

Frating Village  
Appraisal  
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## Foreword

Frating though small in size (some 230 households) is situated in an important strategic area of Tendring, between Colchester and Clacton.

Recent history has shown a diversity of planning in the Frating area by Tendring to encourage employment in Tendring and for such a small village it has had a mixture of projects beyond imagination over the years e.g. from night club to a national car auction site, which though most are not technically in Frating they still have a large impact on our environment.

Village appraisals are part of the process of planning for the future with our appraisal being offered for inclusion in District Plans. We cannot complain if we have not contributed.

The appraisal was based on the Great Bromley one as one of our councillors was on the appraisal committee and a lot of their questions applied to Frating.

The appraisal was distributed in September 2006, free and to all households. A prepaid envelope was also provided and the questionnaire was anonymous throughout.

The majority of the questions were intended to get a consensus from the adults though there was a section for adolescents. Some feedback was also obtained from Great Bromley St. George's School, where some of our younger children go (less than 50% of the children at the school live in Great Bromley).

Our response was somewhat disappointing 74 returns on 230 distributed (32%), other villages range from 25-98%.

One of the reasons for the low return may be the difficulty of communication with parishioners due to the very nature of the village, which now has no church and no shop, (but does have a memorial hall, a public house and a small play area).

However the Parish Council which is made up of 7 members wanted to get your comments, concerns, and suggestions so that they could attempt to address them and prioritise projects for the next 5 years.

Concerns were based around many fundamental issues like speeding, buses, village shop, and lack of amenities.

The results are fully detailed in the following pages and can be read at the library, and at the Memorial Hall while an abridged version will be sent to all parishioners in June 2007. For purposes of analysis we have had to assume that the respondents do represent the opinions of the whole, but some of the results are very specific and discretion has to be employed to ensure no undue weighting is given to that answer. However the comment is still recorded.

## The Results

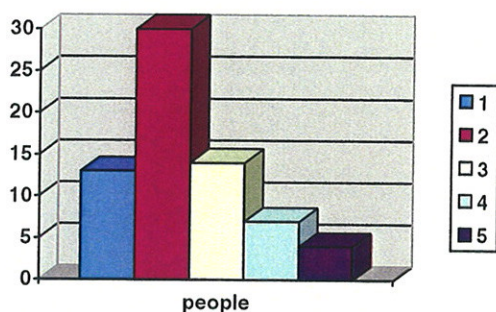
The results are tabulated with the question number followed by the number of respondents, for that question, where known. Some results will be in percentages but some will be actual numbers as the survey cannot be sure that they represent the whole community.

### You and your household

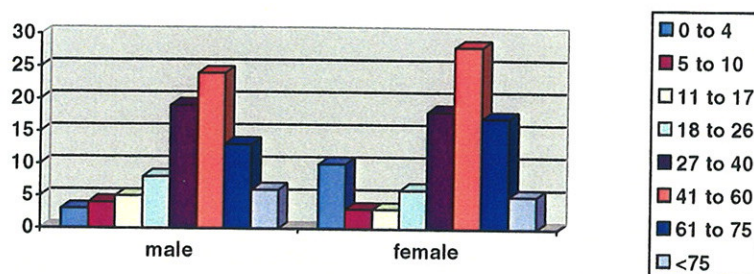
**Q1.** = 71 Households taking part were located at:

Frating Hill	1
Bromley Road	16
East of x Rods	14
West of x Roads	9
Great Bentley Road	3
Other lanes	28

**Q2.** = 71 How many people normally live in the household?



These people were split into genders and age



**Q3.** = 62 How many years have you lived in Frating?

Years	Households	Years	Households
1	2	8	2
2	5	9	6
3	3	10	5
4	3	11	0
5	3	12	1
6	1	13	2
7	4		

Years	Households	Years	Households
14	0	31	1
15	2	32	2
16	1	33	1
17	2	36	2
19	1	43	1
20	4	45	1
21	1	46	1
22	1	50	1
29	1	57	1
30	1	58	1

*Showing over 50% had been resident for 10 years or less.*

### **The Community and the Neighbourhood generally**

**Q4.** =73 How strong is the community spirit in the village?

Very strong	1
Strong	2
Average	23
Weak	33
Don't know	14

**Q5.** = 71 Do you feel involved in the village community?

Yes 22%

No 78%

**Q6.** If you don't feel involved why is this?

No time /too busy 15

No activities interest me 20

Not interested 11

Don't know who to contact 10

Other: -

What are the activities?

There is no village centre

Area too diverse

Nowhere for middle aged people to meet

We're too old

They do more in Thorrington and Great Bentley

Village hall not used enough

**Q7.** If you would like to be more involved, what areas/activities interest you?

*Environmental projects 37% getting the most votes.*

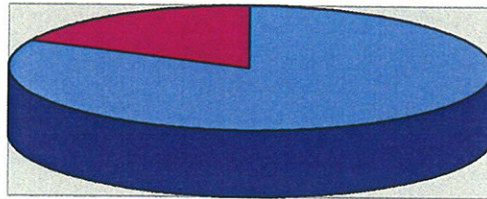
Existing clubs/societies 9

New clubs societies 10

Organising Youth activities	5
Parish Council initiatives/projects	5
Environmental / nature projects	22
Voluntary work	5
Others: Keep fit, Yoga, Book Club, WI.	

**Q8.** Are you generally satisfied with Frating as a pleasant and convenient village in which to live?

Yes	82%
No	18%



**Q9.** Would you like to see any of the following introduced?

Fete	10
Open gardens	17
Sports teams	3
Entertainment in V/H	15
Evening classes.	19
Environmental projects	13
Others: -Keep fit, making a village green, get shop back	

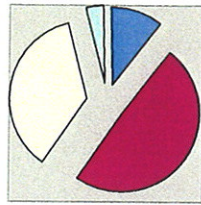
**Q10.** What is most important to you about Frating?

