



# Fressingfield Parish Council

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Minutes of a hybrid meeting of Fressingfield Parish Council held in Sancroft Hall, Fressingfield on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 7pm.

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

**Also in attendance:** 6 members of the public.

1. The chair welcomed councillors and six members of the public.
2. Apologies. Nigel Lucker (holiday). Clerk (annual leave).
3. To receive declarations of interest and requests for dispensations. None declared.
4. To record details of any lobbying relating to agenda items. None declared.
5. 1. Minutes of full council meeting Tuesday 16th May approved. TL, HD.

2. Actions and progress since last meeting

(a) Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs). TL presented details of the re-siting of the devices on a six-weekly basis. The device on Harleston Hill sometimes provides inaccurate readings which is being investigated. There has been the loss of the mounting bracket Laxfield Road. The Clerk is currently ordering a new bracket. Given there is evidence of improved speeding behaviour when SIDs are employed the council resolved to investigate purchasing 2 more devices with or without the data storage capabilities and solar charging capacity of the batteries.

**Action.** TL to investigate the costs of devices with and without data storage capabilities and solar recharging capabilities and report to the next full council meeting.

6. Public Forum. Presentations from members of the public included:

- concerns over the environmental impacts regarding the site clearance of the Red House Farm field.
- concerns from residents over the development of Stables at Chippenhall Hall.
- reassurance over the prospective Fennings Farm development of 6 additional poultry houses.

7. Council response to planning applications.

- 1 DC/23/06824. 6 Poultry houses at Fennings Farm, Stradbroke. The chair reminded the council of our previous support for this application. Reassurances had been requested and obtained regarding the water usage and storage and the siting of heat exchangers. The council were aware of other parish council's concerns.  
**Council strongly supported the current application and recommends approval.**

- 2 DC/23/02511. Construction of stable block and hard standing on land west of Chippenhall Hall, Laxfield Road Fressingfield. The Chair reminded councillors that the council had recommended refusal of the previous application. This new application is identical to the refused application except for the addition of a hedge. The development is within the curtilage of the historic Chippenhall Hall and is currently being used as an overflow car park. Concerns were raised at the lack of foul water management not specified on the plans and the construction of gates, seemingly without planning. The accumulation of additional rubbish being deposited on the site was creating an environmental hazard. It was considered by the council that this parcel of

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land should be classified as designated countryside. It is adjacent to an SSI. Finally the council were puzzled over the need for a stable block on land that had a covenant expressly excluding livestock, including horses from the estate.

**The council unanimously voted to object to this application and recommends refusal.**

- 3 DC/23/01255. Erection of administration buildings for offices, conference and training areas. Landquip, Lawn Farm, Metfield Lane, Fressingfield. The council discussed the positive benefits of a burgeoning business within the parish together with the expansion of the buildings to match the expansion of the workforce. They were mindful of the proximity of this large building so close to a country lane. **Providing Highways concerns are resolved then the majority of the council is supportive of this application and recommends approval.** It would like to see landscaping with trees to soften the visual impact.

8. Finance.

1. Accepted scrutinization of vouchers by named councillors.
2. Council approved payments and acknowledged the receipts listed on May statement.
3. Accepted the confirmation of matching balances on the bank statements.
4. Accepted the bank reconciliation statement for May.
5. Fressingfield Community Fund. Meeting not yet held to discuss.

9. Dog waste bins. Councillor HD proposed an increase in the number of dog waste bins within the village and footpaths within the parish. It was proposed to site new bins in place of the dustbin on Laxfield Rd at the entrance to the playing field; a new bin at the bus shelter; the footpath by the Laurels on Stradbroke Road; adjacent to the shop and at the end of the footpath on Gulle Green Lane. The costs for these additional bins would be £552 for the purchase of the bins and approximately an additional £160 per annum for these new bins to be emptied weekly. The capital costs for the purchase of the bins could be met through CIL. The council agreed with this proposal but wants discussions with near neighbours before the bin positions are confirmed.

**Action.** Clerk to establish the feasibility of siting the bins outside the shop and bus shelter.

10. To agree a training programme for the coming year. Should councillors wish to access one of these courses then they should discuss it with the clerk. The council are interested in courses relating to green initiatives and requested the clerk find out about courses with a view to facilitating face-to-face training for this council and neighbouring councils.

**Action.** Clerk to investigate courses on green initiatives.

11. AOB. The council were saddened to learn of the death of Ian Smith, a councillor of many years standing until his recent resignation. They were appreciative of his years of service, his friendship and wise counsel.

The council were also saddened to hear of the death of Malcom Roberts, a recent Councillor whose contributions were appreciated during his time on the council.

The councillors wished the clerk to extend their condolences to both of their families.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

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