

3rd December 2019

Minutes of the meeting of Fingringhoe Parish Council held on Tuesday 3rd December 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 was one member of the public present and Cllr Bentley.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

2 ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was reported that sadly both Mr Colin Bagley and Mr Peter Ledgeley had passed away. Both were very loyal members of the community and a minute's silence was held in remembrance.

3. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

The meeting was temporarily adjourned to allow members of the public present to raise any points relevant to matters on the agenda. There were no matters members of the public present wished to raise.

4. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest raised.

5. TO RECEIVE REPORTS

Cllr Bentley had received the letter of complaint from a resident regarding parking problems outside the school. This he advised is a problem in every village. Painting double yellow lines would affect users of the church preventing them from parking. Cllr Bentley will contact the head in the New Year and request a meeting to discuss possible solutions. One idea was to offer tokens to pupils who park and walk the last distance. The tokens can be exchanged for small prizes. Cllr Bentley will also contact the police as parents are parking on a junction which is dangerous.

Cllr Bentley advised that the gritter fleet has been out over ten times so far this year.

There is a tree planting, woodland project in operation with free trees available for planting but councillors are not aware of any land available for planting at the present time.

Turning to highways issues, the No Through Road sign has been erected. The Maldon Road on the approach to the zoo is still flooding badly and Cllr Bentley will look into this. Cllr Bentley also offered to arrange a visit to the Ipswich Road roadworks for some councillors.

Turning to the salt bin at the Whalebone Junction, Cllr Bentley advised that there is no need to supply a shovel for salt spreading.

6. MINUTES OF MEETING OF 5TH NOVEMBER 2019

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th November 2019 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) Proposed telecommunications mast developments

The Clerk reported that she had followed up with Norman Gillan of Gillan Consulting as the temporary mast at Wivenhoe is due to be removed at the end of the month. At the time of the meeting no response has been received. The Clerk will follow up again.

ACTION Clerk

b) Repair to wooden play equipment

Cllr Clarke had met with a contractor on site who had recommended replacing 12 rotten fence posts, while putting square posts back in. A price of £1,352 plus VAT was quoted which will include repairing the rotting legs on the small slide as well and replacing some plastic bolt caps.

It was agreed to proceed with the repairs and Cllr Chamberlain will be asked to confirm the work with his contact.

It was reported that the trees along the car park edge of the wood have been lopped but the branches were thrown over the fence into the wood and need to be pulled back. Cllr Dixon will speak to her cousin regarding the posts along the fence line which need replacing.

c) Tommy on Pigs Foot Green

The Clerk asked for views whether the Tommy should be removed from Pigs Foot Green and stored for the winter to avoid the plywood from deteriorating in the winter weather. It was agreed the Tommy should be stored and replaced next year for the VE day celebrations. The Chairman will enquire whether another metal Tommy can be purchased by the Council.

d) Anti-social behaviour

There have been complaints regarding the behaviour of gamekeepers on the Sandworks footpaths.

8. PLANNING

192842 – Church Green Cottages. The proposals for change of use and minor remodelling work to two outbuildings to create two new wheelchair accessible sheltered living units and a small community venue were supported as an excellent use of existing buildings.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

Request to park horse box at Recreation Ground

A request has been received to park a small horse box on the Recreation Ground car park whilst riding on the bridleway network. It was agreed the car park can be used on

a temporary basis to assess whether there is any adverse impact on the car park or bridleways.

10. ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

Outstanding highways issues

It was noted that the No through Road sign has been erected. The white finger post opposite The Whalebone has been damaged so will be reported to ECC highways to repair.

11. FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

a) Accounts for payment:

The following accounts were passed for payment and approved.

£

Anglia Inspection Services Ltd (November 2019 play area safety inspection)	174.00
Mrs R A Harvey (printer ink cartridges)	7.99
Mrs R A Harvey (December salary)	210.00
HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE)	52.50
Total	£ 444.49

The above payments were approved for payment by bank transfer.

12. TO RECEIVE REPORTS

Footpaths - There was nothing to report.

Village Pond – Mr Canham sent a report that the flow from the spring has increased a little but nowhere near the rate previously experienced at this time of year. However, the pond level is now sufficient to flow over the weir. In early January Mr Canham will take an accurate measure of flow from the spring and compare it to previous years.

Recreation Ground – This was discussed earlier in the meeting.

Transport Officer – There was nothing to report.

Fingringhoe School – Mrs Martin is no longer on the board of governors. One of the current governors will be asked to liaise with the parish council or the head asked to suggest a representative.

EWT – Mr Canham sent a report that the BBC Countryfile broadcast from the reserve was excellent publicity and it is hoped that this will increase popularity and visitor levels.

13. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION & NOTING

The correspondence box was circulated to councillors.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 7th January 2020 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 8.06 pm