The community	3
The general environment	41
Convenience of location	35
Others: -	
Family ties	
Open fields	
Peace and tranquillity	
Church	

### **The Parish Council**

**Q11.** = 71 are you satisfied with the PC?

Very	11%
Satisfied	48%
Neither	37 %
Dissatisfied	4%

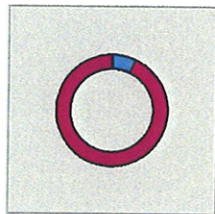


**Q12.** Suggest areas where the PC should be more effective?

- Adopt more organic development
- Less clutter
- Speed checks by police
- More black rubbish bags
- Make a Village Green
- New Village Hall
- No more buildings
- Spend less time interfering with employers less signs and lights promote employment.
- If you don't get the grapevine you don't know what's going on- notice board at hall?
- Recycling facilities needed x 2
- Things for youth to do.
- Email the PC with comments
- Cut verges and weeding
- Collect garden rubbish
- A new householder welcome pack with PC info.

**Q13.** = 68 Would you like to be more involved with PC business?

Yes 7% No 93%



**Q14.** = 71 Do you know who your Council representatives are?

*This is a poor result but is it due to lack of communication or lack of interest?*

<b>ECC</b>	Yes 28%	<b>TDC</b>	Yes 32%	<b>PC</b>	Yes 54%
	No 72%		No 68%		No 46%

**Community Safety & Crime prevention**

Information on crime is of importance to the Parishioners and there is room for some projects to be progressed and encouraged.

**Q15.** = 70 Are you satisfied with the current levels of policing in Frating, including deterrence and provision of crime prevention advice?

Yes 57% No 43%

Like to see a PC or patrol in village x 2

Speed checks

Catch more villains and harsher sentences.

Too many teenagers hanging around Frating Lane

PCSO needed

Evening patrols around play area

**Q16.** There are no neighbourhood watch schemes (NWS) in Frating, give your views.

Schemes should be invigorated 20

NWS should be introduced 37

NWS not needed 5

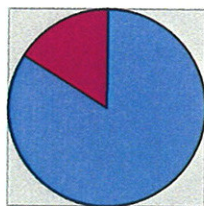
I would like to be involved 10

I am not interested 4

I want to know more 18

**Q17.** =73 Would you like to see a regular summary on crime in the Grapevine?

Yes 84% No 16%



■ yes  
■ no

**Q18** Do you consider that there are any dangerous junctions in the village?

Yes 79% No 21%

Where?? This brought out lots of comments: -

Junction of Lufkins Lane & Gt Bentley Road -lack of visibility, lower hedges, perhaps a mini-roundabout? x 5

Frating Hill x 2

Bromley Road - traffic lights are not long enough so people tend to jump them x 12

Divert major haulage lorries off the B1029 - they are a danger to our children and their safety - there should be an active speed restriction/camera or warning sign x 2

A133 crossing with B1029 should be reduced to 30mph

Crossroads at Old Courthouse/Selectacars is very dangerous, especially for cyclists.

Remove national speed limit and have 50mph - monitored by police

Speed camera in Bromley Road

A133 traffic travels too fast

Too fast outside Caravan Park as people crossing/turning - More warning signs

Narrow road between cottages in Frating Road Thorrington and Burrs Farm - speed restriction

Keep hedges low on dangerous bends and cross roads

No pavement on Gt Bentley Road

Road markings in centre of road for people turning right into Church Road from Elmstead.

Bromley Road - limit access as bikes and horses use road - too many lorries & fast cars.  
 Where are the speed checks on Wednesday evenings for motorbikes?  
 The traffic lights should be removed to make it safer.  
 No footpath on Gt. Bentley Road - it is extremely dangerous to walk to reach the footpath  
 Cars jumping traffic lights.  
 First bend in Tokely Road is dangerous as too narrow and too many car  
 parked in road. Car auctions to advise that cars are joining main road  
 Rectory Road and Church Road  
 Should be 40mph between Frating & Elmstead as cars are going to fast up hill and  
 dangerous turn into Church Road.  
 Box in road for turning in to Haggars lane from Clacton  
 Tree branches too low on B1029 - have had my windscreen smashed  
 40mph on A 133 extended to past caravan park  
 30mph past houses in Church Road with signs indicating children playing

**Q19.** Reflect views on speeding

a.	Speeding is not a problem in Frating	6
b.	Speeding is a problem in Frating	52
c.	Increased police emphasis should be placed on catching motorists	44
d.	PC should spend money on deploying visual warning signs	31
e.	Traffic calming measures	26
f.	Additional signs	17

e.g. - Horses & Tractors was given x 2

**Q20. = 69** What is opinion on the levels of street lighting in Frating?

a.	About right	53
b.	Too much	9
c.	Not enough	7
d.	Additional light is required – Bromley Road, Gt Bentley Road, Haggars Lane, near Caravan Park. No lighting required after midnight.	
e.	There is excessive lighting in – Main Road near traffic lights and on A133 from traffic lights to roundabout with A120 Main road looks like Blackpool!	

