



TERLING AND FAIRSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

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To: Members of Terling and Fairstead Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of Terling and Fairstead Parish Council held on Tuesday 27th January 2026 at Terling Village Hall

MINUTES

Present:

Cllr Dervish Chairman
Cllr Alder
Cllr Wild
Cllr Sime
Cllr Barker
Cllr Harrison
Cllr Barnes
Cllr Halfhide

Tamasin Curtis Clerk

33.19 ***Apologies for Absence***

Cllr Webster, Cllr Tugwell and Cllr Dixon

33.20 ***Declaration of Interests***

Cllr Harrison and Cllr Barnes noted their interest in the village hall and Cllr Wild noted his interest in Lord Rayleigh Farms as an employee.

33.21 ***Meeting Open to the Public***

No members of the public were present

33.22 ***Minutes of Last Meeting***

The Parish Council minutes of the meeting held on 2 December 2025 were approved as a correct record. This was proposed by Cllr Harrison and seconded by Cllr Wild and unanimously approved and signed by the Chairman.

33.23 ***District and County Councillors' Reports***

Cllr Dervish confirmed that Cllr Derek Lewis resigned on Christmas Eve and so Hatfield Peverel does not currently have a County Councillor and there will be a by election in May. There will also be Essex County Council elections in May.

Cllr Dervish confirmed the new bins will be delivered from 9th February but they are not to be used until June. The budget is being proposed at Braintree District Council with a proposal to freeze council tax.

Cllr Playle confirmed that the government has written to all Essex Councils to begin the amalgamation and transmission progress for devolution. Committees are being set up between the councils.



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Cllr Playle confirmed that Fairstead Lodge Road is currently being worked on. The Budget proposes an increase of 1.95% plus 2% for Adult Social Care. Cllr Playle also reported a special educational needs review.

33.24

Finance

Cllr Barnes proposed that the following BAC's payments/direct debits be approved for payment seconded by Cllr Halfhide and unanimously approved:-

28 Nov	BACS	T Curtis	Salary	£1,200.72
8 Dec	BACS	Terling Village Hall	Hall Hire	£18.40
8 Dec	BACS	Terling Village Hall	Hall Hire	£18.40
8 Dec	BACS	James Todd	PAYE/TAX	£39.30
8 Dec	BACS	Lord Rayleigh Farms	Garage Rent	£36.00
8 Dec	BACS	HMRC	PAYE Tax	£189.99
8 Dec	BACS	A Jiggins	Handyman Services	£210.95
8 Dec	BACS	Essex Pension Fund	Clerk Pension	£394.99
8 Dec	BACS	Cllr Dervish	Chairman allowance	£144.20
8 Dec	BACS	Arrow Mail	Email	£56.16
29 Dec	BACS	T Curtis	Salary	£1,200.72
12 Jan	BACS	James Todd	PAYE/TAX	£39.30
12 Jan	BACS	Lord Rayleigh Farms	Garage Rent	£36.00
12 Jan	BACS	HMRC	PAYE Tax	£189.79
12 Jan	BACS	A Jiggins	Handyman Services	£135.95
12 Jan	BACS	Essex Pension Fund	Clerk Pension	£394.99
12 Jan	BACS	Clear Insurance	Tractor insurance	£195.07
12 Jan	BACS	N Power	Electric	£188.44

It was resolved that the budget proposed by the Finance Committee is approved save for the increase the budget for the childrens play area to £3,000 towards the rocker installation. This represents at 3.52% increase or £2.88 per year and £0.24 pence per month per household. Proposed by Cllr Halfhide and seconded by Cllr Wild and unanimously agreed.

It was resolved that the Chairman Cllr Dervish and the Clerk will sign the Precept Request form as agreed in the proposed budget proposed by Cllr Barnes and seconded by Cllr Harrison.

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Estate Liaison

No updates at present other than new tenants have moved into the shop and we wish them well.



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33.26 *Health & Welfare*

Cllr Sime and Cllr Wild met with Sarah George the Practice Manager at Fern House to discuss their proposals to close Terling Surgery and there is a formal consultation in place. Two members of the Patients Network Group were also present.

Fern House cited poor access and poor infection control and prevention were the reasons for the closure. There are currently 189 patients in Terling registered with the practice and they will consult with those patients. The ICB have to approve the closure and the practice will need to show evidence that closure is the right decision. Cllr Sime will write to the practice manager and ICB and formally request an extension to the consultation period and then look to canvas the village.

Defibrillator update – the Ranks Green and Fairstead defibrillators have stopped working and we are actively trying to get these replaced.

Wooden posts on the Dismals – Cllr Wild will take a look at the posts.

Owls Hill Library – A volunteer had stepped forward to do this but sadly can no longer do it due to ill health. Cllr Barker will try to get time to do it.

33.27 *Playground*

It was resolved to purchase replacement chains for the swings in the sum of £674.09 exc VAT. Proposed by Cllr Wild and seconded by Cllr Harrison.

Rocker installation update – we now have a quote and need one further quote. Cllr Barker will arrange.

33.28 *Planning and s106*

Longfield update – the Clerk read out the highlights of the minutes. The next meeting is in February.

Norwich to Tilbury – currently no update.

POSI review - there are currently no changes.

33.29 *Clerk's Report*

The clerk will be attending a course at the end of January on the new Assertion 10 rules.

The clerk updated the current position with trying to get a gifted defibrillator. Some questions had been asked and answered.

33.30 *Dates of next meeting, including committees*

Thursday 12th March 2026

33.31 *Confidential*



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Under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 S.1(2), the Parish Council to exclude members of the press and public for the duration of this meeting to consider the following confidential items:-

- (a) It was resolved that the Handyman hourly rate will be increased and the advert for the role advertised in early March.

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