

Minutes

Frettenham Annual Parish Meeting

Monday 17th March 2025

Present: Teresa Norton (PC Chair), Anne Tandy (Parish Clerk)

Members of Public: 11 including Parish and County Councillors

1. Apologies were received from Kathy Hall (Parish Council)
2. The minutes of the meeting held on Friday 10th May 2024 were approved.

3. Parish Council Reports:

- a. Chair's Report (appendix A)
- b. Neighbourhood Plan Update (included in the Chair's Report)

4. Reports from Outside Bodies

- a. **County Council:** Council Tax increased 4.9% due to the cost of special education and adult social care as a result of an increasing ageing population.

The western link is on hold because of the Natural England guidelines regarding bats. NCC is trying to get the bats rules changed. In the meantime they are also revisiting the old plans to see if any of the alternative routes are viable but this will increase the costs.

- b. **District Council:** Devolution is being considered at the moment and the consultation is currently running. The idea is to have a mayoral structure and the local government reorganization. Consultation is due in the summer. The suggestion from NCC is for one council for the whole of Norfolk. SNC suggests two councils split north/south. The other district/borough councils suggest 3 councils.

No elections this year because of the reorganization. The next Election is likely to be for the new mayor in 2026 if Devolution goes ahead. The new council will be voted in during 2027 once the structure has been determined and follow by fading the existing system by the end of that year.

Council Tax: BDC have not increased their Council Tax this year without a cut to services. Housing costs are being reduced by moving from providing B&B accommodation to purchasing properties that can be used to house those in need.

The Council Depot in Frettenham is being refurbished to accommodate the increasing size of vehicles

c. Police – no report was received.

The meeting was adjourned for refreshments

5. Reports from Local Organisations

a. Frettenham Newsletter Editor – Greg Price

Hello all

I am more than happy to carry on doing the newsletter, as I know a lot of people look forward to reading it. It keeps those in the village who may not be able to get out, in touch with what is happening. So, the effort that it takes pales into insignificance, when people have told me how much it means to them to receive it. Plus, it's always great to actively support the local businesses to keep them going, so I really enjoy taking the time out of my schedule to keep another thing going in this village.

Any questions or thoughts please let me know.

- b. Hainford and Frettenham Gardening Club.** Still thriving indoor meetings until May and then visits to gardens through the county and meetings again in Autumn. A variety of speakers and November Alan Grey and Radio Norfolk members. Christmas will be a get together with nibbles mulled wine and a humorous quiz. Peter Beales will be speaking at that event. It would be great to see more members from the community.

c. Frettenham Village Hall

Current Activities and Clubs at Frettenham Village Hall

WEEKLY

Tuesday

Starting 4th March Jessies Baby Massage and Post Natal Yoga classes 10am-noon Justines

Dog Training Courses for puppies and young dogs (eve)

Wednesday

Funsters Activity/Social Grp. .. Table Tennis, Curling and Pool (morn)10-noon

The Church of Christ - Phillipino church service 6pm to 10pm

Thursday

Indoor bowls... seasonal September to April (afternoons) Rainbows for

Girls aged 4-7 Term time only

Saturday

Frettenham Cricket Clubs April to September (afternoons)

Sunday

Church Of Christ – Phillipino church service 8.30 am– 2.30pm

(2 Sunday league teams) September to April (mornings)

Frettenham FC (alternate weeks for matches)

Sprowston Rangers FC

Frettenham Cricket clubs April to September. Various times

2 WEEKLY ON MONDAYS

Vivienne Chapman Dog Club advanced training (mornings)

MONTHLY

1st Friday of month Hainford and Frettenham Gardening Club (eve) Feb- May then Sept - Dec

2nd Friday of month Parish Council Meetings (eve)

Last Friday of month Frettenham Film Club (eve)

PRIVATE EVENTS

Nortons Dairy Annual Christmas Party

Raffleys School Kings Lynn, Cromer school , Hickling Academy using facilities to eat lunch and store their school bags whilst visiting Nortons

Frettenham Primary school for additional Activities like discos and parent presentations

Hainford and Frettenham Pre-school hold quiz nights and some summer events

Union Meetings are often booked as and when needed

We have held a couple of Medium nights and more are booked this year

Broadland council for Elections and the odd training course

We had visitors from a Care home in Drayton for a tea dance

Autumn Strings entertained a full house of local residents for a classical evening of Strings

The Spirit of Coltishall charity group held their annual quiz and have booked again for this year

PRIVATE PARTIES

We have two Golden Wedding Parties booked so far for this year plus lots of children’s birthdays,

We have had many private parties for children’s/adults/birthdays plus retirement events and in the majority have been very successful. Sadly, we have had to turn away non-residents for adult gatherings, (unless known to committee members) due to one or two incidents that caused concern as to how the building had been mistreated and left.