**Q21. & 22.** were wrongly numbered and do not exist

**Q23. = 64** Are you content with the condition of roadside verges?

a.	Yes	59
b.	No	15

- Comments: Verges cut in October last year and kept tidy all winter – please do it again
- Between Kings Arms and Caravan Park as can't see buses
  - The dying hedges in Church Road should be cut back to 5ft. and not allowed to grow higher so that elm bark beetle will attach, which ruins the hedge and dead
  - bits fall in the road causing hazard. Also owing to large lorries using the narrow lanes and clipping the lower branches causing dangerous bits to fall into road and having to be cut off.
  - Entrance to village from Elmstead



- B1029 needs more regular cuts
- Verges and hedges should be trimmed much less often. Once a year is sufficient on roadside only.
- Lufkins Farm – restricted view to Bentley if verges not cut.
- No attention is given to verges in Tokely Road although they are the council's responsibility
- Too many overhanging trees by inconsiderate house owners. PC or DC should ensure not causing nuisance.
- Main road from Colchester to A133 roundabout – whole road is disgraceful and spoils village.

**Q24.** Do members of your family cycle regularly on local roads?

Yes	23
No	49

Do you feel safe when cycling in village?

Yes	12
No	27

- How could cycling in Frating be enhanced?
- It would be good to see a cycle lane on footpath between Colchester and Clacton/Harwich
  - A cycle lane on A133 and a cycle lane direct to Gt. Bentley
  - Stop the lorries and install cycle lanes on main roads
  - Vehicles too fast
  - Enforce 30mph
  - Reduction of large HGV using country lanes

### **The Natural and Developed Environment**

**Q25.** Which reflect your views on proposed TDC “Frating” development?

- |    |   |    |
|----|---|----|
| a. | Strategic employment land is required in Frating                          | 10 |
| b. | Large scale housing development is required                               | 6  |
| c. | Small-scale employment generating developments to create local employment | 37 |
| d. | More strategic employment land is not required                            | 38 |
| e. | Small scale employment should not be encouraged                           | 26 |

**Q26.** If major development does not take place, what are your views?

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| a. | Additional housing should be limited to infill within adjacent settlement boundaries. | 27 |
| b. | Small scale developments of up to 10 houses should be allowed                         | 13 |
| c. | Medium scale developments of up to 25 houses should be allowed                        | 10 |
| d. | The provision of up to 12 affordable houses should be supported                       | 25 |
| e. | Additional housing is not required  | 21 |

**Q27. = 66** The PC is considering an open space, if yes where should it be?

- a. Don't need an open space 18
- b. Do need an open space 48

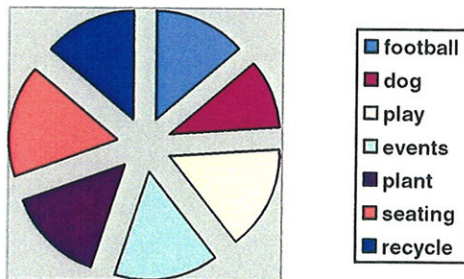
Suggestions: -

- On west side of crossroads north of A133
- Difficult to think of a safe place within the village
- Fallow field on Clacton Road opposite village hall
- Holley farmland
- Corner of Clacton and Gt. Bentley Road
- Behind the village hall x 4
- Buy land using money currently wasted on lights, signs etc.
- Surely we can use Gt Bentley
- Area between car auctions and crossroads
- Land behind new housing at Tokely Road

**Q28.** What could the open space be used for?

- a. Provision for football 27
- b. Taking dog for walk 21
- c. Small play area for young children 31
- d. Events use 31
- e. Planting of trees/shrubs 29
- f. Provision of seating 33
- g. Location of recycling bins 28

*Open space use showing a significant number of ideas, but all about equal.*



Any other suggestions

- An area where people could feel safe, sit and enjoy the area but also meet with other people from the same area
- Cycle area for kids/BMX track
- Shop x 4
- Cricket club
- Encourage young people to design and pick a space which would encourage usage
- Should encourage more wildlife

**Q29.** = 73 There are several Public Footpaths in the area tick the boxes, which reflect your views:

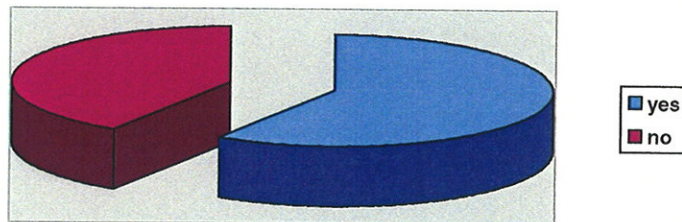
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| a. I use at least one footpath regularly  | 28 |
| b. I do not use the footpaths but believe that they should be fully maintained            | 37 |
| c. Parish council funding should be used to maintain the footpaths in very good condition | 13 |
| d. I would volunteer to help maintain footpaths in the village                            | 14 |
| e. Footpaths in my area are in adequate condition   | 15 |
| f. Footpaths in my area need additional maintenance                                       | 15 |
| g. The following footpath is unsatisfactory for the reasons stated below                  |    |
| Church Rd.- Frating Hall -dog poo   | 3  |
| Forge Hill – Norfolk’s -dog poo   | 1  |
| Haggers Lane – Bromley Rd. overgrown  | 3  |
| Cycling on footpaths  | 1  |
| Improve all   | 2  |
| “ Pushchairable”  | 3  |

**Q30.** = 72 Reflect your views on litter in the Village?

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| a. There is a problem with litter in the village                                   | 32 |
| b. There is not a problem with litter in the village                               | 9  |
| c. The parish council should pay for additional litter picking                     | 12 |
| d. Residents should be encouraged to litter pick in the vicinity of their property | 50 |
| e. Voluntary litter picking should be organised throughout the village             | 14 |
| f. I would like to be involved with litter picking in the area that I live         | 12 |
| g. I would like to be involved with litter picking in the village generally        | 3  |

**Q31.** = 68 Would members of your household actively participate in a clean up event if organised in Frating?

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| a. Yes | 40 |
| b. No  | 28 |



