

Fressingfield Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 18th February 2025 beginning at 7pm Sancroft Hall
Minutes

Present: Parish councillors Hilary Day (HD), Rachael Troughton (RT), Nick Stolls (NS), Di Warne (DW), Sharon Wilson (SW), Cindy Engel (CE)

Also, in attendance County Councillor Henry Lloyd (HL) and District Councillor Lavinia Hadingham (LH) for part of the meeting, Calvin Edwards (CEd)

Apologies from Stuart Balmer (SB), Tom Lindsay (TL)

1	Welcome from the Chair and introductions Agreement on management of this meeting (2m)	DW welcomed councillors, County Councillor and District Councillor
2	To receive reasons for absence and give approval for absences (3m)	Reasons for absence were accepted from SB and TL
3	To receive members' declarations of interest and requests for dispensation (2m)	NS declared his interest as a member of the St Peter & Paul's PCC in the planning application (DC/25/00216) in item 8.
4	To record details of any lobbying relating to agenda items (2m)	None recorded
5	Public forum – councillors will hear questions or comments from the public on agenda items (15m)	There were no questions or comments from the public
6	District Councillor report	Items from LH's report discussed were MSDC again reviewing the Joint Local Plan and the frustrations this causes. This being a reminder of the importance of the current NDP review. The planning approval of De Felbrige was discussed at length. LH will speak with the planning officer (Nikita Goodrich) to express the feeling that the Parish Council's strong objections and those of affected residents appear to have been completely ignored. Also to ask why this application with all its objections was not brought to the planning committee.

		<p>Also the closing of the Elmswell A14 services was discussed – in relation to more issues within the planning department that the breaches had not been found earlier through site visits.</p> <p>NS asked if LH would be standing in a By-Election as she is no longer aligned to the Conservative Party and is instead serving her term as an independent. LH stated that she had no plans to do this and that it was not a requirement.</p>
7	County Councillor report	<p>HL's report had been mainly about the budget for 2025/2026. Devolution plans are now in the 8-week consultation phase. There was a discussion about keeping all residents informed about these changes. It was expressed that there is an expectation that everyone can access things online which is not the case generally or within the Parish. HL mentioned that he had a £2.5K budget available and the council requested if they can apply for the purchase of a Bench for the village in memory of Garry Deeks.</p> <p>This will be actioned by CEEd</p>
8	<p>Planning Applications: DC/25/00216 <i>Application for Listed - Structural Repairs as per Design & Access/Heritage Statement. Fox And Goose Inn Church Street Fressingfield Eye Suffolk IP21 5PB</i></p> <p>DC/25/00494 <i>Application under Section 73 of The Town and Country Planning Act 1990 - Variation of Condition 19 (Odour Management Plan)</i></p>	<p>The Parish Council recommended approval</p> <p>The Parish Council recommended approval</p>
9	<p>To resolve the minutes of previous meetings are correct</p> <p>Full council minutes 21st January 2025 (2m)</p>	<p>It was resolved that the minutes of the full council meeting on the 21st January 2025, including 2 confidential items, are correct.</p>

