

**TOWN COUNCIL OF FRINTON AND WALTON**

**MINUTES of an Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council  
held at Council House, Frinton-on-Sea  
Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021 commencing at 7.15pm**

**Present:**

Councillors Mrs A. Oxley Town Mayor  
E.T. Allen Deputy Town Mayor  
T. Abrahams, Mrs L. Allen, Fiona Knowles  
P. Clifton, Mrs A. Davis, C. Keston (from 7.31pm), Miss P Walford  
Mrs D Miles, Mrs I. Johnson, D. Oxley, Mrs F.D.A. Robertson, N.W. Turner

**Apologies:**

Councillors M. Platt

**Absent:**

Councillors J. Bray

**In Attendance:**

Town Clerk – Mrs J. Woodland  
Outgoing Town Clerk – Mr J. Wedge

Frinton & Walton Gazette – Ms. V Yordanova

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**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor M. Platt.

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**TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Town Mayor did not make any announcements.

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**ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

It was moved, seconded and

**RESOLVED**

that the Town Council be adjourned at 7.17pm to enable members of the public to ask questions and Members to respond.

- a) A member of the public asked if PCSO Robert Diss is still a dedicated officer for engagement with local schools.

- b) A member of the public asked if there is ongoing work to enable NEPP (North Essex Parking Partnership) to be able to issue enforcements.

In response to the public.

- a) The Town Mayor advised PCSO's are regularly attending the local schools and had specifically been involved in addressing issues experienced at one of the school bus stops in Walton. It was also confirmed that PCSO's are also working alongside the Youth Service.
- b) Councillor N.W Turner advised there had been no change to the issue of the NEPP not being able to issue enforcements and that it is an issue being challenged at County level.

There being no further comments or questions from the public, it was moved, seconded and

**RESOLVED**

that the Town Council be reconvened at 7.27pm

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**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 – AREA 2**

**Members indicated that they may be reconsidering this matter at District Council level.**

The Council considered a list of proposals for development and recommended accordingly as described on the schedule.

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**OTHER PLANNING MATTERS**  
**PLANNING APPLICATIONS – NOVEMBER**  
**2021**

From a total of 27 decisions made by Tendring District Council for the Town Council area in the month of September 2021 the following planning application were at variance with the Town Council's known recommendations.

<u>REF.NO.</u>	<u>TOWN</u>	<u>DISTRICT</u>
<u>21/01667/VOC</u>	<u>REFUSAL</u>	<u>APPROVAL</u>

Variation of condition 16 of application 16/00031/OUT to change the form of junction specified in the condition from a priority junction with right turn lane to a simple priority junction. And to re-word the Condition to specify footway provision and dropped kerb/tactile crossing points on Walton Road and Elm Tree Avenue in accordance with an amended drawing. Turpins Farm Cottage Walton Road Kirby Le Soken.

<u>21/01884/TPO &amp;</u> <u>21/01885/TCA</u>	<u>MORE INFO REQUIRED</u>	<u>APPROVAL</u>
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1 No. Poplar – remove, 2 No. Sycamore – remove. Cluster of 8 No, Sycamore and 2 No. Poplar, 2 No. clusters of Ash, 11 No. Sycamore, 1 No. Ash and 1 No. Lawsonia – remove. St Michaels Church, The Street, Kirby Le Soken (see comments below from Tendring District Council).

*“With regard to the applications to fell trees on the boundary of the churchyard I can confirm that there have been no arrangements made to replace the trees that are programmed to be felled by the church subject to them obtaining further approval from the Chelmsford Diocese.*

*In terms of the impact of the development proposal on the character and appearance of the conservation area it should be noted that the trees are set back from the Kirby Road and can only be viewed from within the churchyard or from the Public Right of Way leading from the churchyard to Kirby Cross. In this regard it is considered that the removal of the trees will not have a significant adverse impact on the local environment or its use and enjoyment by the public.*

*For completeness I can advise you that there have been applications in the past few years to fell trees that have been implicated in damage to the foundations of the church. This has resulted in open areas being created, close to the church that has, in my view, improved the overall character and ‘feel’ of the churchyard.*

*As you may know the churchyard in generally require densely planted with trees and whilst the overall aim of the local planning authority is to retain all trees where practical and to plant more where possible; it is sometimes the case that the removal of trees can improve the openness of an area and improve its character and appearance.”*

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**REPORT FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

Councillor Mrs D. Miles advised that, following her update at the last full town council meeting of the 18<sup>th</sup> of November 2021 regarding the Essex County Council meeting for the National Bus Strategy initiative, the matter had now moved to consultation stage. Councillor Mrs D. Miles encouraged fellow Councillors to respond to the consultation.

