

**Minutes of an Extra Meeting of Fressingfield Parish Council
held in the Sancroft Hall, Fressingfield
on Tuesday 20 June 2017**

Present: Prue Rush; Garry Deeks; Caroline Day; Hilary Day; Philip Eastgate; Judy Fullam; Crispin Muir; Nick Stolls; Malcolm Ward; Dave Wheeler;

In Attendance: Guy McGregor

30+ members of the public attended

Public Forum: *the meeting was advised that there had been a good deal of speeding throughout the village. The police would be advised and an assessment requested. The MSDC dustcart had been seen speeding down Harleston Hill at 2.30pm on 20 June. A complaint would be made to the District Council. Again, a 20mph limit was requested for New Street plus the pulling back of the 30mph sign at The Laurels to an appropriate distance. These latter two items are beyond the remit of the PC but would be brought to the attention of the Highways Department.*

Communication to various interested parties was requested again. A list of those interested should be compiled and passed to the Council. HD agreed to coordinate distribution. Clerks Note: this could be construed as bias and favouring a select group in the village. The PC complies with the legal requirements of notification by posting on the notice boards and the website. It is vital that the whole village is made aware of this and are thus able to opt in whilst all are aware it is taking place. Otherwise it appears that a small group is being favoured with access to information withheld from the majority (although this will not be the case, public perception is all)

The letter recently published in the Diss Express was commented upon and the Council was asked to censure the Councillor in question. It was explained that matter was closed; there was no cause for censure as the Councillor clearly had been acting in a personal capacity.

The Public Forum concluded in a most rowdy manner and it took two attempts to close it down. One angry person demanded the Chairman's resignation and stormed off angrily, departing very loudly on a motorbike possibly infringing noise abatement laws.

17.1 Apologies for absence on health grounds were received from Ian Smith. Accepted.

17.2 Members' Declarations of Interest – none at this time

17.3 The Minutes of 16 May 2017 meeting – approved unanimously and signed.

17.4 Co-option – four people had put their names forward for the two vacant places. The three candidates present and addressed the Members; the one absent had sent a pen picture for consideration. Julie Ward and Andrew Vessey were duly elected and welcomed to the Council. Alexander Day and John Kelsall were thanked for putting their names forward. Declaration of Acceptance of Office forms were signed.

17.5 To receive reports from the County and District Councillors:

County Councillor – Cllr McGregor reported mainly on planning issues and he was happy to assist with queries. The removal of cats' eyes was mentioned, this could be on account of cost of maintenance. It was suggested those concerned write to James Finch (agent for Dan Poulter) for political contact; Mark Stevens, Assistant Director Operations Highways and David Stiff, Director Highways. Mention was made of the strain on housing and that, with constraints on resources there was a difficult four years ahead.

District Councillor – no report received

17.6 To consider any Planning Matters including:

17.6.1 Application for consideration at this meeting:

1539/17 creation of extension

Clarence House, Stradbroke Road

Approval recommended unanimously; requested that storm water be safely disposed of

17.6.2 Applications considered at previous planning meetings:

1177/17 alterations to kitchen windows and side entrance (LBC)

Ufford Hall, Laxfield Road

1432/17 application for outline planning permission with all matters reserved for residential development, up to 99 dwellings, including affordable housing, together with the construction of estate roads & footpaths, drainage, landscaping & the provision of public open space, including children's play space

Land off John Shepherd Road

1648/17 application for outline planning permission with all matters reserved for residential development and associated roads, infrastructure and open space

Land at Postmill Lane

1506/17 to remove roof and up and over door of existing garage and construct new cart lodge around the existing garage walls

5 Victoria Terrace

17.6.4 Other Planning Matters:

17.6.4.i Moving forward with planning and communications on same was discussed. A residents group would be formed, if there was sufficient interest, to include representatives from all village groups as well as individuals but NOT the Parish Council for reasons of accountability and liability. It was stated that there would be PC representation but following discussion with the Clerk and her taking further advice that corroborated hers there would be no Parish Councillors taking part. There was no bar to them attending as members of the public but they could not be present in their capacity as a councillor.

17.7 To receive the Financial Report

17.7.1 There were no cheques for approval.

17.7.2 The FGPWG had met to consider the Clerk's salary position. Recommendations were made and agreed by the Council. An appraisal will be undertaken to reassess the salary scale point. The Clerk does not wish to incur extra expense for the Council by way of National Insurance costs if all outstanding overtime and holiday pay is paid at once so this will be paid over a period of months.

17.7.3 FPMC had requested £2000 towards the repairs at the Play Park. It was unanimously agreed to forward £1000 and consider a further payment if required. Prop: JW; seconded PE; agreed unanimously.

17.7.4 The agreed payment for the insurance cover of the Open Gardens was reconsidered and a full payment of £291 was agreed unanimously. Proposed DW; seconded NS.

17.7.5 It was noted that further to the likely future increase in residents in the village the surgery could manage an increase but the large developments proposed would necessitate a larger surgery and, thus, financial support. The difficulties of sourcing another GP must also be noted. Similarly, the school had space and would welcome increased numbers but a large influx would require extra classroom space and the funding to pay for that.

17.8 Parish Plan: further work on the results of the village survey (April 2017) would lead to a revised Parish Plan and would inform the work plan of the PC over the coming months and years. Proposed and actual housing development would obviously have an impact on the Plan.

17.9 Matters of Information:

17.9.1 **Hedges** – that at the top of Buckingham Hill is in need of cutting back. Hedge around the bus shelter and footpath (George Brown) needs cutting back. The hedge along the footpath from Sandpath garages to Broadway needs attention (MSDC).

17.9.2 **Notice** – a warning notice was needed where there were frisky cattle from Poplar Farm, causing concern to walkers.

17.9.3 **Sign** – the Fressingfield sign on Harleston Road was missing.

17.9.4 **Welcome Pack** – another print run was needed.

17.9.5 **Unightly car parking** – this is on the verge outside the last house by GB's field. Any advice as to whose land this is?

17.9.6 **Church alarm** – this was an issue to be investigated

17.9.7 **Parking issues** – on Stradbroke Road at school drop-off and pick-up times

17.9.8 **Drainage** – the Vice Chairman would meet with Nigel Minter of Anglian Water to consider drainage and surface water issues around the village.

17.9.9 **Standing Orders and Financial Standing Orders** – these would be reviewed and signed at the July meeting.

**There were no Matters for Inclusion in the Agenda for the next Meeting of the Parish Council
– 18 July 2017 - at this time**

There being no further business the meeting was closed

**Signed:
Chairman**

18 July 2017