

# FRAMINGHAM EARL VIRTUAL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the Virtual Annual Parish meeting held on  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 7.00pm

**Present:**

Cllr Dave Todd – presiding (DT), Cllr Louise Bishop (LB), Cllr Libby Cook (LC), Cllr Jane Walker (JW), County Cllr Vic Thomson (VT), District Cllr John Overton (JO) and Yvonne Wonnacott – Parish Clerk (YW).

**Apologies:**

Sandra Cornell (SC) and Lynn Thomas (LT) – Tree Wardens, PC Sherry Locke. Cllr Crawford experienced technical problems and therefore was not able to join meeting with sound.

**Members of the Public:**

One.

**2021/001 Chairs welcome**

Chair welcomed all parties to the meeting.

**2021/002 Apologies for absence.**

Apologies received and noted from the Tree Wardens, Sandra Cornell and Lynn Thomas and PC Sherry Locke.

**2021/003 To agree minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held 7<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

Chair provided brief background summary of the Annual Parish meeting held in 2019, no Annual Parish meeting was held last year due to Covid restrictions. The minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held 7<sup>th</sup> May 2019, were unanimously approved as correct. Minutes to be signed by Chair in presence of the Parish Clerk, whilst adhering to social distancing requirements – DT/YW.

**2021/004 Matters arising**

None.

**2021/005 Parish Council Chairman's report**

Chair referred to report as previously circulated. Key points summarised below;

- Much of the Parish Council's (PC's) time and resources has been dedicated dealing with the consequences of the public health issues we have all faced.
- The PC worked with other agencies to identify and get help to parishioners who experienced difficulties by the impositions of government lockdowns.
- Lockdowns also made many of us really appreciate the pleasures of living in a rural community.
- The PC continues to operate with a very small precept, which is about a quarter of the average for the South Norfolk district.

- No significant planning applications were submitted during the year, but we did need to respond to an appeal to HM Inspectorate by Gladman for housing on land on Burgate Lane. The land is in Poringland, but on the parish border.
- PC responded to proposed government changes to the planning system.
- Working with Poringland PC to develop the landscaping of the roundabout on the B1332.
- Survey been undertaken of the trees in The Dell.
- There are now additional dog bins in the area and some of the existing ones have been relocated to make access safer and/or easier.
- Heavy rain in October and December caused significant flooding in the local area.
- A major source of complaints from parishioners relates to the volume of traffic and speeding within the village. PC has campaigned for a reduction in the speed limits on Long Road and Pigot Lane but our arguments have been consistently rejected by Norfolk County Council Highways department.
- The PC has not meet face-to-face since its March 2020 meeting and has conducted its business since then using video technology.
- Thanks expressed to former Chairman, who resigned. Thanks also expressed to all Councillors, Parish Clerk, Tree Wardens, District and County Councillors for their support, time and efforts.
- On a sad (and personal note), recorded the untimely death in December of Judith Todd, a former Councillor, who gave well over a decade of unflinching service to the PC.

#### **2021/006 Other reports**

Chair referred to village reports as previously circulated via email and available for viewing on the Parish Council website;

<https://framinghamearlpc.wixsite.com/framinghamearlpc/minutes-and-agendas>. Reports received from the following organisations;

- Framingham Earl Fuel Allotment Trust
- Framingham Earl High School
- Poringland Police

Chair advised that PC needs to help increase awareness of the Fuel Allotment Trust. Chair advised had met with head teacher of Framingham Earl High School, who was keen to work with the PC on various projects going forward.

#### **2021/007 Open forum**

No questions from parties present.

#### **2021/008 Any other business**

None.

#### **2021/009 To close meeting**

Meeting closed 7.28pm.

Minutes prepared by Yvonne Wonnacott, Parish Clerk, 05/05/21

Approved:

Date: