

4th February 2020

Minutes of the meeting of Fingringhoe Parish Council held on Tuesday 4th February 2020 at The Village Hall, Chapel Road, Fingringhoe.

PRESENT AT THE MEETING

In the Chair	Councillor Gerald Ketley
Councillors	Mike Clarke Emma Dixon Jonathan Martin 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 Bentley, Cllr Davidson, Cllr Moore and the zone warden.

2 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

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. Mr Canham gave an update on the pond and EWT.

Following a re-calculation of his January report, Mr Canham re-issued the report and concluded that the flow rate from Spring S1 in January was half that of the mean flow for the same time 2013-2015 even though the rainfall during the previous 3 months was 58% higher than average. A corresponding increase in flow did not occur. Rainfall patterns of previous years show that flow normally peaks between March and April. Therefore, having regard to the low flow compared to previous years, it is recommended that periodic measurements be taken in coming months and the results reported to the parish council with comment on any anomalies found.

The February report showed that flow has increased by 33% at the beginning of February 2020 compared to January. It remains 38% lower than the mean previously recorded for February. Rainfall in the catchment over October 2019 – January 2020 was significantly higher than the average for the same periods from 2013-2018. Therefore we might have expected a higher flow at the present time.

Mr Canham kindly offered to continue to monitor the flow on a monthly basis and report to the council.

4. **TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest raised.

5. **TO RECEIVE REPORTS**

None of the Borough or County representatives were present.

6. MINUTES OF MEETING OF 7TH JANUARY 2020

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th January 2020 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) Repairs to fence at Recreation Ground

Cllr Dixon reported that Thomas Lennon felt the village should pay for the repairs to the fence between the car park and wood. Arrangements for the repairs will be progressed.

b) Repair to wooden play equipment

A quote for the repairs of £1,350 plus vat has been received and the contractor asked to proceed. Work on site should commence on Thursday 6th February.

c) Meeting with School head to discuss parking outside the school

The headteacher is still unwell at present. It was suggested that the Clerk contact the school to arrange a date with the deputy head or head teacher and advise Cllr Bentley of the proposed date of the meeting.

d) New dog waste bin

The Clerk confirmed that Cllr Davidson had very kindly arranged to fund the new dog waste bin totalling £486 plus vat for supply and installation, from the Borough Councillor local community budget. It was agreed the Clerk should proceed and place an order for the bin.

e) Anti-social behaviour

There were no reports of anti-social behaviour, although it was reported a shed had been broken into on the allotments.

8. PLANNING

At the time of preparing the agenda no new planning applications had been received.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

Great British Spring Clean 20th March – 13th April.

The annual litter picks are being held between 20th March to 13th April. Details will be passed to Cllr Chamberlain to arrange a date.

Barnfields one bedroom ground floor flat available.

Details of a one bedroom ground floor flat available at Barnfields have been placed on the noticeboards.

Phone box unmetered electricity supply.

The parish council has been asked to confirm ownership of the phone box. The Clerk will reply confirming that the phone box is decommissioned as a phone box and has no power connected.

10. ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

Outstanding highways issues

Cllr Dixon confirmed that the upkeep of Weir Lane is the responsibility of ECC.

11. FINANCE AND ACCOUNTSa) Accounts for payment:

The following accounts were passed for payment and approved.

	£
Mrs R A Harvey (printer ink cartridges)	7.99
Mrs R A Harvey (February salary)	210.00
HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE)	52.50
Total	£ 270.49

The above payments were approved for payment by bank transfer.

Precept requirement for 2020-2021

The Clerk confirmed that the Parish precept requirement application had been submitted and received on time.

12. TO RECEIVE REPORTS

Footpaths - It was reported that some motorbikes had been stopped from being ridden along the paths.

Village Pond – A working party will be arranged to clear a large clump of weed from the pond.

Recreation Ground – The opening/closing of the gate was discussed. Cllr Martin confirmed that he opens the gate in the mornings.

Transport Officer – There are some new bus drivers on the route who have been getting confused at the route.

Fingringhoe School – There was nothing to report. A representative to report to the parish council is still needed.

EWT – There was nothing to report.

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 3rd March 2020 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 7.55 pm