



Fordham Parish Council Meeting

M I N U T E S

Held Tuesday 26th July 2022 at 7.30pm in Fordham Village Hall

Those present

Councillors: G Branagh (Chairman), C Alexander, H Branagh, D Chapman, N Durlacher (Deputy Chairman) arrived 19.41, M Hamilton-Macy and L Pfander

Also In Attendance: K Cameron (Clerk)

There was 1 member of the public present

22-23/46 Welcome those present and apologies for absence

The Chairman welcomed members of the Council and public to the meeting. Cllr R Turner was not in attendance.

The Chairman advised members that Mrs C Chapman has tendered her resignation from the Council with immediate effect and members of the Council expressed their disappointment at this news and thanked Mrs Chapman for all of her hard work.

Resolved. that apologies for absence were accepted

22-23/47 To receive any declarations of interests from Councillors

Resolved. that there were no declaration of interest recorded

22-23/48 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting Tuesday 28th June 2022

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

22-23/49 Public question time

The meeting may be temporarily suspended for up to fifteen minutes if members of the public wish to comment on agenda items or items of interest or concern to the Parish

There were no questions asked by the member of the public who was present

22-23/50 Received report from County and Borough Councillors if in attendance

No reports were received in advance of the meeting

22-23/51 Planning

51.1 Planning applications received to 19th July 2022

Resolved. That the following responses were prepared for submission

Application No	Address	Description	Response
ESS/54/22/COL	Greenacres, Warehouse, Packards Lane, Wormingford, Essex, CO6 3AH	Retrospective application for relocation of the existing fuel tank, attenuation area and associated parking area for the fuelling of HGVs comprising 0.09ha of hardstanding, acoustic fencing and associated landscaping	Fordham Parish Council would like to know why this planning application is once again retrospective? The Council also wishes to understand what Essex County Council is doing to ensure retrospective planning applications are prevented in the future.

51.2 Planning applications received between 20th to 26th July 2022

Resolved. That there were no applications received between 20th to 26th July 2022

51.3 Planning decisions received

Members noted the planning decisions listed below

Application No	Address	Description	PFC comment	Decision
220230	Long Ways, Chappel Road, Fordham Colchester CO6 3LS	Demolition of existing Garage/workshop and shed and erection of replacement cartlodge. Change of use of rear of site from agricultural to residential garden. *** REVISED DESCRIPTION & APPLICATION FORM ***	Fordham Parish Council have no objections to the plans	Approve conditional 29.06.22
221265	Forge Cottage, 18 Moat Road, Fordham Essex CO6 3LU	Replacement conservatory frames in anthracite grey and solid roof with toughened sheet glass	Fordham Parish Council have no objections to the plans	Approve conditional 04.07.22
221516	Fairfields Farm, Fordham Road, Wormingford Colchester CO6 3AQ	Excavation of reservoir for agricultural irrigation purposes	Fordham Parish Council has no objections but there has been no mention of archaeological investigations on the land. The Council questions if the excavation will increase movements through the village as this would cause concern.	Prior Approval Required (Approved) 13.07.22

22-23/52 Action Plan

Members noted the Parish Council action plan

21-22/53 Traffic Calming

The Chairman provided the following update to members:

Fordham Community Speedwatch Team have been out several times in the past month and have reported(*as at 19 July 2022):

Month	Drivers Reported	Top Speed in 30 mph limit
July	40	42

The continued volume of speeding traffic on our village roads is totally unacceptable and this Parish Council will continue to pressure our Borough and County Reps to address the problems in Fordham and the neighbouring villages.

The Village Speedwatch Co-ordinator has confirmed that in accordance with the NFU website,

'All agricultural vehicles, including trailers, must comply with legislation such as Construction and Use Regulations whenever they are driven on the road. The legal speed limit for any tractor with an unsprung rear axle is 40km/h (approx. 25mph), even if fitted with a gearbox capable of higher speeds. The maximum weight of a laden tractor and trailer on the road is 31t, and the maximum laden weight of a conventional unbalanced trailer in this combination is 18.29t, even if the manufacturers plates state that they can carry more. The braking systems for your trailer must be appropriate for the weight and speed of travel.'

The Village Speedwatch Team have now started to officially report any tractor using our village roads and driving in excess of 25mph. Indeed during July the following tractor speeding violations have been reported

8 July 2022	One	31 mph
15 July 2022	One	33 mph

The Chairman advised that Fiddlers Hill is going to be closed from 1st August to 4th September leading to a diversion route. He has written to both Fairfield's Farm and CSH to ask what their business continuity plans are to avoid Ponders Road which is not suitable for Tractors and HGVs.

Cllr N Durlacher arrived at 19.41

22-23/54 Events

Christmas Lights Switch on – 3rd December 2022

The Chairman advised members that that plans are underway and referred members to the Christmas action plan that was circulated with the agenda. Actions agreed by Councillors at the meeting:

- Cllr Pfander to invite the PC and Church to the next Village Hall Committee meeting to discuss the event.
- Cllr Alexander to contact the singer from last year and source a 20ft tree and 6ft 'living' tree with roots for the event

22-23/55 National Grid Pylons

Cllr M Hamilton-Macy provided an update to members noting that the non-statutory consultation has ended and that there will be a statutory consultation in 2023. He also advised that he has studied comments submitted by County Councils, Parish Council and MPs and reported that Essex, Suffolk and Norfolk were all against the initiative and that Suffolk reported site by site all of the archaeology sites that would be affected. The 'say no to pylons' group have now appointed a QC who has detailed that the consultation is not fit for purpose as they have only proposed one option – this report will be circulated to members.