10	<p>Issues updated, not covered elsewhere in agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>PMFC membership and support(DW)</i> • <i>CIL info/social media update (CE)</i> • <i>update on Chippenhall/De Felbrigg planning (DW/RT)</i> • <i>Website plans (CEd)</i> • <i>Parish liaison meeting with MSDC - devolution and planning (DW)</i> • <i>80th VE Day celebrations (HD)</i> 	<p>SB is joining the PMFC as the Parish Council representative. They are meeting tonight to discuss the way forward. The Wakelyns professional mediator has agreed to consider helping if this is required.</p> <p>CE asked for approval for the details that she circulated about CIL. This was approved and she will now put some details and a link to the CIL items on the website, onto social media.</p> <p>As mentioned in item 6 discussion above with LH – the parish council is not at all happy at how strong objections made both by the council and affected residents against this planning application have seemingly been ignored. A complaint will be sent to the planning department.</p> <p>Having met with CE/HD to discuss the parish council website – it was agreed to seek a new provider and do a major re-launch & re-write sections of the current site and structure the site in a more organised way. Website pages will be listed and divided up between councillors for re-writing. CEd will continue reviewing the best options for the new provider. CE will look into some editorial work on the village side of the website.</p> <p>This was an online meeting attended by DW & CE – unfortunately there was no way to ask questions. New house builds will increase from 500+ to 734 per annum in Mid Suffolk, but no breakdown of how this will be achieved has been provided.</p> <p>The date for this is Thursday May 8th 2025. It was agreed that 2 beacon lamps will be purchased and a large flag that can be raised on the church as part of the commemoration. Funding for this is being applied for from the County Council. An article will be written for Six Sense encouraging villagers to mark this national event in some way. NS will look into some way of marking this event in the village churches/churchyards using the beacon lamps.</p>
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11	<i>Adoption of Code of Conduct (5m)</i>	The SALC code of conduct 24/25 was adopted by the council.
12	<p>1. <i>Other Policy updates (CEd)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>GDPR + assoc. docs</i> • <i>Freedom of information</i> 	<p>GDPR & Associated documents will be brought to the council at March 2025 full council meeting as they need further review.</p> <p>The council adopted the updated Freedom of Information policy (reviewed 15 Feb 2025).</p>
13	Register of interests update (CEd) – SW, CE and SB updates required (5m)	The ROI forms will be sent to SW and SB to be completed and returned to CEd Current entries for CE will be reviewed.
14	Annual Parish Meeting Planning (15m)	<p>This will be held at the Baptist Church on Tuesday 15th April 2025 at 7pm.</p> <p>CEd will contact all village organisations inviting them to have a stall at the event. It will also be stressed that this is for everyone involved in groups as well as for group leaders.</p> <p>More will be done this year in advertising on social media, the website, by flyers and in Fress News. CE and HD to discuss wording for the publicity. The school will be contacted as to possibility of sending flyers home with children to encourage younger families in the village to attend.</p> <p>CEd will discuss with Andy Parris the practical elements of getting enough tables into the Church for the event and setting up before.</p>
15	NDP Steering Group Feedback (DW) (5m)	<p>The village survey is nearly ready to be delivered to the residents. The council agreed that the best way to achieve the delivery was by 2nd class post and approved the costs from the Locality Grant.</p> <p>A working group would be used to sort, label and prepare for posting.</p> <p>This plan would be taken to the next steering group meeting.</p>
16	Chair's Report (DW) (5m)	The report was circulated before the meeting and is on the website. The report was discussed there were no questions from councillors
17	Clerk's Report (Ced) (5m)	The report was circulated before the meeting and is on the website. The report was discussed there were no questions from councillors
18	<p>Finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllrs to confirm that balances on the bank 	Council accepted the bank reconciliation for January 2025

	<p>statements match those on the reconciliation statement – January 2025</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To accept the bank statement for January 2025 (5m) 	<p>Council accepted the bank statements for January 2025</p>
19	<p>Urgent items to be brought to this meeting :</p>	<p>CE & DW will be attending a meeting about Stradbroke Community Land Trust on 25th February – they will update the council when they know more details about this after the meeting.</p> <p>NS mentioned that Chippenhall Green / The Common is being used increasingly by 42-tonne lorries. There was a discussion about reporting this through Google as it is probably Sat Nav's that are routing people in that direction. This can be marked as a non through route for lorries. The details will be provided to HL as it will need official designation.</p> <p>CE thanked HL for getting the drain cleared in Church Street. The parish council have been complaining about this for many months and now with help from HL this has been actioned.</p>
20	<p>Future items : 2025/2026 meeting venue options (CEd)</p>	<p>There will be a discussion of the possibility of there being a community Trust fund setup within the village at the March meeting.</p>
21	<p>To confirm the dates of next meetings :</p>	<p>Next Full Council Meeting on Tuesday 18th March 2025 7pm Sancroft Hall was confirmed</p>
<p>The meeting closed at 8:36pm</p>		

Chair _____

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