



Fordham Parish Council Meeting

M I N U T E S

Meeting held 25th March 2025 at 7.30pm in Fordham Village Hall

Those present.

Councillors: G Branagh (Chairman), H Branagh, D Chapman (Deputy Chairman), M Hamilton-Macy, N Dulacher, C Alexander and O. Acland

Also In Attendance: E Nelson-Hayes (Clerk) and no members of the public present.

24-25/129 Welcome those present and apologies for absence

Resolved. All Councillors present

24-25/130 To receive any declarations of interests from Councillors

Resolved. CA NPI in planning application 250561.

24-25/131 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest

The maximum time allowed for the public to participate as per Fordham Parish Councils Standing Orders is 15 minutes with each person being invited to speak for a maximum of 3 minutes. At the close of this item members of the public will no longer be permitted to address the council unless the Chairman deems it appropriate.

No members of the public present.

24-25/132 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting Tuesday 25th February 2025

Resolved. The minutes of the full council meeting are accepted as a true record.

24-25/133 Received report from County and City Councillors if in attendance

None present.

24-25/134 Planning

134.1 To discuss any planning applications received from 25th February up to 18th March 2025

250290	Fairfields Farm, Fordham Road, Wormingford Colchester CO6 3AQ	Construction of agricultural grain store	18/2/2025
250291	Fairfields Farm, Fordham Road, Wormingford Colchester CO6 3AQ	Full planning application for the Constructions of an agricultural cold store for the storage of potatoes	18/2/2025

The applications were discussed 'en bloc'.

Resolved; Agreed, Having read the objection from Wormingford Parish Council & with the importance of consistency FPC support their objection

134.2 Pre-planning application ESS/20/25/COL/PRE

Resolved. To communicate with the officer assigned to this pre-planning application raising concerns regarding the increase of traffic on the roads and the damage to the roads from HGV's. The potential for extending the hours of business and the quality of life for the residents directly affected, and the potential for further increases in the amount of waste being processed.

134.3 Planning applications received between 19th to 25th March 2025

Resolved. FPC to make no comment on this application.

250561	10 Sunnyside Rd, Fordham	Notification for prior approval for a proposed single storey rear extension extending 4.50 metres beyond the rear wall of the original dwelling, with a maximum height of 3.55 metres, and eaves height of 2.65 metres.	13/03.2025
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134.4 To note planning decisions received.

To note any planning decisions received by 18th March 2025 – noted.

250192	Old Timbers, Penlan Hall Lane, Fordham Essex CO6 3LR	Removal and subsequent replacement of external lime render on all four elevations. No visual changes to the property. Subsidence causing cracking to the external render of the main original property and initial repair. Planning Permission required for re	3/2/2025	Withdrawn
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24-25/135 To receive an update regarding the newly formed inter-parish forum discussing relevant planning applications

Resolved-to report back to full council with any updates from the forum when meetings have taken place. Well Done & Thanks to Cllr Chapman for his efforts.

24-25/136 Finance

136.1 To receive finance reports from 19th February-18th March 2025

Resolved. To Receive finance reports and bank statements and are approved.

Information to note:

Current Account balance as at 18th March: **£12,668.30**

Deposit Account balance as at 18th March: **£25,883.72**

136.2 Invoices for payment received between 19th February-18th March 2025

Resolved. To approve payments listed in appendix A

Payable	Purpose	Amount (* VAT)
J&M Payroll Services	March Payroll <i>Inc HMRC/Ni/Pension</i>	£1330.85
JPB Landscapes	Grass-cutting	£1033.63*
TBS Hygiene	Bin emptying	£168.00*
E. Nelson-Hayes	Working from home	£200.00
E. Nelson-Hayes	Microsoft 365	£79.99
J&M Payroll Services	Payroll fees	£36.00*
Three mobile	Mobile phone March	£7.63

136.3 Invoices for payment received between 19th-25th March 2025

Resolved. To approve payments listed in appendix B (to be presented at the meeting) – none received.

24-25/137 Health & Safety and Village Maintenance

137.1 Weekly H&S checks for the Playground

w/c 18th February & 25th February 2025

w/c 4th March & 11th March 2025

Resolved. To note reports and agree to action any faults as described in the reports. The logs from the playing field have been removed. Wheelbarrows & ladders are being stored on the parish council's side of a residents fence on the playing field. The dog poo bin on Woodland Trust land is constantly overflowing – to gently remind them to empty the bin more often. Cllr Hamilton-Macy to check when he needs to refresh his playground inspection qualification and tell the Clerk.

24-25/138 Events

138.1 VE Day.

Actions were updated

Action	Update 25/03/25	Person
Asking for military vehicles to be able to attend the VE Day event	Continuing to research	DC
Obtain contact details from M H-M & book the ice cream van	Details obtain, awaiting a response.	DC
Ask Colne Endeavour band to attend and obtain a set list	Completed, need to obtain chairs for the band.	GB
Invite Bethan to sing	Ongoing	GB
Speak to Bows n Belles inviting them to perform	Ongoing	GB
Liaise with The Cricketers regarding providing a bar	Possibly ask the Crown @ Wormingford if the Cricketers are unavailable.	DC
Ask CSH if they can provide 2 large bins	Remind CSH & receive the booking in writing.	ENH
Acquire crockery from St. Helenas Hospice	Completed	HB
Speak to the church asking to provide cakes & teas & a tombola	Cllr Dulacher to liaise with the Church & confirm	ND

Noted; To organise the rest of the usual stalls, to order more coconuts. Look at garden games for the event.

138.2 AGM May 2025. Due to organisations being unable to attend.. This year the AGM will be a regular meeting – moving straight into the normal full council meeting.

138.3 Motofest – a request to use parish council land to hold an event

Resolved No more information had been received and this request will no longer be considered.

24-25/139 To receive an update on the VAS machine

Resolved. To obtain prices for a new VAS machine & installation.

24-25/140 To receive Councillors and Clerk reports

MH-M; At the dig in 1984 lead lined coffin pieces were discovered and stored, they have been re-examined and they are all part of the same coffin & the exact spot it was discovered has been located. This update means that the coffin can be analysed

Pylon update, the route within Fordham hasn't been changed. It was suggested to contact the Woodland Trust to discuss the update and the route planned within their land.

Cars on the pavement, can anything be done? Clerk reported that NEPP have no jurisdiction with cars on pavements, only parked illegally on the highways. To research looking at accessibility of wheelchair users and people with mobility issues, would this is effective in

preventing pavement parking. This could be useful with the yellow line appeal at the Three Horseshoes Public House.

Chairmanship; unfortunately M H-M would not consider the role due to time constraints.

OA; Volunteered to help the Clerk with wording for any appeals to the NEPP regarding the yellow line issue and explaining the situation.

Clerk. Actions from the previous meeting have been completed.

Please note that the Police no longer deal with parking issues.

A reminder for Cllrs to provide commendation information.

23-24/141 Items for next meeting

The next meeting will take place on 29th April 2025 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Resolved. To agree any further items for future Parish Council meetings

Meeting closed at 9:09pm