



# FREISTON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE DANNY FLEAR COMMUNITY CENTRE ON

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026, at 7:30pm

Minutes taken by The Clerk: Mrs. Val Austin

(These minutes will be checked at the next meeting before the council amends/approves them as a correct record)

**PRESENT:** Cllr Nigel Marshall (Chair), Cllr Bridgett Posey (Vice Chair), Cllr Roy Pearson, Cllr Amy Marshall, Cllr Shaun Pearson, Cllr Simon Pearson and the Clerk Val Austin.

**Also Present:** One member of the public.

The meeting was called to order at 19:27pm

1. **Chairman to open the meeting:** Welcome to you all, and to our MBE councillor, well done Simon from all of us.

2. **Apologies:** To receive and accept apologies where a valid reason for the absence has been given to the Clerk prior to the meeting.

- Cllr Judith Godwin – Prior Commitment
- Cllr Peter Bedford – Prior Commitment

3. **Public Forum:** To resolve to suspend the meeting for a maximum of 10 minutes to allow members of the public to ask questions or make short statements to the council.

Open at: 19:29pm

- The member of the public came to the meeting to see what goes on and to see if they can offer their services for green spaces.  
Cllr Nigel Marshall mentioned that the green spaces are already in contract with someone else.
- Cllr Simon Pearson mentioned that they could advertise in our newsletter.

Public forum closed at 19:31pm

Parish Council meeting resumed at 19:31pm

4. **Police Matters:** Stats and incidents are available to view on the police website. Local Crime information website [www.streetcheck.co.uk](http://www.streetcheck.co.uk).

Shore Road	PE22	Criminal Damage and Arson - On or near Grovefield Lane - Under Investigation
	ONH	
	PE22	Violence and sexual offences - On or near Oak House Lane –
Church Road	ONX	Action taken by another organisation
	PE22	
Church Road	ONX	Other Crime - On or near Oak House Lane - Under investigation

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**5: Minutes:** To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> November 2025. To resolve as a correct record and to authorise the Chairman to sign the official minutes. No meeting held in December 2025

- All Councillors resolved for the chairman Cllr Nigel Marshall to sign the minutes.

**6: Declarations of interest (if any):** To receive declarations of interest under the Localism Act 2011 – being any pecuniary interest in agenda items not previously recorded on Members' Register of Interests - No declarations received

**7: Planning update:** Town and Country Planning Act 1990 - To consider and make observations on all planning applications received and to note planning approvals, refusals, enforcement complaints and appeal decisions advised by Boston Borough Council.

The Clerk sent planning applications to all councillors for:

- B/25/0483 – Plummers Hotel – No Objections received
- B/25/0446 – Freiston Shore Nature Reserve – No Objections received.

**8: Updates / Discuss and resolve the following items**

**8.1. Highway and Roads**

- Cllr Nigel Marshall read out a report from Cllr Peter Bedford regarding the email received from a resident concerning speeding along Oak House Lane. The resident is not happy with the way the correx signs have been placed.
- Cllr Nigel Marshall has requested another 6, 30mph correx signs to be purchased.
- The clerk to arrange. – Update at next meeting
- Cllr Bridgett Posey mentioned the flooding, due to drain blockages.
- Cllr Shaun Pearson mentioned Park Lane flooded and reported to FIXMYSTREET.

**8.1.1: Correx Signs – To Note**

The clerk received the signs and Cllr Nigel Marshall has the signs and has put them up along Oak House Lane. Resolved

**8.2. Christmas in Freiston 2025 – To Note**

- Councillors sent suggestions to the clerk.
- Cllr Nigel Marshall and the Clerk, choose the winning 5 places.
- Cllr Nigel Marshall mentioned that the prizes were spread around, and the winners are:
  - 5th Place - No 15 - Haltoft End Estate
  - 4th Place - No 4 - Haltoft End Estate
  - 3rd Place - Butterwick Road - Pretty tree
  - 2nd Place - Church Road



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1st Place - No 2 Butterwick Road

Details of winners will be in the next newsletter.

Special mention to the house at the junction of A52 and Church Road.

- Thank you to T A Blackamore for the donated Christmas Tree, which was housed in the Post office Yard.
- Thank You to Creations for hosting the Christmas Tree

### **8.3. Radar Data**

The Clerk to send data to the Councillors before the next meeting and to present at the meeting.

Unfortunately, the Clerk was unable to supply the information. Update at next meeting.

### **8.4. Oak House Lane Speed Reduction – Cllr Peter Bedford**

Cllr Peter Bedford to discuss the speed limit along Oak House Lane

This item was discussed at item 8.1.

### **8.5. Brown Bin Extension Letter – To Note**

The clerk has written to Boston Borough Council, but has not received a reply.

- Cllr Shaun Pearson mentioned that brown waste will be 26 collections per year from March 2026.

## **9: Finance:**

### **9.1 Bank Account: Statement of accounts as at 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

Community Account Balance - £1,279.76

Instant Access Savings Account Balance - £21,304.33

Fixed Term Deposit Account - £40,577.22 – Maturity Date – 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026

### **9.2 To approve the accounts for payments**

Payments due January 2026 - £1,312.72

Payments made in between meetings - £10,718.67

Receipts received December 2025 & January 2026 - £746.37

## **10: Date of next parish council meeting: Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

## **11: Any other business to go forward to the Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2026 Agenda. / Note for information.**

The clerk mentioned that fixed term deposit account will mature in February 2026, before the next meeting, would the councillors like to reinvest the £40k?

All councillors agreed for the Clerk to reinvest the £40k for another 6 months.

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With no further business the meeting closed at 19:51pm

Signed:

Dated:

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