**Q32.** = 71 What are your views on tree planting and preservation in the village?

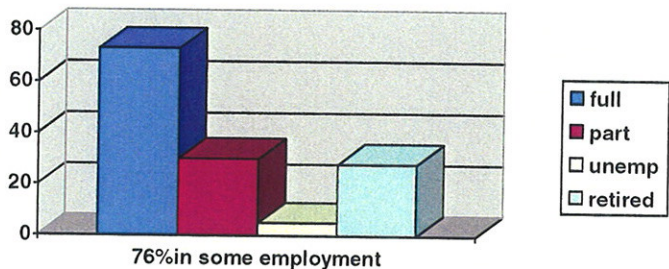
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| a. Further tree and hedge planting is not required   | 25 |
| b. Additional trees should be planted in the following areas:<br>Vicinity of Village Hall  | 16 |
| c. On public/highways, in conjunction with the landowner at the following roadside or footpath locations   | 5  |
| d. The parish council should work with local landowners to plant trees and hedgerows in the village on private land adjacent to public rights of way for the benefit of the natural environment. | 48 |
| The following tree(s) in the village are of special merit and should be considered for the award of a Tree Preservation Order  | 0  |

- e. I would volunteer for tree and hedge planting work within the village 7  
 The following suggestions for tree and hedgerow planting in the village: -  
 Church Rd. – Frating Hall, Holly Farm footpath, Frating Church

- Q33.** = 29 should we enter the Best Kept Village Competition?  
 a. Frating should enter this competition in the future 20  
 b. A considerable effort will need to be made by residents if Frating is to win this competition - and I am prepared to actively participate 12

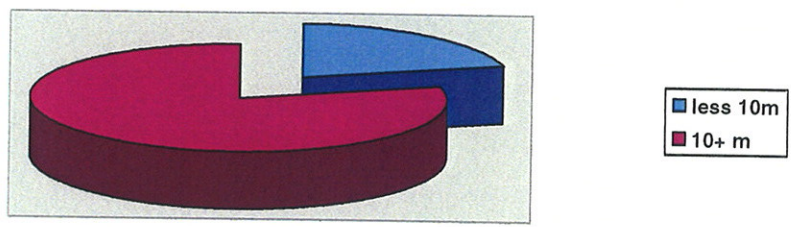
**Education and Employment**

- Q34.** = 71 How many adult members of your household are:  
 a. In Full Time Employment? 73  
 b. In Part Time Employment? 30  
 c. Not currently in Employment 5  
 d. Retired 28



- Q35.** = 43 For those in employment, how many have their main place of work:  
 a. In Frating 16  
 b. In Tendring 6  
 c. Within 10 miles 43  
 d. Within 20 miles 20  
 e. More than 20 miles away 20

*This is a very interesting result and shows that there are significant people commuting to their place of work though the participation in the question of 43 does not add up.*



- Q36.** = 19 For children aged 16 and under, how many attend:  
 a. Nursery 6  
 b. A Playgroup 6  
 c. St George's School 4  
 d. Gt. Bentley School 1  
 e. Other Primary Schools 4

f. Manningtree High School	4
g. Colne High School	0
h. Secondary Schools in Colchester	2
i. Special Needs Schools	0
j. Boarding Schools	1
k. Other Schools	0

**Q37.** = 28 Are breakfast clubs and after school care needed?

a. Yes	14
b. No	14

**Q38.** = 33 Should occasional activities within a holiday play scheme be organised within the village, in addition to those organised within Tendring?

a. Yes	24
b. No	9

**Q39.** = 15 Of children going to School, how many travel to school by:

a. Car	16
b. Shared Car	1
c. Bus	4
d. Walking	0
e. Cycling	1

### Transport

**Q40.** = 68 Apart from children in full time education, do members of your household use the local bus services regularly for:

a. Travelling to work	3
b. Shopping	20
c. Leisure	13
d. Other	6
e. We never use the bus	36

**Q41.** = 51 Are the existing bus services through the village adequate for your needs?

a. Yes	26
b. No	25

List any improvements, which could be made to the services, particularly if these would encourage you to use buses more often:

No 9-5 to Clacton	1
Too slow	1
Not late enough	4
Too dear	1
No car park	2
Bus stop too far	2
No stop on B1029	1
No early bus	4
Bus full	1
Too few	1
No timetable	1
No bus to Great Bentley	2

**Q42.** = 64 The railway station car parks at Colchester/Manningtree/Great Bentley/Wivenhoe are often full. Does this influence your choice of transport for longer journeys?

- |        |    |
|--------|----|
| a. Yes | 15 |
| b. No  | 49 |

**Q43.** = 59 If a voluntary transport service was established in the village to assist those in genuine need, would a member of your household use it?

- |        |    |
|--------|----|
| a. Yes | 12 |
| b. No  | 47 |

**Q44.** = 67 If you have a private car, would you be prepared to take part in a voluntary transport service and provide lifts to others on occasions convenient to you?

- |        |    |
|--------|----|
| a. Yes | 14 |
| b. No  | 53 |

### **Leisure and Recreation**

**Q45.** = 55 There are no organised activities for children in the village. Do you consider that an effort should be made to organise more activities?

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|--------|----|
| a. Yes | 45 |
| b. No  | 10 |

**Q46.** = 23 Please tick which of the following children's activities members of your household would probably attend if they were organised within the village or surrounds

- |    |                            |    |
|----|----------------------------|----|
| a. | Youth Club in Village Hall | 10 |
| b. | Football Club              | 9  |
| c. | Team Games                 | 7  |
| d. | Computing/Technology Club  | 11 |
| e. | Computer Games Club        | 5  |
| f. | Holiday Activity Club      | 12 |
| g. | Hobbies Club               | 8  |
| h. | Book Club                  | 8  |
| i. | Music/Dance Club           | 10 |
| j. | Others (Please list)       | 3  |
|    | Yoga                       |    |
|    | Brownies/scouts            |    |
|    | None                       |    |

**Q47.** = 56 Would you volunteer to organise or assist in the running of additional activities for children in the village?