Councillor D. Oxley advised on the receipt of 400 trees donated by Essex Forestry, 200 of which have been planted so far. Locations benefitting from the newly planted trees include Great Holland, allotments at Grove Avenue, the access route between Walton Road and Station Road, and the Agar Road gardens. In response to this, Councillor Miss P. Walford expressed the need to have trees planted in the Avenues of Frinton as they had been depleted over the years.

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**TO RECEIVE THE REPORT AND ANY RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ESTIMATES WORKING PARTY HELD ON THE 25<sup>TH</sup> OF NOVEMBER 2021**

There were no comments on this report.

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**TO RECEIVE THE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS ABOUT THE 2022/2023 BUDGET AND PRECEPT**

Councillor Mrs D. Miles challenged why no funds had been budgeted for the skatepark at Walton, and why we have asked the public what they wish to see in a future skatepark project if we have no funds earmarked for it. Councillor Mrs D. Miles also questioned the spend by the Council on what she considered to be ‘vanity projects’ during times of hardship for residents, citing them as ‘not necessary’.

Councillor N.W Turner confirmed he would be voting against an increase to the precept for 2022/23, specifically drawing attention to point 2.8 of the Budget Estimates Report 2022/23 where he challenged the proposal to allow funds to be available for future projects, when none exist.

Councillor E.T Allen responded to the issues raised, confirming that the skatepark had not been a vanity project, it was overwhelmingly supported by residents’ associations. Councillor E. T Allen also commented on the need to have six months’ worth of reserves and once that had been achieved, then the Council can respond to projects requested by residents.

Councillor Mrs D. Miles confirmed her continued resistance to an increase to the precept and challenged that any increase is better received in more affluent areas of the community but not well received in less affluent areas, therefore raising the question, that there is no evidence that the various projects completed are what residents have asked for.

Councillor Miss P. Walford said the Council are good at spending others’ money and tend to pick and choose the projects that receive funding, questioning why completed projects ‘always result in a higher than quoted for cost’.

Councillor Mrs L. Allen reminded Mrs D. Miles that she had voted in favour of the purchase and renovation of the land on Agar Road. Councillor Mrs D. Miles challenged the cost of acquiring the land at Agar Road, believing that it could have been obtained at a reduction of £15,000 to that of the price paid which was £40,000. The Town Mayor responded to clarify the process undertaken to achieve the price paid for Agar Road land and that she was confident the land could not have been acquired for any less than the price paid by the Council.

It was moved, seconded and

RESOLVED by way of a named vote, that the recommendation of the Estimates Working Party to increase the 2022/2023 precept by 5% to £653,533 be accepted and agreed.

<b>Councillors in favour of 5% rise</b>	<b>Councillors against a 5% rise</b>
Cllr Mrs A. Oxley	Cllr Fiona Knowles
Cllr E.T Allen	Cllr Mrs A. Davis
Cllr Mrs I. Johnson	Cllr T. Abrahams
Cllr C. Keston	Cllr Miss P. Walford
Cllr Mrs F.D.A Robertson	Cllr Mrs D. Miles
Cllr Mrs L. Allen	Cllr N.W Turner
Cllr P. Clifton	
Cllr D. Oxley	

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**REGISTER OF MATTERS FRINTON & WALTON TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS HAVE RAISED WITH COUNTY COUNCILLOR MARK PLATT**

Cllr E.T Allen advised that the cones left on The Esplanade at the end of Fourth Avenue were still in situ.

Cllr N.W Turner responded by confirming he would chase this up.

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**OTHER LOCAL MATTERS WHERE ACTION MAY BE REQUIRED FROM OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

Cllr N.W Turner commented that both Cllr Mrs D. Miles and he were present at the Naze Management Board meeting. The Board are now at pre-planning stage for sea defences for the Naze.

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**SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS – NO 13 & 13A**

There being no comments or questions it was moved, seconded and

RESOLVED

that the schedule of accounts No 13 & 13A in the total sum of £66,820.30 nett and £68,114.19 (sixty-eight thousand, one hundred and fourteen pounds nineteen pence) gross be approved for payment.

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**CLERK'S REPORT**

Town Clerk Mrs J. Woodland advised that, to her knowledge, the Christmas Market detailed in the Temporary Event Notice for Market Square Walton on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021, had been cancelled.

Receipt of the following publications were noted.

- a) Local Councils Update – dated December 2021
- b) Five Estuaries Offshore Wind Farm newsletter – dated Autumn 2021

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**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON THE 18<sup>TH</sup> of NOVEMBER 2021**

It was moved, seconded and

RESOLVED

that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2021 (pages 119–132) be approved as a true record to be signed by the Town Mayor at the next possible opportunity.

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**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 18<sup>TH</sup> of NOVEMBER 2021**

Cllr N.W Turner expressed his disappointment that the representative from Frinton in Bloom, who had spoken in section 171, 'Questions from Members of the Public', had not been identified by name in the Minutes.

