

Fressingfield Parish Council Meeting
 Tuesday 5th Nov beginning at 7pm Sancroft Hall
 Minutes

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

Also in attendance 2 members of the public. County Councillor: Henry Lloyd for part of the meeting

Apologies from Stuart Balmer, (SB) District Councillor : Lavinia Haddingham (LH) MSDC

1	Welcome from the Chair and introductions Agreement on management of this meeting 2m	DW welcomed councillors and members of the public It was agreed that RT chair the meeting and DW take the minutes
2	To receive reasons for absence and give approval for absences 3m	Reasons for absence were accepted from SB and LH
3	To receive members' declarations of interest and requests for dispensation 2m	None
4	To record details of any lobbying relating to agenda items 2m	DW had been lobbied by the chair of the NDP Steering group about membership of the group.
5	To resolve the minutes of previous meetings are correct full council minutes 15 th October 2024 are correct	It was resolved that the minutes of the full council meeting on 15 th October 2024 are correct
6	Public forum – councillors will hear questions or comments from the public on agenda items 15m	One member of the public explained that there had been no response from residents to setting up a speed watch group. It was suggested he spoke with the group in Laxfield to find out how they recruited. He said he thought there was still a problem with speeding in the village. One member of the public spoke on behalf of a resident who wanted to be on the NDP review steering group. He advocated that she had useful skills to bring to the group. This was discussed under agenda item 13. Composition of

		NDP review steering group.
7	County Councillor report	<p>HL explained that he was still investigating the responsibility for repairing the roadway at Redhouse Farm estate and clarified with councillors that the deterioration in the road was as a result of the poor management of the site and not just wear and tear. He also clarified that the roadway was an existing roadway.</p> <p>He is also still investigating the responsibility for clearing the drains on Church Street. He has asked for photos of water coming from the particular drain and under what conditions. He discussed his monthly report.</p> <p>He outlined grants he had available and will be talking to NS regarding the possibility of funding for local transport.</p> <p>He also has a small amount of funding for village signs. PC to consider what we might want.</p>
8	District Councillor report	LH sent through her MSDC report. CE/HD to publicise the grants available to groups to combat social isolation.
9	Issues updated, not covered elsewhere in agenda: Octopus meeting (RT/DW), parish liaison meeting with MSDC (DW/RT), tree maintenance at churchyard (NS), Scouts sign post (DW), NDP positive outcomes for NDP group (CE) Village pump (SB) (20m)	<p>RT outlined the scoping meeting held in Stradbroke with Octopus Energy to consider the installation of a wind turbine. Following discussion it was considered that this renewable energy was worth further discussion not only in the NDP review group but on a wider basis. DW to contact Octopus for a presentation in the parish.</p> <p>DW outlined the content of the parish liaison meeting with MSDC. It covered:</p> <p>Devolution: the notion of adding an extra tier of government through an elected mayor which would straddle counties in the east. They are waiting for government legislation.</p> <p>2025-26 MSDC budget is £3.3m but will have a funding gap in future years. However, a fair funding review is underway and may alter this. There is uncertainty currently.</p> <p>Planning reforms are underway. It is likely government will reintroduce strategic planning. Housing targets are to be restored but there are arguments over the methodology for creating these. The priority for development is brownfield sites. MSDC have a healthy land supply currently but anticipate this will be eroded.</p> <p>NDPs now emphasise design codes, renewable energy, sustainable transport and affordable social rented housing. All of these aspects need to align with the MSDC joint local plan. It was emphasised that it is important to review NDPs to ensure they are up to date with new planning legislation as it comes into force. It is also recognised that the review process is not quick but will take months to complete.</p> <p>Community Engagement is encouraged through a people and places plan or a Parish Infrastructure Investment Plan. (PIIP) Fressingfield has a PIIP.</p>

10	<p>Finance :</p> <p>2 Cllrs to confirm that the payment and income vouchers have been scrutinised•To recommend the council approves payments and acknowledges the receipts listed on the payment and receipt statement•2 other Cllrs to confirm that balances on the bank statements match those on the reconciliation statement•To accept the bank reconciliation statement for October (5m)</p>	<p>The payments could not be confirmed because of the absence of a councillor, and therefore the council could not approve the payment and receipt statement . They could confirm that the balances on the bank statements match those on the reconciliation statement for October.</p>
11	<p>Planning applications : Planning appeal Chippenhall Stables (5m)</p>	<p>It was noted that the appeal against the refusal of the planning application of stables at Chippenhall had been upheld by the planning inspectorate. However, there are stringent conditions. He also noted that should there be other intentions for the plot they will need to be presented as a new application. The council will continue to monitor this site.</p>
12	<p>SIDs Data (20m)</p>	<p>TL presented data showing the speeding data captured by the Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) throughout the village. There are some complexities because the SIDs are moved and the data capture is not consistent. However, it is clear they are having a positive effect. It was noted that overall speeds are within the tolerances set by the police. It was agreed that some refinement to the presentation of the data would be helpful so that violations for each road can be viewed easily.</p>
13	<p>Feedback from NDP steering group Composition of group. Supplementary questions PC</p>	<p>DW explained that there had been a suggestion that the NDP steering group had an imbalance of residents and councillors. In fact there are 5 residents who are not councillors and 5 councillors with one councillor joining the group when he can. All are residents of the parish. The NDP steering group is a working group of the parish council and as such it is the parish council who determine the membership.</p> <p>It was suggested that a particular resident would bring additional strength to the group because she was a lawyer. Having debated the merits of this reasoning it was decided to invite her to the next parish council meeting to tell us</p>

		what she might offer. It was noted that it was a shame she had not attended this time but gone through a third party. The parish council will draw up questions to add as a separate supplementary questionnaire about general parish matters when a housing needs survey is distributed to the parish in the new year. It was agreed this would be an efficient process. Councillors to put forward suggested questions to DW
14	To Receive report from Chair (2m) <i>Verbal</i>	The service of Remembrance is on Sunday 10 th November at the parish church and war memorial The next produce market is 14 th December and will be a Christmas Fair
15	Urgent matters brought to the meeting (please inform chair asap).	HD has reported the LED lights in Broadway need repairing. Andy Parris is following up with the repair company. RT raised an idea that as a parish we need to consider what is happening in our surrounding parishes as their decisions can have a knock-on effect on us and also potential synergies. The council has divided up the surrounding parishes between councillors to monitor their decisions. RT will collate
16	Matters for future meetings (5m)	Website - January
17	To confirm dates of next meetings.(2m)	Confirmed dates of next meetings : Finance 3 rd December , Full council 17 th December
18	Meeting closed to the public. To agree appointment of a clerk	Confidential Item
The meeting closed at 9. 20pm		

Division of Parishes:

RT Stradbroke

HD Laxfield and Harleston

GD Wilby

SW Syleham and Wingfield

CE Metfield and Mendham

NS Weybred

SB tbc

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