- |        |    |
|--------|----|
| a. Yes | 11 |
| b. No  | 45 |

Which additional activities for children might you be prepared to organise or assist with, subject to the necessary clearances and given appropriate support from other organisations/residents?

- Motor Cross
- BMX

**Q48.** = 55 Are there adequate leisure activities for adults within the village?

- |        |    |
|--------|----|
| a. Yes | 8  |
| b. No  | 47 |

**Q49.** = 51 Which of the following adult activities would you attend/support if they were organised within the village? (Note that some activities will need licensing)

- |                                      |    |
|--------------------------------------|----|
| a. Evening Classes/Further Education | 35 |
| b. Dancing/entertainment             | 18 |
| c. Games Evenings                    | 6  |
| d. Film Evenings                     | 18 |
| e. Fitness Club                      | 25 |
| f. Bingo                             | 5  |
| g. Others                            | 3  |
- Yoga, day classes, walking

**Q50** = 51 Are there adequate facilities for indoors and outdoors recreation for all in the village?

- |        |    |
|--------|----|
| a. Yes | 6  |
| b. No  | 45 |

If not, what else do you believe could realistically be provided, for whom and where?

- |                                    |   |
|------------------------------------|---|
| We are too small –go to Colchester | 2 |
| More things for oldies             | 1 |
| Cricket Club                       | 4 |
| Football club                      | 5 |
| More indoors                       | 1 |
| Allotments                         | 1 |
| Bowling                            | 2 |

**Q51.** = 68 Do members of your household regularly use any of the facilities on the Tokely Road Play Area?

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|--------|----|
| a. Yes | 16 |
| b. No  | 52 |

**Q52.** = 73 How many times have members of your household used the village hall in the last 12 months?

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|----------------------|----|
| a. Never             | 42 |
| b. Less than 5 times | 21 |
| c. More than 5 times | 10 |

**Q53.** = 41 Which type of events have you attended at the village hall?

- |                        |    |
|------------------------|----|
| a. Sports              | 8  |
| b. Social              | 17 |
| c. Club                | 3  |
| d. Fundraising/Charity | 9  |
| e. Educational Classes | 2  |
| f. Meetings            | 23 |

**Q54.** = 18 List the most important improvement you would like to see made to the village hall?

Voting	3
Parking	9
Bigger	3
Painting	2
Draught exclusion	1
New build	1
Licence it	1
Heating	1
It's ok	1
Impressed	1

**Q55.** = 66 Would you consider hiring the village hall for a private function?

a. Yes	46
b. No	20
If not, state why not	
Parking	5
Too small	2
Boring	4
Too cold	1

**Q56.** = 63 Would you support the purchase of additional land for any of the following purposes?

a. Community Woodland	35
b. Nature/walking area	40
c. Dog walking	19
d. Organised Sports	24
e. Car parking (In vicinity of village hall)	4
f. Recycling Centre	34
g. Other	2
community shop	
community orchard	
football	
Fete	

### **Health, Community Care and Welfare**

**Q57.** = 68 Are you content with the local healthcare facilities available to residents of Frating?

a. Yes	54
b. No	14

If you are not giving your reasons: -

No doctor or chemist	1
Too far away	2

**Q58.** = 31 Are current arrangements for the transport of patients to local hospitals adequate?

a. Yes	20
b. No	11



List below any changes/enhancements, which should be made to the service:

What transport? 4  
 No direct bus 1

Q59. = 50 Would you like to have access to a community bus within Frating?

a. Yes 15  
 b. No 35

**Promoting Good Communications**

Q60. = 73 Do you read the monthly village magazine – the Grapevine?  
 One comment stated “what magazine”

a. Cover to Cover 42  
 b. Certain sections only 5  
 c. Glance through it 18  
 d. Do not buy it 8

Q61. = 73 Is the content of the magazine about right?

a. Yes 66  
 b. No 7

Q62. = 73 List ways in which the Grapevine could be enhanced:  
 More PC, planning, letters, articles, surgery updates, recipes, history, less church,  
 more balanced view too negative on planning, district council.

Q63. = 53 Tick three regular features in the magazine that are of the most and least interest to you:

	Most Interest (Max 3)		Least Interest (Max 3)	
a. WI news	8		29	1
b. Good Companions News	8		16	3
c. Parish Council News	53	1	0	
d. The Monthly Letter	20		9	
e. Wildlives	29	3	5	
f. Forthcoming Events	36	2	2	
g. Church News/Church Services	11		13	
h. Trivial Pursuit	7		19	2
k. Other _____ adverts _____	4		0	

Q64. =3 Are there any features you would like to see regularly included?  
 - local interest about residents and businesses or what is happening in the community.  
 - appeals to the retired what about the workers  
 - local historians items

Q65. = 65 Local advertising helps defray the costs of producing the magazine. Is the amount of advertising?

a. Excessive 0  
 b. About Right 59  
 c. I would like to see more advertising  
 can't say as no accounts given 5

**Q66.** = 65 Should the magazine be given to all households funded by the Parish precept, free of charge?

a. Yes 35  
b. No 30

If yes would you be prepared to help with the delivering?

c. Yes 15  
d. No 19

**Q67.** = 51 Currently only subscribers regularly get the magazine at £2.50pa. (except on two occasions a year when all households get a funded copy), would you like to pay for a copy?

a. Yes 36  
b. No 15

-I've tried to pay for 7 years

-quality to improve and much less church in it

**Q68.** = 56 Should Frating have a Web Site?

a.. Yes 36  
b. No 20

-no need

-who runs it?