22-23/56 Memberships and subscriptions

Resolved. Members agreed to pay the RCCE membership for 2022-23

57.1 To receive finance reports for 17th July 2022

Resolved. that the finance reports and bank statements for 17th July 2022 be received and approved

57.2 To receive 1st Quarter Budget update (April to June 2022)

Resolved. that the 1st Quarter budget report be approved

Income

57.3 Members noted the HMRC VAT reclaim of £3,279.72 was received on 11th July

57.4 Members were advised that further income of £87 from the Queen's Platinum Jubilee is available for distribution and agreed to

Resolved. that £87 will be donated to St Helena Hospice

Expenditure**57.5 Invoices for payment received between 29th June to 19th July 2022**

Resolved. that payments below, total **£4,222.74** be approved

Payable	Purpose	Amount (* VAT)
Zoom	Virtual meetings	£14.39*
Three mobile	Mobile phone	£8.36
J&M Payroll Services	July Payroll <i>including HMRC/NI/Pension</i>	£1,176.02
J&M Payroll	Fees (June)	£30.00*
C Cousins	H&S Checks	£80.00
D A Page Landscapes	Grass cutting	£2,808.00*
K Cameron	Stationery	£11.97
SLCC	Membership fees	£94.00

57.6 Invoices for payment received between 20th to 26th July 2022

Resolved. that invoices presented at the meeting total **£849.80**, listed below be approved

Payable	Purpose	Amount (* VAT)
ARU	Fordham Times	£28.00
C Cousins	Fix playground gates	£50.00
Colne Endeavour Band	Donation from Platinum Jubilee event	£100.00
St Helena's Hospice	Donation from Platinum Jubilee event	£100.00
Essex Air Ambulance	Donation from Platinum Jubilee event	£100.00
Royal British Legion	Donation from Platinum Jubilee event	£81.80
St Helena Hospice	Donation from Platinum Jubilee event	£87.00
Wicksteed	Annual Playground Inspection	£198.00*
Fordham Village Hall	Hall Hire Apr-Jul 2022	£105.00

58.1 Weekly H&S checks for the Playground

w/c 20th, 27th June 2022

w/c 4th, 11th July 2022

Members were advised that the park gates have been repaired

Resolved. that the repair noted above and reports were noted with no further actions required

58.2 Annual Playground Inspection

Members were advised that the Chairman met with the playground inspector on 13th July and that there was nothing major to report and it was agreed that the Council will continue to keep the playground safe to members of the public as there will be a big refurbishment project once section 106 monies have been received.

Resolved. To receive the annual playground report and agree to continue to keep the playground safe

58.3 Village Green

Members agreed to appoint the Essex Conservation Volunteers to remove Mace reed and Casular from the Village pond and tidy of plant beds on green. The fee, £520 for two days work in 2022 and a recommendation for one days work annually from 2023 were approved and the Clerk agreed to arrange for works to commence in September 2022. Fordham in Bloom are in the process of returning the grant funds awarded in 2019 and 2020 meaning there will be no additional cost to the Parish for three years maintenance.

Resolved. To that works to the village green will be carried out by Essex Conservation Volunteers.

22-23/59 To receive Councillors reports

Cllr M Hamilton-Macy advised that he has written to Rotherham Council to find details of their wildflowers planting schedule and maintenance of the verges and will report back to the Council in September. Cllr G Branagh noted that Essex Wildlife Trust has a new initiative - Wilder Towns, Wilder Villages and the group would like to work with the Parish Council and they have been invited to attend the September PC meeting

Cllr N Durlacher asked that the PC advise the Church who to pay the Queen's Platinum Jubilee funds to

Cllr L Pfander advised that Vehicle show is on the 14th August and plans are well underway and nearly complete. If anyone is able to volunteer, please contact her

Cllr C Alexander residents are concerned that the bus route is due to change on the 1st August and they are concerned that the buses will not follow the diversion and will stop coming to Fordham for the six weeks

Cllr C Alexander advised that the inconsiderate parking near the school has moved to Herrings Way with Vehicles parking on the paths making them inaccessible for pushchairs and wheelchairs

22-23/60 To receive Clerks reports

The Clerk advised members that:

- An apology has been received from the Community Policing Team who were unable to attend the Stroll with a Patrol meeting on the 19th July and a new date will be arranged after the summer
- That Essex Police Rural Team will attend a Q&A session with residents on 13th September from 7-7.30 in the Village Hall
- Fiddlers Hill will be closed from 1st August to 5th September

- CBC are holding planning training on 4th August from 6-8pm – all members are free to attend
- Cllr Barber has arranged for a meet up with Councillors from the Parish Councils in his ward on 4th August at 7.15pm. This clashes with the Planning training however, if members wish to attend he is willing to start the meeting at 8pm to assist with the clash

22-23/61 Items for next meeting

The next meeting will take place on 13th September 2022 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

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

There being no further business the meeting finished at 20.25