

2023 Frating Local History Recorders Report

January 2023 –

Weekly *warm spot* open on Mondays between 12:00 – 3:00pm in Frating War Memorial Hall. Better heating in the Hall was discussed through out the year.

The Curate, Rev Timothy Solosy, left for a position in Devon.

On Friday January 13th, a motorcyclist was injured in a collision with two other vehicles in Colchester Road.

February –

Luffkins Farm received permission from ECC to continue extracting gravel.

Tall Trees, Clacton Road requested permission to build a new dwelling, garage with heat store and landscaping

March –

Terry Cuthbert (PC Chairman) received the *Pride of Tendring* Award.

Two piles of asbestos opposite Holly Farm reported to TDC.

Opposed building of two dwellings at **Hill Farm**, Clacton Road - instead of the barn conversion that was agreed last year. Approved extension at **36 Tokely Road** and retrospective permission for extension at **Lothlorien, Main Road**.

Opposed the building of 86 houses on Land North and South of A133 Clacton Road at **Finches Lane**, Elmstead. The parish council will object to this proposal based on the fact that this development is outside the development boundary and also that the buffer between the 2 villages of Frating and Elmstead will be significantly decreased.

The Verges - *Random House* contractors made repairs. Crossing at Frating Park restored after being removed when *Random House* electric cables installed..

The Signage for the diversion for the Alresford viaduct are incorrect Clerk will contact Highways to advise them that these diversion signs are incorrect.

Clerks Report Clerk advised that the traffic lights have still not been looked at, and we have had 2 terrible accidents here within the last month. S106 money has been confirmed that it will be paid into the Parish Council account on 9th March so the payment to the contractor for the work on the open space can be made. £100 received from Barclays after multiple communication difficulties. Unit one of the CiLca has been completed and the clerk is moving onto the next unit now.

VAS signs update, the application can be put in from the middle of March and Great Bentley will also input theirs at the same time to share the cost of the lamppost inspection between the 2 councils.

April

The **Palletplus** application was approved by TDC. Plans for extensions received from 8 Barrell Close and 8 Frating Hill.

May

No Parish Council election as insufficient nominations. Linda McWilliams re-elected as District Councillor for Bentleys and Frating. Road closure on Great Bentley Road – Essex CC fixing potholes

Sunday May 8th – Coronation Open Day at War Memorial Hall – local history display (2 boards and census records); cakes, make a crown and collect medal/book(s). Comments collected about a potential noticeboard (map and local history)

June –

Two crashes at the traffic lights. The first demolished the pole, within hours it was made safe and within three days replaced. The second accident required an air ambulance for the casualty.

July –

Co-option of new councillor – Veronica Morris. Ordered lanyards and photo id for Councillors

Agreed demolition of out-buildings and extensions at **Three Bells, Church Road** and **Sunnyholme, Main Road**

Holly Farm Main Road, Frating Proposed demolition of house and outbuildings and erection of six detached dwellings served from a single point of vehicular access. – called in by TDC Councillor McWilliams as on edge of bubble. Plans were submitted for two detached houses in **King's Arms car park** but Essex Highways objected.

Footpaths Moorhams Hall – Permissive access – this access has not been closed for the last 3 years, so it becomes a complete public right of way. New larger dog bin installed in Tokley Road. Parish Council agreed to installation of Local History info boards.

Complaints about poor state of verges after re-instatement work; missing *No ball games*, *No bikes* sign in Pennyfields; overgrown footpaths and parking in Bromley Road.

August

Burst pipe in King's Arms led to closure Sat 19th – Monday 23rd. **Pallet Plus** site sold for residential development – moving to an undisclosed location.

September

Change of Landlords at **King's Arms**. They were soon having over 120 dinners for Sunday lunch.

Installation of new Curate, Janine Wilde to the Tenpenny Benefice.

The installation of the historical information board was agreed at c£500 excluding VAT.

Car parking in Bromley Road near to the private swimming pool was becoming an issue.

October

RTA at bottom of Frating Road, fences all down.

November

The Parish Council sent in a lengthy OBJECTION to the planned building of two premises in the **King's Arms** car park and the proposed, by the developer) relocation of the bus stop which was owned by the Parish Council. Traffic data from the first week in May was used

Two Vehicle Activated Signs (VAR) were installed on the Main Road and programmed by the Parish Council to flash at 36mph. This would be changed as appropriate and the speed of card monitored via Bluetooth. 20% of drivers were over the limit.

The Parish Council met with a member of the Conservation Volunteers to assess the churchyard. Tendring DC had mown the high grass and removed the higher, dangerous dead trees. The Parish Council agreed to a fund of £5000 from S137 money and the precept.

December

The Parish Council had received plans for the redeveloped playground on the Pennyfields Estate. Friends of Frating action group formed to protest against unnecessary development, especially at the King's Arms.

A planning application was made to change orchard use to garden with a tennis court at **Hedgerows**, Rectory Road. The **Holly Farm** application was withdrawn.

Donations of £100 were made to the *Essex and Herts Air Ambulance* and *Help for Heroes*.