-what do you put in it?

**Q69.** =52 Should a limited, local commercial presence/advertising be allowed on a village website, to offset the costs of providing it?

a. Yes 43  
b, No 9

**Q70.** = 71 There are currently 2 public notice boards in the village. Access to place notices on them is arranged through the parish clerk.

Do you regularly look at one or more of the notice boards?

a. Yes 36  
b, No 35

Are there sufficient notice boards in the village?

a. Yes 50  
b. No 9

Are the existing notice boards in convenient and accessible locations?

a. Yes 51  
b. No 8

Please list any other points regarding numbers, locations and management of notice boards:

I only know of one

When I post a letter so ineffective

Near Frating Church

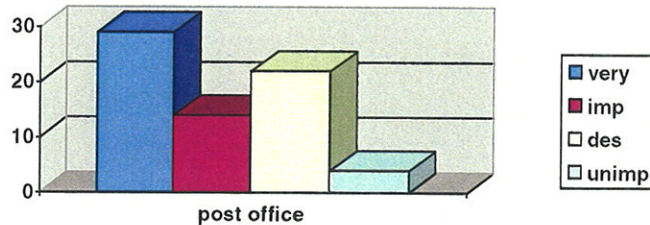
Difficult to park so inaccessible

Outside village hall

## Public Facilities in the Village

**Q71.** = 69 How important is provision of a rural post office in the village to you?

a. Very Important	29
b. Important	14
c. Desirable	22
d. Unimportant	4



**Q72.** =67 Did you use the post office at the I Oast House I Elmstead I Gt. Bentley I

a. Regularly	38	14	8
b. Occasionally	13	25	10
c. Never	16	23	9

Give one improvement/enhancement, which would have encouraged you to use it more often: -

I cannot get to Gt. Bentley or Elmstead

Parking/ambience. Only use Elmstead if collecting a parcel

Oast House -parking awful, Elmstead- parking & lack of stuff sold,

Gt. Bentley - good post office.

Car park

Now use Gt. Bentley shop regularly (instead of the Oast House)

Service with a smile (Frating)

It was fine as it was in walking distance-for others difficult to park

Ability to park outside. Improved opening hours.

Easier parking

More local produce sold in shop.

The price of goods at the convenience store were too dear.

Cheaper to drive elsewhere to shop.

Parking.

I use Alresford - I can walk off road to it.

The Oast House is no longer there so I have to go to Colchester.

More convenient parking

**Q73.** = 65 Would you support a voluntarily run village shop?

a. Yes =	27
b. No =	38
would you help run it?	
c. Yes =	18
d. No =	45

**Product lines suggested to stock: -**

Milk	7
Tea	1

Bread	8
Post Office	2
Groceries	4
Fresh produce	3
Organic	1
Newspapers	6
Cards	1
General store	4
DELI	1
Consumables	2
Drinks	2

If business premises are available I wish to purchase to enable a local service to be available.

A village shop is important to the welfare of the village life and communication. There is no reason why this should not be a commercially viable project

Q 74. = 41 Fly tipping is a problem in two particular areas, is TDC response adequate?

a. Yes = 27

b. No = 14

If No how could they improve the situation?

Tidy up own areas in the first place

Faster and more thorough clean up. Litter attracts litter.

Response is sometimes adequate.

Block access? Access onto Church Road from B133 or turn into one way (only come out onto B133).

Reduce cost for home collection - its exorbitant

Catch the so and so's. Preventative measures. Hedges to block the area.

Give residents a tel. no. they can call to report fly tipping to the Council

Policing

More frequent checks by TDC

Currently adequate, but require glass collection or local bottle bank.

It would be helpful if glass and green waste were collected fortnightly

With the rest of the recycling

Should include glass

Plastic box provided is too small. Separate box for glass needed.

Glass and bottle collection needed.

Q76.= ~62 The Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2006 empowers the Parish Council to take act the community.

Would you wish to see the Parish Council prosecute or offer fixed penalty notices for the following offences

a. Litter	Yes	59	No	7
b. Graffiti	Yes	54	No	7
c. Flyposting	Yes	42	No	15
d. Dog control	Yes	53	No	9

Cat control required

If it is going to be expensive to enforce I would prefer to see attempts to make people take a pride in their local surroundings by persuasion, rather than man punishment.

Waste of money

**Q77.** If yes in Q76, who would you wish to see issuing the Fixed Penalty Notices for offences under the Act

a. A Police Officer	27
b. A Special Constable	19
c. A Police Community Officer (PCSO)	28
d. A District Council Enforcement Officer	23
e. An Employee of the Parish Council	4

**Q78.** = 71 There is 1 public house in Frating, which is well equipped and offers restaurant facilities. On average how often do you use a pub in the village?

a. More than twice a week	3
b. Once a week	1
c. Occasionally	46
d. Never	1

**Q79.** = 68 How important do you consider the village pub to be as a venue to meet other residents in the village and enhance community spirit generally?

a. Very Important	13
b. Important	22
c. Neither Important nor Unimportant	23
d. Unimportant	10

e. If you use a pub outside Frating in preference to the village pub, please give your reasons:

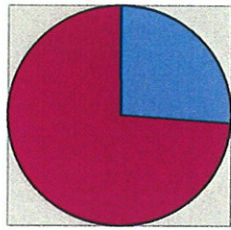
There were several comments but the view emerged that the Kings Arms was more a restaurant than a conventional public house, so people went elsewhere where cheaper food was available as bar snacks.

f. What would tempt you to use the Kings Arms?

Again several comments were made, bar snacks were mentioned with more variety and availability of different special beers, together with a more informal atmosphere.

