



Minutes of a hybrid meeting of Fressingfield Parish Council held in Sancroft Hall, Fressingfield on Tuesday 3 January 2023 at 7pm.

Present Parish councillors Stuart Balmer, Hilary Day, Garry Deeks, Tom Lindsay, Nigel Lucker, Trevor Orchard, Nick Stolls, Rachael Troughton and Di Warne.

Also in attendance: One member of the public and Andy Parris, clerk to the council and responsible financial officer (RFO).

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- 1 Welcome: Cllr DW chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone.
 - 2 Apologies: There were no apologies for absence.
 - 3 Declarations of interest: Cllr SB declared an 'other disclosable interest' in item 7.1 on the agenda.
 - 4 Lobbying: Councillors had not received any lobbying connected to an agenda item.
 - 5 Minutes of the previous meetings
 - 1 It was resolved that the minutes of the
 - a finance committee meeting on 15/12/2022 are correct
 - b full council meeting on 20/12/2023 are correct
 - 6 The public forum: A concern was raised that the district council's web page used to receive comments about planning applications was inaccessible before the closing dates for comments on application DC/22/05736.
 - 7 Planning Applications:
 - 1 DC/22/05736 Erection of 2 detached dwellings on land (formerly rear gardens of houses on Stradbroke Road) adjoining School Lane, opposite Fressingfield Baptist Church, Fressingfield.

The parish council recognises that infill housing like these is one way to manage housing development. Cllr DW explained that the figure of 60 houses in the neighbourhood development plan (NDP) is not a cap, but the figure that helps the district council to meet its goals set by central government. [The NDP states that around 60 houses will be built between 2018 and 2036.] Councillors identified some positive design features in these houses, for example the bat boxes and solar panels. Overall however, the design does not show enough connection with the local vernacular. (This is clearly described in the NDP Policy Fress 9.)

Concern was raised about the type of the houses in this application. The NDP calls for more houses with two or three bedrooms and for starter or first time buyer homes. (NDP policy Fress 2). The council feels that the unusual age distribution of Fressingfield's population (significantly lower numbers of young people and significantly higher numbers of over 65s than in other wards in Mid Suffolk) will not be re-balanced until there is a broader range in the housing stock in the parish.

The parish council recommends that the district council rejects this application.
 - 2 DC/ 22/06203 Application under Section 73 of The Town and Country Planning Act 1990 relating to 0222/05 for removal of Condition 2 (Use only as holiday accommodation). The Granary, Willow House, Harleston Road, Fressingfield.

The council discussed recent changes in regulations relating to holiday lets. The parish council recommends that the district council approves this application.

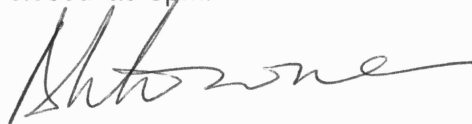
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- 1 RFO report: This was circulated previously. It answers the queries raised when the budget revision for 2022-23 and the proposed budget for 2023-24 were first discussed by the council.
- 2 The council agreed to the budget revision which incorporates income from the neighbourhood community infrastructure levy (NCIL).
- 3 The council agreed the budget plan for 2023-24.
- 4 The council decided to raise a precept for 2023-24 that is equal to this year and uplifted by inflation. This will be £34,650. For a home in band D this will be approximately £79.34 for the year. This is an increase on 2022-23 of approximately £0.80 per month.

- 9 Matters brought by the Chair: The council discussed how best to organise celebrations for the King's coronation in May. **Cllrs HD, and NL supported by Cllr SB will bring forward ideas to the next meeting.**

The meeting closed at 8pm.

Signed:



Chair

Date

21/2/23

Dates of next meetings

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| 1 | planning committee (if needed) | Tuesday 7 February at 7.30pm |
| 2 | finance committee | Thursday 9 February at 2pm |
| 3 | full council | Tuesday 21 February at 7.30pm |