FRATING 2022 – Tendring District Local History Report

January – Easter – Covid measures continued with free testing until March 30th

January –
theft of a car transporter reported by Lee Scott Classic Cars at the Barns, Frating Abbey Road.
Jennifer Spears, the new Parish Clerk started work – 20 hours per month.

February –
The fence at the crossroads was repaired again and Bromley Road flooded after the three named storms.

April –

Lanterns, Bromley Road received permission for the Proposed retention of existing out building and use as annexe ancillary to Lanterns. Proposed extension to annexe to form sitting area and retention of existing garden shed.

Holly Farm (1880 dilapidated farmhouse with 4.5 acres – former poultry farm) was offered for sale at £1 million.

May –
St Mary Magdalene's PCC meet at the War Memorial Hall every two months.

Red Plant Sales, Colchester Road received permission to demolish an existing residential dwelling and land use to industrial to expand existing plant/machinery sales business.

19 Fenn Close, received permission to convert a garage into care use.

Hill Farm, Clacton Road received prior permission to convert an agricultural building into two dwellings.

June –
Platinum Jubilee of QE II celebrated at the King's Arms with three days of events including music, fancy dress and children eating for £1.99.

2 Spinney Cottages, Church Road - a proposed new glazed entrance to loft space over garage for office conversion and Installation of anew external staircase was approved.

Tall Trees, Clacton Road – CAT conducted an archaeological excavation but found only ground soil. In December Planning Permission to build a new entrance onto the A133 was agreed by Frating PC.

July –
Report of a burglary in Tokley Road. There were also issues with speeding, lack of white lines in the road and children kicking balls on the local recreation area there. The new noticeboard was erected.

August-
Distribution of the book ***History of Frating*** free to all residents as a Jubilee gift. Donations from four local companies covered the cost.

September –
The Centenary of Frating War Memorial Hall was attended by over sixty residents. There was a local history exhibition from 1pm; with the award of Platinum Jubilee Medals to school children. At 2pm, the Re-dedication Service used the same format as in 1922. This was led by Rev Andrew Fordyce MBE, the Methodist Superintendent Rev Tom Osbourne and Rev Pauline Hart. Music was by Peter Clayton and the Tenpenny Villages Benefice Church Choir. It started with an one minute silence for the Late Queen Elizabeth II and ended with the National Anthem. The cost of £1316.31 (including the books and medals) was partially covered by £900 of donations and also made a donation of £175 to the Food Bank.

Planning Enforcement Day with TDC Officers – checked compliance and offered advice at new property next to Frating Park (garden – change of use); Lothlorian (bungalow near King's Arms), Morehams Hall (converted garage into two-storey building), Dekins, Haggars Lane (inspaectedd against the original plans), Cedar Hall (Pipers Hall, yet has three or four small rooms), land adjacent to Valletta (overgrown and not seeded as intended.) These matters were still outstanding in December.

A High capacity electricity cable was laid underground from Alresford to Penguin Random House leading to pavements being dug up and partial road closures. Some villagers refused to allow their gardens to be excavated.

Others complained in a decrease in their broadband speed. These took several months and left piled dirt on the verges which were flattened by Essex Highways, but the footpaths were unpassable in December.

October –
Police Speed-checks outside the War Memorial Hall on Sunday 2nd October found an average speed of 42mph in a 40 mph zone. This will be repeated at a busier time of day

Hockley Farmhouse – riddled with wood worm, have applied to demolish and rebuild

Sunnyholme, Main Road – applied to erect extension, loft conversion, to extend the side of property by 50cm and build a garage at the front of the property. There were 22 objections before the application was withdrawn.

November –
New Parish Council website.

December –
Donations of £100 made to Air Ambulance and St Helena Hospice. Due to the cost of living and additional new services the precept will increase by £1900 next year, roughly £7.63 per person. Additionally, two VAS signs will be purchased for £4800 from capital expenditure.
The traffic lights were to be re-sequenced with a right turn light from Great Bentley Road.
The Palletplus planning applications had still not reached the Tendring DC Planning Committee. Frating PC again objected to the plans.
Frating PC declined an offer to sell land at Fenn Close/Barrell Close due to the small amount of open land in the village.
Frating PC agreed to a request to pay for and run a *Warm Hub* in the Memorial Hall on four sessions in January, at a cost of £60 plus refreshments.
Christmas Wreath making at the King's Arms.

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