### **Places of worship**

<b>Q80.</b> = 19	Are you an active member of?	
	a. St. Mary's Church	8
	b. Another C of E Church	4
	c. A Roman Catholic Church	2
	d. A Methodist Church	0
	e. A Baptist Church	1
	f. A Synagogue	0
	g. A Mosque	0
	Another Church	3
	i. Organisation not listed above	1



26% Church goers-This is a higher figure than the national average. The next question gives 94% saying that the Church must be conserved

**Q81.** =64 Irrespective of whether you are a member of the Church, how important to you is the upkeep and conservation of St. Mary's Church as a historic building?

a. Very Important	24
b. Important	18
c. Desirable	18
d. Unimportant	2
e. Irrelevant	2

**Q82.** = 62 Do you think that a thriving Church community is important in Frating?

a. Yes	40
b. No	22

**Q83.** = 13 If you are a member of the Church of England but do not worship at St. Mary's Church, why is this?

a. My spiritual needs are not met by the current services)	2
b. There are inadequate facilities for children ) Please elaborate	1
c. The timings of services are inconvenient ) below	2
d. Other -see below comments )	8

**Comments:**

Active member of St. Mary's Gt. Bentley  
 1 household member & 1 atheist  
 I don't attend church but feel that the loss of our own little church as a public amenity of historical & community importance was regrettable.  
 Did not know the church was there. Down a muddy lane.  
 Important to the people that belong, not to us.  
 Not a priority  
 Not a member of the C of E  
 We would like to see more children in church.  
 Not a churchgoer  
 Don't know where church is so go to Bentley  
 Thorrington Church  
 I don't need to go to church to be a Christian

Shift work interferes

Moved to Frating from Elmstead - Elmstead church nearer

**Q84** If you would like to be more involved with St Mary's Church and its activities, please state the form your involvement might take.

No

Attending Church services

**General considerations**

**Q 85** Please suggest any areas of change in the village/community which would enhance your own quality of life and that of your household?

Shop

Better, more regular transport. I work in Colchester 2 days a week

& am a full time student on 3 more. The system is dreadful - overcrowding on too few buses.

Remove constant threat of major building

More footpaths & access to farmland.

More buses

No more building

Shops, commercial properties i.e. like Gt. Bentley

A return of a shop

More hedgerows adjacent to main roads & village lanes

Removal of street lighting and excessive road furniture

Careful planning of businesses in locality

Police patrolling the park on Tokely Road at night times.

Recycling points. Household collections for tins + glass + garden waste

More volunteers and enthusiasm & support if anyone takes the trouble to organize a function.

Bigger recycling bins for each house would avoid trips to the dump in St. Osyth.

Better police presence to deter vandalism/graffiti, etc.

Limit expansion to providing extra facilities to those already living in village.

If land were acquired & a village green to be formed with duck pond, planting,

shop & tearoom so that Frating had a centre.

Better maintenance of verges

Return of a village shop

Keep it as it is - no more building

Better & more frequent buses. Sometimes waiting over 1/2 hour for bus after allotted time

Restriction of large lorries on narrow lanes

A village shop. More places to walk. Better sign-posted footpaths.

Less clutter

Speeding traffic - speed limits should be extended

Safer cycle routes & paths particularly to ride to St George's primary school.

Children's activities

People to join in the activities already in the village.

No more firms. No more extensions to these firms already in village

I would like to start up a business here providing a service to the village.

Stop those speeding motorcyclists

The community should learn to be more respectful of private property

More houses means need for doctors surgery, dentist & schools which cannot be supported here.

Frating is a "commuter area". Consider liaison to create park & ride in big town.

Weekends should be quieter - ensure local businesses respect this.

Fly tipping!! + Burnt out cars.

A facility for recycling green waste would be a great bonus.

More facilities for children who are bored, which leads to vandalism, etc.

Actively pursue speed limit breakers. A local police community officer would be help.  
Recycling bins  
Litter to be picked more regularly  
Area of land for recreation/fete etc.  
Higher speed limits i.e. at least 30mph on main road  
Removal of litter  
A regular newsletter.  
To have a post office/small shop back again.

**Q86.** This questionnaire is not exhaustive although it is hoped that the majority of key issues for the village have been addressed within it. Please use the space below to elaborate on any issues raised in the questionnaire or to add points of your own which may help to shape the community in the future.

Key anxiety to us is future use of agricultural land given the poor returns from farming.  
Will we end up living next to a gravel pit that eventually gets used for landfill?  
Derelict land used for rubbish dumping or informal car racing?  
Organized motor sports?  
Also further expansion of Anglia Salad's packing operations leading to Increased noise all evening and night from cold storage trailers running. In favour of agricultural land being farmed but don't want to end up living near an industrial-scale food processing plant.  
I cannot emphasize the provision of a village green enough. Even though' our children are now adults we had to go outside for the village for everything.  
We have no shop or village centre to walk to/with the children and have to go everywhere in the car.  
If the village facilities and roads were better/safer we would use the car a lot less.  
We can't even walk back from the Kings  
Arms down Gt. Bentley road at night because it's too dangerous.  
The Parish Council should attempt to include the views and opinions of all in the village and not just take the nimby shortsighted anti-development approach currently taken.  
The provision of employment within the village is the most important issue.  
We were not consulted about the new curbs raised in front of our house on Main Road; these have made parking on our frontage very difficult and have caused damage to our vehicles.  
Consultation in such matters can avoid many problems.  
The lay by on the corner of Church Rd. is used for fly-tipping - perhaps it could be somehow made inaccessible to fly-tippers.  
I find traffic through Frating area is too fast & dangerous for pedestrians, & not very good for pollution  
We need a post office & a general store. A village without a general store is not an existing village, nor yet a hamlet! It is simply a drive-through & has no attraction whatever.  
It is also a sitting target for vandalism i.e. a wasp nest for vandals!  
What is Q.9?  
I have lived in Frating for 4 years and do not feel there is any community spirit. We joined the demo outside Clacton Town Hall as we are concerned about the possible future development& were surprised no one asked who we were or where we lived.  
The village does not have a centre, which does not help. It would be nice to have an area where you could walk, pass the time of day and take young children. The demise of the shop is a big shame, especially for older residents as this is often a place people can meet and just say hello.  
It would be handy to have a direct footpath/cycle path to Great Bentley  
Frating is not recognized on the A120 major approach - even villages beyond are e.g. Elmstead.  
This may be symbolic but says a lot.



