

2<sup>nd</sup> July 2019

**Minutes of the meeting of Fingringhoe Parish Council held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2019 at The Village Hall, Chapel Road, Fingringhoe.**

**PRESENT AT THE MEETING**

In the Chair	Councillor Gerald Ketley
Councillors	Mike Clarke Emma Dixon Sharron Law
Clerk	Rosemary Harvey

There were three members of the public present.

1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Chamberlain, Cllr Martin, Cllr Bentley, Cllr Davidson and the zone warden.

2 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

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

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

4. **TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

5. **TO RECEIVE REPORTS**

Cllr Bentley sent a note advising that he has raised all outstanding highways issues.

6. **MINUTES OF MEETING OF 4<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

The minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2019 had been circulated and were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting subject to the correction of one spelling.

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

a) **Repair to wooden swing legs**

It was reported that repairs to the wooden swing frame were in progress.

b) **Repair to phone box and sound booth**

Repairs to the solar panel and battery have been completed by Mr Neil Gordon. Mr Gordon has recommended having the phone box repainted and a glass panel repaired and this works was agreed by councillors.

c) **Future of the Methodist Chapel and post office**

Mr Canham reported that the Methodist Chapel is to be put up for sale and closed with effect from 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020. The Chapel is an important community facility used by a number of groups including the outreach post office three times a week.

The reasons given for the closure and sale of the Chapel were:

- The numbers attending church are not sustainable.
- The Methodist circuit consider that the financial resources would be better placed in a higher growth area.

The Post Office is aware of the decision and alternative locations are being investigated.

d) Anti-social behaviour

The Chairman asked that the Clerk contact the housing association as the residents at Barnfields have been blocking access to the site with parked vehicles and trespassing into the fields with livestock.

ACTION: Clerk

8. PLANNING

Telecommunications Tower.

There has been no update since the last meeting. WIG have been given the contact details for the village hall by the Clerk to organise a drop in event but no action has been taken. It was thought that the temporary mast at Wivenhoe has permission until the end of January 2020.

**191585 Greenacres, Abberton Road** – retrospective application for retention of an existing vehicular access and frontage brick screen wall. It was noted that the previous application had been withdrawn and that the residents now needed to formalise this access.

**191593 Rosella, Ballast Quay Road** – notification for prior approval for a proposed single storey rear extension extending 7.4m with a maximum height of 4m and eaves height of 2.7m. It was commented that the resulting property would be large but no complaints have been received from neighbours.

**191248 Haye Cottage, Upper Haye Lane** – proposed extension to existing outbuilding. There was no objection to the proposals.

It was noted that the application by Priors for change of use of buildings at Ballast Quay has been turned down again.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

Request from Dave Evans

A request has been received from Mr Dave Evans to use the Recreation Ground for over 50's walking football twice a week on Tuesday evenings and Friday mornings. Councillors were content for the ground to be used on a temporary basis, say for three months to assess the situation. It was not thought the group would cause any disturbance as use of the ground has to finish at dusk as there is no lighting. It will be pointed out to the group that there are no facilities and they will be asked to advertise the group to local residents who may wish to participate.

Lindsey Raven Emrich fun run proposal

It has been suggested a charity fun run be held in the village on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2020 and the agreement of councillors was sought to use the recreation ground for the start/finish. All councillors were in agreement to the use of the recreation ground.

Community Events

A request has been received from a resident who wishes to become involved in organising community events in the village. It was agreed the parish council would support him and that the recreation ground could possibly be made available for such events.

#### Contractors access to Church Green for School works

A request has been received from the School for access by contractors over Church Green during the school holidays. The contractors wish to erect fencing to partition off the works. The councillors asked for further details of what type of vehicles the contractors would be planning to use. There is a dutch drain installed in the area of the works which could be damaged by vehicles.

#### School Sports day and fair on 11<sup>th</sup> July

There was no objection to the use of the recreation ground by the school for their sports day and fair. If a BBQ is used then this should not be permitted to burn the grass. The Clerk confirmed that she had requested a grass cut for the ground prior to the event.

#### RTA outside the school

The parish council has persistently tried to persuade the school to discourage parents from parking inconsiderately outside the school. The email will be passed to Cllr Bentley to see whether the ECC road safety officer can advise on any further measures.

#### Winter Salt Bag scheme

A further supply of salt for winter gritting will be requested from ECC.

### 10. ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

#### Outstanding highways issues

The schedule of outstanding highways issues was passed on to Cllr Bentley who reported that he has matters in hand.

### 11. FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

#### a) Accounts for payment:

The following accounts were passed for payment and approved.

	£
Kendall Facility Management Ltd (grass cut 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2019)	259.58
Kendall Facility Management Ltd (grass cut 21 <sup>st</sup> June 2019)	259.58
Rural Community Council of Essex (annual subscription)	72.60
Gordon Property Services (repairs to sound booth)	80.00
Mrs R Harvey (replacement printer)	69.00
Fingringhoe Village Hall (donation for upkeep & use of cupboard)	250.00
St Andrews Church (upkeep of churchyard)	250.00
St Andrews News & Views (distribution of annual report)	25.00
Mrs R A Harvey (July salary)	210.00
HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE)	52.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 1,528.26</b>

The above payments were approved for payment.

### 12. TO RECEIVE REPORTS

Footpaths - There was no report.

Village Pond – Cllr Chamberlain has reported that he is hoping to hold a volunteers day to work on the pond on 20<sup>th</sup> July.

Recreation Ground – Cllr Chamberlain has not yet been able to meet on site with the contractor to discuss fencing around the play area. Arrangements will be made to cut back from the fence the trees in the spinney. Cllr Dixon will check the trees adjacent to the car park to see whether those need trimming back.

Transport Officer – Cllr Dixon attended the last transport representatives meeting. It was noted that there will be no new bus routes for any of the new developments in the town.

Fingringhoe School

There was nothing to report.

EWT

There was nothing to report. Mr Canham will arrange a meeting with the new warden who is keen to develop a relationship between EWT and the village.

14. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION & NOTING

The correspondence box was circulated to councillors and included details of the consultation dates for the proposed housing at Middlewick Ranges.

The Chairman asked that the Clerk write again to the Garrison Commander regarding the cattle which continue to be permitted to graze on the river wall.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 8.05 pm