

Minutes of the Fressingfield Parish Council additional planning committee meeting held in the school hall, Fressingfield on Thursday 28 March 2019 at 7.30pm

Present: Garry Deeks; Alex Day; Tom Lindsay; Tracy Livingstone; Dave Wheeler

Also in Attendance: Three members of the public; Andy Parris, clerk to the council;

19.1 The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologised for it being called at such short notice. He explained that this was due to the district council asking for comments before the end of the month on the proposed plans for dealing with surface water on the new Baptist Chapel and carpark. This request followed on from the meeting held at Endeavour House, Ipswich on Friday 22 March with officers, councillors and a few parishioners to discuss these drainage plans.

19.2 Apologies for absence: Nick Stolls, Andrew Vessey, Philip Eastgate

19.3 Members' declarations of Interest. There were none.

19.4 The public forum. Further information about the plans were given. This led to detailed discussions about the new site and arrangements for drainage. A member of the public also advised the council of the imminent launching of a new group in the village. The Society Against Fressingfield Entering Retirement will be known by the acronym SAFER.

19.5 Council's conclusions:

- I. Councillors quickly concluded that it was inappropriate for them to comment on this level of technical information.
- II. Councillors felt that district council officers should be exercising their professional judgement on such matters.
- III. The parish council is not clear about why these officers felt it necessary or right to ask the parish council for its opinion on this level of detail.
- IV. The parish council is clear about its responsibilities. It noted its dependency on the district council and its officers to liaise properly with their county council and environment agency colleagues, to resolve such matters in a legal and timely manner.

In summary, the parish council confirmed that it fulfils its responsibilities; it expects other councils, officers and agencies to work in a similarly professional manner; the parish council appreciates being informed of decisions taken and of the progress of planning applications that affect the village.

19.6 Dates of next meeting:
Full council meeting Tuesday 16 April
Annual parish meeting Tuesday 30 April

The meeting closed at 8.05pm

Signed:

Chairman Date