On the whole the hall is used frequently and with little hassle. We have been receiving more and more enquiries because of social media advertising and word of mouth and because of this we can’t fit in a space for our own meetings and are relegated to the Rose and Crown (nobody complains!)

d. Rainbows Report

We made the move to Frettenham Village Hall in September and are so happy with this. Since Covid, we have struggled with numbers, dropping to just 4. However, we now have 14 girls and we are loving meeting at Frettenham Village Hall. It is just like old times, the girls are enjoying the games, crafts and songs and we cannot wait for the light evenings to enjoy the outside space. It is incredibly rewarding rebuilding the unit and all local support from parents and locals is very much appreciated.

e. General Parish Issues

- A resident thanked the Parish Council for all their hard work for the community.
- Thanks was given to the Frettenham Village Hall Committee for all their efforts to maintain the popularity of the facilities.

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Everyone was thanked for attending and presenting their reports

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Refreshments were served courtesy of the Parish Council

Meeting Closed at: 19:46

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PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT

2024-25

We've seen some changes to the membership of the Parish Council again this year. Sadly, we said farewell to Michael Palmer who moved on to focus on his employment. Michael was a valued member of the Council and was instrumental in getting the Neighbourhood Plan off the ground. More on that in a bit.

We have just welcomed Kathy Hall onto the Council and we are really looking forward to working with her and finding out what new ideas she will bring to the Council.

The village newsletter also saw change as we said farewell to Faye, we welcomed Greg Price back to the Editors seat. We are grateful for the work Greg does to keep the village newsletter running.

We know this is a valuable resource for the community and is eagerly awaited by many.

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group was set up during the year to get things started on this important planning policy document. Membership was high initially but as with any volunteer project there has been a waning of attendance and we lost the lead member, Michael Palmer. The Council are still very keen to pursue this project and have allocated time for the Parish Clerk to carry out the administrative tasks, funded from the Neighbourhood Plan reserve fund. The next step is to apply for grants and appoint a planning consultant who will take the strain off the Steering Group and take the lead on formulating the plan, referring to the group/Council to undertake the decision making. If you feel you can offer some time to support this piece of work, we'd love to hear from you. Everyone is welcome to join us and details of the next meeting will be released soon. In order to minimise the amount of work required, the Council has agreed to produce a smaller plan, focussing on two or three of the most relevant policies to the village which is likely to include a design code and open space provision/protection. This will help to complete the project in 12 months but allow the expansion of the policy in the future, as need dictates. If you would like to register your interest, please contact the Clerk.

The Community Group continues to meet every other month to carry out litter picking. Our thanks to Fiona Tibbitt for leading this and giving up her time to support such a worthwhile activity. The dates have been set for the year (weather permitting) and they are:

6th April 2025 – (The Big Broadland Litter Pick)

20th July 2025

19th October 2025

Keep an eye on the noticeboard for any additional events over the summer and details of start time and meeting location.

The Council have now taken delivery of a lovely new noticeboard to replace the one on Post Office Road. Our Councillors Shaun Catterall, Philip Norton and Richard Fisher will be arranging for it to be installed soon, do keep any eye out for it. The format of the board will change slightly from the existing one. It is now in two sections, one which is locked for Council use and the other will be open to anyone in the village to use to advertise their activities. We are also looking to replace the noticeboard which was removed from the junction of Buxton Road and Pound Hill. We will update the website and social media when we have more news to share on this.

Last year the Council put in a bid to fund 50% for a replacement SAM2 device. You may have seen it popping up in various location around the village and it is able to assess the speed of vehicles which can be reported back to the Police and help to prioritise Police resources in problem areas.

Unfortunately, the existing one had developed faults such as failed LED's which affected the speed display and the software had become outdated. Council is pleased to report that the bid was successful and we will soon be placing an order for the new device which will reduce the time needed by Shaun Catterall, who looks after the device, to extract the data and assist the Clerk in providing more regular reports.

The Council have also submitted an application to the Lottery Fund for the installation of a new climbing wall to be added to the current provision at the recreation ground. We are awaiting the outcome of the application but if successful it is hoped the new equipment will be installed ready for the summer holidays.

We want to draw your attention to the devolution plans being put forward by Norfolk County Council. If this goes ahead it will see the removal of Councils at district level and responsibility will pass to Norfolk County Council. This is likely to impact the work of Parish Councils who may find delivery of some provisions being passed down to them. It is really important that as many people as possible, have their say and a consultation is currently being run on the Norfolk County Council website. You can also find details and a link on the Parish Council's website and our social media feeds. Don't delay if you have views either way as the closing date is 13 April 2025.

And Finally, this year the Council have upgraded their website domain to a .gov.uk service which brings them into line with other local government agencies and ensures that we are GDPR compliant. The new website address is: www.frettenham-pc.gov.uk and the new email address is clerk@frettenham-pc.gov.uk. All councillors are also setting up their own emails in the format of cllrfirstnamelastname@frettenham-pc.gov.uk. You can head over to our website to see a list of contacts but we do suggest general correspondence continues to be sent to our Clerk to ensure it is dealt with promptly.

Thank you to Anne, our incredibly well organised and efficient clerk for keeping the council on task, ensuring we are accessing a plethora of funding and her brilliant skills to continue modernising and updating our systems, policies and practice. Without her, we would be truly lost.

I wanted to say a huge thank you to all our volunteers who help keep the council and our village running, those who give their time, effort and energy to helping others and to those who make our small village so wonderful.

Thank you everyone for coming along tonight and I cannot wait to hear from the other organisations.