and expenses

20/02/2024	Clerk expenses	£47.49	£3.08	£49.91
10/03/2024	Places4People Ltd	£3255.00	£651.00	£3906.00
11/03/2024	Pearce & Kemp Ltd	£531.75	£106.35	£638.10

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

### 11.3 To consider a quote for streetlight Unit 17 Chippenham Road, Freckenham

A quote was considered to replace an obsolete lantern with a LED at Unit 17 Chippenham Road, Freckenham at a cost of £442.21 + VAT. It was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the quote. Proposed by Cllr. Tucker, seconded by Cllr. McCoig. All in favour.

#### **12. To consider an annual village litter pick proposal**

It was **AGREED** to advertise on facebook and in the Parish Pump for volunteers to litter pick the street where they live. Clerk to contact WSC with regards to sacks and disposal. It was suggested that we look at purchasing some litter pickers, Clerk to obtain a quote.

#### **13. To discuss the Community Speedwatch**

It was **AGREED** to advertise for volunteers on facebook and in the Parish Pump.

#### **14. To discuss traffic calming**

It was **AGREED** for the Clerk to speak to Cllr. Stanbury with regards to options.

#### **15. Exchange of information**

There was no exchange of information.

#### **16. Date and time of next meeting – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 7.30pm in Freckenham Village Hall, 7 Fordham Road, Freckenham, IP28 8JB**

The meeting closed at 20.02pm.