

5<sup>th</sup> September 2017

**Minutes of the meeting of Fingringhoe Parish Council held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at The Village Hall, Chapel Road, Fingringhoe.**

**PRESENT AT THE MEETING**

In the Chair	Councillor Gerald Ketley
Councillors	Mike Clarke Emma Dixon Ian Chamberlain Jonathan Martin Helen Seton
Clerk	Rosemary Harvey

There was one member of the public present, together with Cllr Bentley, Cllr Davidson and the zone warden.

**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Cathmoir.

**2 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**3. OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL**

There were no matters any member of the public present wished to raise.

**4. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

**5. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM CLLR BENTLEY, CLLR DAVIDSON & ZONE WARDEN**

Cllr Bentley believed that the issue of visibility from bridleway 7 has been resolved and will meet on site with Cllr Ketley. It was reported that the railings at the end of Ferry Road have not been repaired and the blue plastic temporary fencing fitted has floated away.

Cllr Bentley confirmed that the repairs to South Green Road will be completed and he will give a date for the works as soon as possible. A petition for the works has been raised by residents and presented to Cllr Bentley. The petition will be used to illustrate the necessity for the works.

Fly tipping continues to be a problem in and around the village. Cllr Bentley advised that incidents of fly tipping should be reported on the website and then reported to councillors.

It was reported that the last day of the school term brought grid lock to Church Road with the road blocked up to Fingringhoe Hall. Today there had been 17 cars, belonging to staff, parked outside in the road all day. Cllr Bentley said that the application to extend the zig zags was unsuccessful. Cllr Bentley agreed to request the parking enforcement car to attend the site. Ultimately, double yellow lines could be painted on the road to prevent parking.

The zone warden reported that the new waste collection scheme is starting to settle down. Prosecutions against those responsible for fly tipping are being pursued wherever possible. The Clerk was asked to include the contact details for reporting missed waste collections in the next issue of News & Views.

It was reported that furniture has been dumped in Furneaux Lane towards the quarry.

Councillors advised that the waste bins at the Recreation Ground are not being collected.

Cllr Davidson reported on planning matters around the Colchester Borough and on the proposed garden communities. It was noted that consultation on the local plan has now finished. Councillors were concerned that certain statements had been included in the final plan for which there is now no opportunity to challenge. The plan states that the Parish Council is against any building in the village, which has not been stated. The inclusion of land at Picketts farm has been removed on the basis it is in a flood plain, which is not the case. Employment zones in the village have been removed. There is a proposed development at Rowhedge with surgery on a warehouse site. It is not thought the NHS would have any funding for such a surgery however.

#### 6. MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2017

The minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2017 had been circulated and were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

#### 7. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

##### a) Visibility from bridleway 7

This was discussed during Cllr Bentley's report.

##### b) Repairs to railings in Ferry Road

This was discussed during Cllr Bentley's report.

##### c) Fly tipping incidents in village

This was discussed during item 5. Cllr Davidson was asked if there was any funding available for a gate at the Recreation Ground so that the area can be securely closed off at dark. Cllr Davidson will consult his fellow borough councillors.

##### d) Incidents of threatening and anti-social behavior

No incidents were reported.

#### 8. PLANNING

There were no new planning applications for consideration.

The Council has been contacted by a resident regarding the proposed telecommunications mast at Ballast Quay. It was understood that the application for the mast was rejected by planners but the resident understands the company may be considering an appeal. The Clerk was asked to check with the planning officer whether an appeal has been lodged.

ACTION: Clerk

#### 9. CORRESPONDENCE

##### Proposal for a community minibus

The proposal from Cllr John Rowland for a community minibus in partnership with Fingringhoe School was read to the meeting. Cllr Martin will enquire whether the school are interested in using a minibus.

ACTION: Clerk

Affordable housing

The enquiry received from Colchester Borough Council suggesting a housing needs survey to investigate whether there is a need for affordable housing, was read to the meeting. The Clerk will enquire whether the Borough council would fund the survey for the parish.

ACTION: Clerk

Road traffic signs in Church Road

A letter from a resident complaining of drivers travelling to Ferry Road and Ballast Quay Road trying to reach Colchester, Wivenhoe or Brightlingsea was read to the meeting. The resident suggested better road signage at the Whalebone cross roads and the letter will be passed to Cllr Bentley to enquire whether better signage can be provided.

ACTION: Clerk

Forge Cottage

A report of a fire at the rear of Forge Cottage on farm land was noted.

10. ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

Cllr Martin is organizing training for the new speed watch team.

11. FINANCE AND ACCOUNTSa) Accounts for payment:

The following accounts were passed for payment and approved.

	£
Kendall Plus (grass cut 11 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup> July)	479.04
Kendall Plus (grass cut 14 <sup>th</sup> August)	239.52
PKF Littlejohn LLP (annual external audit fee)	120.00
EALC (2 day councillor training)	160.00
St Andrews News & Views (donation for delivering annual report)	25.00
Mrs R A Harvey (August salary)	200.00
HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE)	50.00
Mrs R A Harvey (September salary)	200.00
HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE)	<u>50.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	£ 1,523.56

The Clerk's salary and amounts to Kendall Plus and HMRC were approved for payment by bank transfer.

12. TO RECEIVE REPORTSa) Footpaths

Various orders amending the route of footpaths had been received from Essex County Council. Largely these amendments corrected situations where the path walked has deviated from the official line of the route. Cllr Martin advised that he will object to the proposed amendment to the route of the path at South Green Farm.

b) Village Pond

Cllr Chamberlain advised that he will be clearing some accumulated weed shortly.

c) Recreation Ground

Cllr Clarke has arranged for more keys to be cut. There have been comments made that the play area is not as new and clean as Langenhoe, which was recently refurbished using funding from the Abberton Reservoir fund. The litter bins need more frequent emptying. The Clerk was asked to obtain a price for two new cradle swings.

ACTION: Clerk

- d) Transport  
Cllr Dixon will make enquiries whether the buses can take passengers into town rather than stopping in Stanwell Street.
- e) Fingringhoe School  
The new school term will start tomorrow.
- f) EWT  
There was no report.

13. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION & NOTING

A list of general correspondence and circulars received was circulated. The correspondence box will be circulated around the councillors to read the contents.

Cllr Martin gave a report on improving the broadband coverage. BT may offer an improvement in the service. Cllr Martin will arrange distribution of leaflets for County Broadband and arrange a meeting if there is sufficient interest. Once County Broadband receive sufficient offers of interest they will calculate where kit would be required and the cost.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2017 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 8.33 pm