



**Frinton Residents' Association  
Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

**Date: 9 April 2022 10 am**

**1.0 Introduction & Chairman's Report**

1.1 Chairman's address:

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that due to the COVID pandemic it had been two years since the last Annual General Meeting (AGM). The Chairman further explained that there were no visiting speakers or presentations but there would be a Question & Answer (Q&A) session to allow members to raise any issues. An autumn general meeting will be held later this year at which speakers will be invited to present on topics of interest to residents.

1.2 Parking:

As a follow up on previous concerns in relation to inconsiderate parking in the esplanade, the Chairman was pleased to confirm that with the support from local Councillors, new parking restrictions (yellow lines) had been introduced. Enforcement Officers (parking attendants) can now issue Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) to vehicles parked in contravention and tackle dangerous parking.

**2.0 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from: Alan Eldret; Tanya Latimer; Paul Cassar

**3.0 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Minutes of the previous meeting held in 2020 were agreed.

**4.0 Matters Arising**

There were not matters arising from the previous meeting.

**5.0 Accounts**

The accounts as published were accepted and agreed.

**6.0 Appointment of Auditor**

It was agreed to appoint R W Smith as the continuing auditor for the Association.

## **7.0 Election of Officers & Committee Members**

The FRA Committee Members were introduced and appointments agreed:

### Officers

- President: Gillian Sanford
- Chairman: To be elected by the Committee
- Deputy Chairman: To be elected by the Committee
- Geoff Harris: Treasurer
- Secretary: Kay English

### Committee Members

- Ken Daniels
- Penny Everett
- Colin Knights
- David Hamilton
- Jane Northover
- Paul Cassar
- Clint Strutt
- Michael Talbot
- Tanya Latimer
- Alan Eldret
- Neil Churcher

## **8.0 Question & Answer Session**

### 8.1 Local District Plan:

An update on the Local Plan was given. A question in relation to the build of new singular premises was asked and whether or not these were included in the target specified in the Plan. It was confirmed that these were included and there was also robust scrutiny of applications with many appeals refused.

### 8.2 Anti-social behaviour/E-scooters

Concerns of anti-social behaviour (vandalism & intimidating behaviour from youths) and use of illegal e-scooters were raised. Incidents reported to the Police were not given priority and/or actioned. It was noted that children over the age of 10 years can be issued with an anti-social behaviour order (ASBO) and the police could be more proactive in this respect.

Residents should report all incidents of anti-social behaviour and illegal use of e-scooters to the Police by calling 101. The Police needed to be aware of the extent of the problem and strength of view from residents. An increase in Crime Reference Numbers logged will raise the profile of the issue; Essex Police will in turn have to allocate more resources to tackling such behaviour.

The FRA will continue to lobby Essex Police for more joined up working, better and more robust community policing and push for greater priority to be given to tackling crime in Frinton. The FRA had written to the District Police Commander and in the absence of any response will escalate the matter further.

### 8.3 Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs)

The duties and responsibilities of the PCSOs were discussed. In particular their limited powers and hours of working. The money paid by the Town Council for the services of PCSO was not considered value for money. There was also the added concern that officers based in Walton will move to Thorpe making them less accessible for the town.

Alternative ways of policing e.g. private service and police patrol schemes such as those implemented in Southend on Sea (which resulted in a 70% fall in petty crime), should be explored.

The FRA will continue to lobby the Town Council and Essex Police for more positive action to be taken.

### 8.4 Vehicle Speeding/Parking

The police have undertaken speed monitoring exercises in some roads (Walton & Clacton Roads) with fines issued as a result. It was noted that PCSOs did not have the authority to deal with traffic offences.

Parking issues particularly in the summer were highlighted - inconsiderate drivers blocking driveways, parking across dropped kerbs and on grass verges.

Residents were reminded that parking enforcement was managed by North Essex Parking Partnership based in Colchester. The FRA will continue to lobby the Council for greater priority e.g., more patrols to be given to Frinton and increasing powers of TDC ambassadors to issue PCNs.

It was also noted that traders serving businesses in Connaught Avenue were expected to use the rear of premises and not the general parking areas.

### 8.4 Unlawful Street trading.

It was noted that Walton on the Naze, Holland on Sea and Clacton on Sea had prohibited trading areas reaching 100 yards from named streets, but this does not apply to the two 'Prohibited' streets in Frinton – Connaught Avenue and The Esplanade. Discussions are continuing on this matter with the FRA pushing hard for more areas in Frinton to be included.

## 9.0 Future Meetings

Views from members on the format of future AGM meetings were invited. It was agreed, unanimously, that future AGMs would be "Members only" events but with another open meeting, or meetings, with guest speakers being held in the Autumn or when necessary.

New Committee Members were sought and any one interested should contact the Chairman.

#### **10. Any Other Business**

None.

#### **11. Next Meeting**

The next AGM meeting was scheduled for 15 April 2023.

Meeting ended 1050 hours.