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**ANY OTHER MATTERS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT**

As there were no matters that were considered urgent, the Town Mayor thanked those members of the public present, and the Press, for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.42pm.

TOWN MAYOR

**SCHEDULE OF PLANS SUBMITTED TO FRINTON & WALTON TOWN COUNCIL**

**FOR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 9 DECEMBER 2021**

APPLICATION NO. / APPLICANT	PROPOSAL	LOCATION
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<u>21/01897/FULHH C/A</u> Mr and Mrs Chris and Julie Darbon	Proposed first floor windows moved and lantern to kitchen extension, with two storey side extension and single storey kitchen extension.	45 Second Avenue Frinton On Sea
	<b>Approval</b>	
<u>21/01520/FUL</u> Mr Christopher Titchmarsh - Titchmarsh Marina Ltd	Proposed erection of a workshop measuring 12 Meters x 15 Meters next to the blasting bay for necessary repairs.	Titchmarsh Marina Coles Lane Walton On the Naze
	<b>Approval</b>	
<u>21/01902/FULHH C/A</u> Mr and Mrs James	Proposed demolition of existing single storey rear extensions. Two storey front and side extension with extended accommodation within the roof space and single storey front, side and rear extensions. Extended driveway and new front entrance gate.	16 Third Avenue Frinton On Sea
	<b>Approval</b>	
<u>21/01909/FUL</u> Stephen Sibley	Proposed change of use from caravan park to boat storage.	Martello Caravan Park Land adjacent 24 and 25 Mill Lane Walton On the Naze
	<b>Cllr. N. W. Turner abstained.</b>  <b>Refusal – site should not be used for light industrial use.</b>	
<u>21/01916/FULHH</u> Ryan Fitzgerald	Proposed single storey rear extension.	3 Sherborne Close Kirby Cross Frinton On Sea
	<b>Cllr C Keston abstained.</b> <b>Approval</b>	

21/01920/FULHH C/A Mr and Mrs Hockridge	Proposed single storey rear extension and insertion of rooflights and doors.	Pightle Cottage 64 Third Avenue Frinton On Sea
	<b>Approval</b>	
21/01981/FULC/A M and M Pharmacy	Proposed change of use from residential use (Class C3) to use as a clinic and associated office space (Class E).	152A Connaught Avenue Frinton On Sea
	<b>Approval</b>	
21/01593/FULHHC/A <b>AMENDED</b>	Proposed single storey rear extension and new balustrading to balcony.	23 Second Avenue Frinton on Sea
	<b>Refusal – as per last time – agree with ECC Heritage Team – not sympathetic to existing architecture.</b>	
21/01173/FUL C Fletton	Proposed new vehicular access.	116 Kirby Road Walton on the Naze
	<b>Approval</b>	
21/01836/FULHH C/A	Proposed single storey rear extension with glazed roof lanterns, following demolition of conservatory. And removal of chimney stack.	39 Queens Road Frinton on Sea
	<b>Approval</b>	
21/01943/FULHH Mr & Mrs G Varty	Proposed extension to rear of bungalow and garage.	25 Horsey Road Kirby Le Soken
	<b>Approval</b>	



21/01975/FUL Ms Uzaira Farooq	Proposed refurbishment of former care home and conversion into seven flats.	Anchor Lodge Cliff Parade Walton on the Naze
	<b>Cllr. D Oxley &amp; Cllr Mrs F D A Robertson abstained. Approval</b>	
21/01991/FULHH M A Greer	Proposed single storey side extension, following demolition of garage.	28 Upper Second Avenue Frinton on Sea
	<b>Approval</b>	
<u>21/01924/LUPROP</u> Mr and Mrs Raymond <b><u>INFORMATION ONLY</u></b>	Proposed single storey extension.	5 Bushell Way Kirby Cross
	<b>Noted</b>	
<u>21/01941/TCA</u>	1 No. Prunus - Trim, 1 No. Prunus - remove, 1 No. Mimosa - reduce, 1 No. Prunus - trim, and 1 No. Pear tree - remove.	Glamis Lodge 34 Fourth Avenue Frinton On Sea
	<b>Approval</b>	
<u>21/01950/TCA</u> Mrs Margaret Benz	1 No. Oak in front garden - crown thin, clean and remove Ivy, 1 No. Maple in rear garden - trim overhang, Small Thorn Trees - reduce.	4 Grays Farm Close Kirby Le Soken
	<b>Approval</b>	
<u>21/01993/TCA</u>	1 No. Holly - remove.	54 Third Avenue Frinton On Sea
	<b>Approval – however request replacement.</b>	