**PART B**

**YOUNG PERSONS 11-17 Years**

**Q87** = 7 Please indicate your ages:

- a. 11 = 1      b. 12 = 3      c. 13 = 1      d. 14 = 1      e. 15 = 0  
f. 16 = 0      g. 17 = 1

Parents said in their appraisal that they had 9 children in this range so 78% response

**Q88.** = 7 If you are in full time education, which school(s) do you attend?

- a. St George's Primary School      0  
b. Gt. Bentley School      0  
c. Manningtree High School      4  
d. Colne High School      1  
e. Sixth Form College      1  
f. Other Secondary Schools in Colchester      0  
g. Other      1

**Q89.** = 7 How do you travel to school/college?

- a. School Bus/Taxi      5  
b. Public Bus      2  
c. Parents Car      2  
d. Own Moped/Motorcycle      0  
e. Bicycle      0  
f. Walk      0  
g. Other (please specify)      0

**Q90.** Would you like to have any additional facilities or equipment for older persons, added to the existing facilities at Tokely Rd?

- a. Yes      4  
b. No      3

Please write below what you would like to have:-

- Skateboard/bike park      2  
Football pitch      2  
Shop  
Cricket pitch

**Q91.** Do you think there is a problem with juvenile crime/vandalism/bullying in Frating (e.g. graffiti, broken trees)?

- a. Yes      3  
b. No      4

If yes what else do you think could be done to reduce juvenile crime/vandalism/bullying within the village?

- Clubs  
Clean up graffiti

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Do you think that there would be fewer incidents if more clubs and activities for teenagers were available within the village?

- c. Yes      5  
d. No      2

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**Q92.** When you walk or cycle around the village, do you feel endangered by road traffic?

- a. Yes 4
- b. No 3

If you do, please specify the problem:

- Fast cars x2
- Cars parked on pavements
- Speeding lorries
- Speeding vehicles and volume

Please list any particularly dangerous/tricky junctions or stretches of road/pavement in the village and suggest how they could be made safer for young cyclists or pedestrians.

- Rectory road junction
- Bromley road- speed camera
- Main road slow down sign to make drivers more aware

**Q93.** Are you aware of the network of footpaths in Frating and neighbouring villages?

- 
- a. Yes 5
  - b. No 2

Q94. Would you like to have more nature areas and off-road walks within the village, in addition to the comprehensive network of footpaths, which already exist?

- a. Yes 6
- b. No 1

**Q95.** Would you like to help with environmental projects within the village, such as tree planting and pond maintenance?

- a. Yes 3
- b. No 4

**Q96.** Would you like to have more activities organised within the village for those in your age group(s)?

- a. Yes 6
- b. No 1

**Q97.** Tick up to three activities which you would take part in if they were organised:

- a. Football 4
- b. Youth Club 4
- c. Health Talks 1
- d. Computer Club 4
- e. Dance/Music 1
- f. Fitness Club 1
- g. Nature Projects 0
- h. Study classes 0
- i. Others (please specify) 0

**Q98.** If you participate in any sporting or club activities outside Great Bromley (including activities organised at your school) please give details below:

- a. Horse riding
- b. Athletics
- c. Hockey
- d. Football x3

- e. Drama
- f. Cricket

**Q99.** Do you do any full time or part time work?

- a. Yes 3
- b. No 7

If you do work, is this within the village?

- c. Yes 2
- d. No 1

If you do not currently work, would you like to have part time work within the village?

- e. Yes 3
- f. No 4

**Q100.** Do you enjoy living in Frating?

- a. Yes 7
- b. No 3

**Q101.** What are the three best things and three worst things about living in Frating?

Best Things

Worst Things

Safety	Not enough off road walks
Scenery	Pollution
Spacious	Fast cars
Play area	No shop x5
Football area x2	No post office
Near places	Drive everywhere
Bus services	Small gardens
Off road walk to Alresford	Blocked pathways
Privacy	Nothing to do
Nice neighbours x3	No where to go
Peaceful	Bus service
	Cut off
	Miles away from anything
	Expensive bus service

**Q102.** What are the four main activities you do in your spare time and where do you do them?

Activity

Location

	In your Home	Within the Village	Outside the Village
a. Cricket			3
b. Computer	3		
c. Cycle			2
d. Riding		2	
e. Running		1	1
f. Books	1		1
g. Swimming			2
h. Walking		1	
i. Football		1	4
j. Friends	1	2	1

k. Music	2	
l. cooking	1	
m. Art		1
n. Bowls		1
o. Cinema		1

Q103. What is your main method of transport to/from/about the village?

a. Parent's car	6
b. Bus	0
c. Own car/moped/motorcycle	2
d. Bicycle	2
e. Walking	0
f. Other – please state	0

Q104. Please write below if you have any other opinions on Frating as a place in which to live, play, study and have a good time:

Village green / play area  
 Bromley Messenger good magazine  
 Frating should do same as the Messenger

**Conclusion**

*Though a small sample, the comments by the young persons are very useful and some well worthy of consideration.*

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