

6th February 2018

Minutes of the meeting of Fingringhoe Parish Council held on Tuesday 6th February 2018 at The Village Hall, Chapel Road, Fingringhoe.

PRESENT AT THE MEETING

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

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

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Clarke, Cllr Bentley and Mr Canham.

2 ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

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

There were no matters members of the public 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 Davidson agreed to make enquiries when the verges in the area are due to be cut by Phil Liverton.

The Council discussed with the zone warden the best time to book a community litter pick and 10th March at 10am was agreed starting from the Village Hall. The zone warden will deliver the litter pick equipment to Cllr Chamberlain prior to the event and will later collect the waste bags.

Cllr Davidson outlined the proposed changes to the mobile library service. It is proposed the library van will stop for 30 minutes at the village hall every three weeks. Councillors were concerned that those living at either end of the village will have problems reaching the village hall unless they have access to a car. The proposals were said to be out for consultation again and Cllr Davidson advised writing to Cllr Sue Barker.

ACTION: Clerk

Turning to the proposed pontoon at the end of Ferry Road, Cllr Davidson said that Mr Kerrison is keen to be involved and to assist with the project. The Clerk will write to Mr Kerrison to agree a convenient time for a meeting on site to discuss the project.

6. MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF 2ND JANUARY 2018

The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd January 2018 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

The residents are advised to install a mirror.

b) Repairs to railings in Ferry Road

The repair has now been completed.

c) Vehicle Activated Speed Unit in Chapel Road

Cllr Davidson will advise Cllr Bentley that this has not yet been repaired.

d) Purchase of a defibrillator

The Clerk reported that the village hall committee were supportive of the equipment being installed by the door to the village hall. Mr Neil Gordon is providing a quote to connect the equipment at the hall.

e) Pontoon at Ferry Road

Cllr Davidson reported that Mr Kerrison and his board were supportive of the purchase and installation of a pontoon. The Clerk will arrange a convenient time to meet Mr Kerrison on site to discuss the plans.

ACTION: Clerk

f) Grit Bin for Whalebone junction

The Clerk will make enquiries into the cost of a salt bin.

ACTION: Clerk

g) Litter picking and timing of verge cutting.

The date of the litter pick was agreed during the zone warden's report as 10th March at 10am. It was suggested that a buffet be offered afterwards, and Cllr Martin will speak with Becky at the club.

i) Repair to noticeboard in Dudley Road.

The Clerk reported that the bottom frame of the door has dropped down preventing the noticeboard from being closed. The Chairman will speak to a carpenter to arrange a repair.

j) Fly tipping incidents in the village

The zone warden reported that some bedroom furniture had been dumped near the quarry and had been dealt with.

k) Incidents of threatening and anti-social behaviour

No incidents were reported.

8. PLANNING

There were no objections to application 180105, a proposed single storey rear extension at 15 Dudley Road.

Turning to the Colchester Borough Council proposal for garden communities at West Taye, the details for commenting on the proposal had been circulated by the Clerk. The deadline of 12th March was noted. It was pointed out that the run off into the Colne was the wrong side of the Colne barrier.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

A quotation for grounds maintenance has been received from Kendall & Hewitt. The quotation represented a small increase of £8 per cut excluding vat and was acceptable. The Clerk was asked to point out that the parish council will advise the contractors when we wish cuts to be completed.

ACTION: Clerk

10. ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

Cllr Martin reported that the speed watch group is closer to receiving training from the police. Cllr Davidson will follow up with Cllr Bentley the request for no through road signage at the Whalebone junction.

11. FINANCE AND ACCOUNTSa) Accounts for payment:

The following accounts were passed for payment and approved.

	£
Colchester Borough Council (litter bins Q4 payment)	53.76
Adrian Watson (manufacture & installation of new gate at Recreation ground)	1,800.00
Adrian Watson (repairs to post & rail fencing)	250.00
Mrs R A Harvey (February salary)	200.00
HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE)	50.00
Total	£ 2,353.76

The Clerk's salary and amounts to Colchester Borough Council and HMRC were approved for payment by bank transfer.

12. TO RECEIVE REPORTSa) Footpaths

There was nothing to report.

b) Village Pond

Cllr Chamberlain reported that he had completed some clearing of pond weed and strimming of the banks.

c) Recreation Ground

There was nothing further to report.

d) Transport

This was covered earlier in the meeting.

e) Fingringhoe School

An Ofsted inspection was conducted the previous week and the results are awaited.

f) EWT

There was nothing to 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.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 6th March 2018 at 7pm.
The meeting closed at 8.15 pm