<p><u>21/02005/TCA</u> Mr Wilks</p>	<p>T1 - Apple Tree - Roadside fell to ground level - Tree is very close to road (Bus Route), has been cut back hard to stop being a road hazard and has lost all its amenity value. T2 - Cuppressus Macrocarpa - Roadside - Trim all round with Hedge Trimmer to previous cutting points, up to .5-1m being cut off, to tidy and contain size. Regular maintenace. T3 - Cuppressus Trees X3 - Rear Boundary - The Trees form a Hedge to rear of garden bordering railway, remove growth on top to previous cutting points, approx 1-2m, to contain height, work usually carried out approx every 3 years.</p>	<p>Dawn 55 Quendon Way Frinton On Sea</p>
	<p><b>Approval – however ask for replacements on verges.</b></p>	
<p>21/02038/TCA</p>	<p>1 No. Lime Tree – Reduce to previous cutting points. Approx 2-2.5m reduction.</p>	<p>Garden Court The Esplanade Frinton on Sea</p>
	<p><b>Approval</b></p>	
<p>21/02041/TPO</p>	<p>2 No. Oaks – remove.</p>	<p>14 Buckfast Avenue Kirby Cross</p>
	<p><b>Refusal – Tendring District Council should trim not remove.</b></p>	

**SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE - NO. 13****9 December 2021**

		Net	Gross
<b><u>General:</u></b>			
1.	Tower Security(Tendring) Security	32.99	39.59
2.	Tower Security(Tendring) Security	131.60	157.92
3.	BT Broadband	98.40	127.68
4.	BT Telephone Services	107.75	127.49
5.	BT Telephone Services	285.19	342.22
6.	Gazprom Energy Electricity mtr 1	194.65	204.38
7.	Gazprom Energy Electricity mtr 2	162.55	170.68
8.	CPRE Membership	36.00	36.00
9.	Essex Cleaning Services Shelter Cleaning	520.00	520.00
10.	National Allotment Soc. Membership	55.00	66.00
11.	SLCC Qualification Fee	120.00	144.00
12.	Tendring District Council Market Rates & Rent	772.60	772.60
13.	Autoprint Letterhead	78.65	94.38
14.	Vine HR Ltd Consultancy Support	1527.50	1833.00
15.	TTSS Ltd Callout & Battery	58.00	69.60
16.	Royal British Legion Poppy Wreaths	125.00	125.00
17.	R&AJ Barnes Replacement Panels-Seafront Shelter	30.00	30.00
18.	Bunzl Cleaning Supplies Cleaning supplies Toilets	152.44	182.93
19.	Police&CrimeComm.Essex PCSO Charges	37,198.74	37,198.74
20.	Tendring District Council Insurance-Oldway Toilets	122.86	122.86
21.	TJ's Window Cleaning Window Cleaning	20.00	20.00
22.	Gartec Lift Service Charge	355.00	426.00
23.	EALC Budget&Precept Course	70.00	84.00
24.	SJH Services Land clearance-Agar Road	425.00	425.00
25.	Birchwood Garden Service Ground maintenance	1058.00	1058.00
26.	Birchwood Garden Service Bulbs&Plants – Spinney	300.00	300.00
27.	Barclaycard Zoom	11.99	11.99
	Barclaycard DBS Check	23.00	23.00
	Barclaycard Dymo Tape	11.19	11.19
28.	Communicorp Subscription	75.00	75.00
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		44,159.10	44,799.25
<b><u>Columbine Centre:</u></b>			
29.	Tendring District Council Planning Permission	117.00	117.00
30.	Gazprom Energy Electricity	1799.80	2159.76
31.	Corona Energy Gas	832.11	998.53
32.	Booker Bar Supplies	45.96	55.15
33.	TTSS Ltd 10 Fobs & Callout	220.00	264.00
34.	Tower Security (Tendring)ltd Security	32.99	39.59
35.	Bunzl Cleaning Supplies Cleaning Supplies	164.75	197.70
36.	Veolia Waste services	173.10	207.72
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		3,385.71	4,039.45
<b>Cumulative Total =</b>		<b>£47,544.81</b>	<b>£48,838.70</b>

**SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – NO. 13A**

**9 December 2021**

- **Salary Month 8 Payment made on 26 November 2021**
- **Superannuation Payment to be made in the Month of December**
- **HMRC/PAYE Payment to be made on or about 22 December 2021**

Total Salaries/Wages/Expenses (November 2021)	£16641.43
Employers N.I. (November 2021)	£ 946.15
Superannuation – Employer contribution (November 2021)	£ 1422.86
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	£19010.44
Members Mileage	£ 0.00
Petty Cash drawn in November 2021(until 26 <sup>th</sup> of month)	£ 265.05
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<b>Cumulative Total</b>	<b>£19275.49</b>