

# FRAMINGHAM EARL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING



Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 7.00pm at The Methodist  
Church

## **Present:**

Cllr Dave Todd – presiding (DT), Cllr Rodney Aldis (RA), Cllr Louise Bishop (LB), Cllr Libby Cook (LC), Cllr Steven Peet (SP), Cllr Jane Walker (JW), District Cllr John Overton (JO) and Yvonne Wonnacott – Parish Clerk (YW).

## **Apologies:**

Cllr Mark Johnson (MJ), County Cllr Vic Thomson (VT).

## **Members of the Public:**

None.

### **2023/001 Chair's welcome (to include any apologies for absence for approval)**

Chair welcomed all attendees to meeting. Apologies received and approved from Cllr Johnson and County Cllr Thomson.

### **2023/002 To agree minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022**

Cllr Bishop proposed the minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022 to be agreed as correct, seconded by Cllr Cook, unanimously agreed. Minutes signed by Chair.

### **2023/003 Matters arising from the minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022**

None.

### **2023/004 County/District Council report(s)**

Report received from County Cllr Thomson was noted. District Cllr Overton provided brief report to meeting, key points summarised as follows;

- Will form new Council in approximately 10 days' time
- Cllr Neal retained seat, new labour District Cllr Nicola Fowler
- Current hot topic outside Parish is the May Gurney Trowse site, the destruction of the riverbank, unauthorised removal of trees and bushes/hedging. Matter being investigated, South Norfolk have requested new application with regards to drainage and landscaping design.

Chair congratulated District Cllr Overton on his re-election.

### **2023/005 Parish Council (Chairman's) report**

Chair referred to report as previously circulated and available to view on the Parish Council (PC) website. Chair summarised key points as follows;

- Precept requested for 2023/2024 was £11,930 and translated as a rise of just 90p a year for Band D council taxpayer when compared to the previous year. A band D council taxpayer in Framingham Earl pays £26.16 a year for the work the council does compared to the South Norfolk average of £92.74

- PC continues to comment on all applications that are submitted from the parish. We routinely ask that new builds have motion-activated and downward pointing external lights to maintain our “dark skies” environment.
- Undertaken to improve the landscape in the Dell. Work took place in autumn and January and has already made an improvement to the accessibility and openness of the area.
- The diligent work of several volunteer litter-pickers endeavours to keep our footpaths and pavements clean. Any fly-tipping is reported to South Norfolk for their prompt attention.
- PC works closely with the local beat officer, PC Andy Sneddon.
- Our speed monitoring device (SAM2) has been in operation for over a year, mainly on a site close to the Octagon Barn. It continues to provide some invaluable information about traffic patterns and speeding.
- Thanks expressed to all members of the PC, Tree Wardens and Parish Clerk.
- PC has gathered and reported concerns to the estate management company of Earlsmead. In addition a dossier of complaints have been presented to our local MP, and the issue of perceived excessive charges made to residents on the estate has been brought to the attention of the housing minister in Parliament.
- We are working closely with Poringland Parish Council to organise joint events such as the Coronation “Big Lunch” in May and Midsummer Fair in June.
- We have ideas about utilising the roundabout by the Railway Tavern and will work with other parishes, local charities, businesses and schools to see what might be possible.
- Will continue to explore opportunities to be more active on social media and to develop the website to ensure that we remain in step with current guidelines.

**2023/006 Other village reports**

Chair referred to village reports as previously circulated via email and available for viewing on the PC website. Chair thanked all other parties for their reports.

**2023/007 Open forum**

No questions from parties present.

**2023/008 Any other business**

PC thanked Cllr Todd for all his efforts as Chairman.

**2023/009 To close meeting**

Meeting closed at 7.31pm.

Minutes prepared by Yvonne Wonnacott, Parish Clerk, 11/05/23

Approved:

Date: