

5th January 2021

Minutes of the meeting of Fingringhoe Parish Council held on Tuesday 5th January 2021 by video conference call due to restrictions imposed due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

PRESENT AT THE MEETING

In the Chair Councillor Gerald Ketley

Councillors Mike Clarke
Emma Dixon
Jonathan Martin
Sharron Law
Ian Chamberlain

Clerk Rosemary Harvey

There were two members of the public present, together with Cllr Bentley.

1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Davidson 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. There were no matters the public wished to raise.

4. **TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

5. **TO RECEIVE REPORTS**

Cllr Bentley updated the meeting on the steps being taken by Essex County Council to deal with the Covid pandemic.

Cllr Bentley was asked about the new "To the Coast" sign which has been erected opposite the Whalebone PH. Cllr Bentley asked to be sent a photograph and he will check whether it is official.

There were complaints regarding potholes in Church Road which Cllr Bentley will report. A number of potholes in Ipswich Road were also reported together with the continued flooding at the Hythe.

The problems with the Barnfields site were discussed and Cllr Bentley asked to be copied in the Clerk's email to Steven Bland.

Cllr Bentley then left the meeting.

6. MINUTES OF MEETING OF 1ST DECEMBER 2020

The minutes of the meeting held on 1st December 2020 had been circulated and were approved and will be signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

a) Barnfields problems with parking and rubbish

It was reported that property 2 has a new tenant but that the parish council has not been consulted. The problems with rubbish and parking are continuing and the Clerk was asked to raise this again with Steven Bland copied to Cllr Bentley.

ACTION: Clerk

b) Removal of tree roots near the school

Cllr Chamberlain confirmed that he had looked at the roots. He did not believe the roots are suitable for digging out and will need grinding out. Gordon Dewdney will be asked if he can complete this work.

It was questioned whether the holly bush on the Green should be cut back further as it is looking scruffy and railings be put in place instead. The bush has a considerable amount of ivy growing through it. Councillors will take a look at the bush and the best course of action will be discussed at the next meeting.

ACTION: All

c) Work by County Broadband

A village walkabout has been arranged for 10am on Thursday 7th January meeting at the village hall carpark. The Clerk was asked to check that Mr Ashkettle is still able to participate in the walkabout in view of the tightening of lockdown restrictions.

ACTION: Clerk

d) Update on incidents of threatening and anti-social behaviour

No new incidents were reported.

8. PLANNING

207755– Methodist Chapel, Chapel Road –Change of use to residential dwelling. There were no objections to the proposals.

Councillors were advised that the offer from a couple from Gt Bentley has been accepted. It was commented that the application to convert the property into a residential home has not been well written. The application is specifying three spaces for vehicles and motorcycle parking for the proposed 3 bedroom house. It was queried whether the planning application has been sent to the neighbours for consultation.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

Jason Bothello PRowO – comments on the John Brunning Way.

The response received from Jason Bothello had been circulated to councillors.

The route is being used much more heavily at present and it is likely further funding to improve the route will be available when it becomes part of the coastal path route.

10. ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

It was noted that the Give Way sign at the top of Fingringhoe Road and the finger post at the top of Hays Lane are still outstanding.

11. FINANCE AND ACCOUNTSa) Accounts for payment:

The following accounts were passed for payment and approved.

	£
Mrs R A Harvey (printer ink cartridges)	9.99
Mrs R A Harvey (January salary)	210.00
HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE)	52.50
Total	£ 272.49

The above payments were approved for payment by bank transfer.

b) Precept application for 2021/2022 financial year

The Clerk recommended that the precept application for the coming year be submitted requesting the same funding as was received for the previous year. It was noted that the funding request must be submitted by 25th January. This was agreed.

ACTION: Clerk

12. TO RECEIVE REPORTS

Footpaths - The paths throughout the village are wet. The Fan Hill path has been tidied up but it was suggested the sign at the entrance needs exposing to direct pedestrians to use the path and avoid this stretch of road.

Village Pond – The weed should not grow any more at this time of year. Some people have been seen accessing the woodside of the pond to fish.

Recreation Ground – The grounds are in good order but the black rubbish bags are not being collected from the waste bins. The Clerk was asked to report this to Tim Pickard.

ACTION: Clerk

Transport Officer – There was nothing to report. The buses through the village mostly appear to be empty.

Fingringhoe School – It is understood there have been some incidents of Covid at the school.

EWT – Mr Canham read an updated report from EWT:

“We understand the importance of our site for the local community, in order to connect with nature on their daily exercise. However, we need to balance the safety of protecting our staff and visitors, therefore each site needs to be considered individually. This will be reviewed weekly and changes made accordingly.

Under governmental restrictions you are only permitted to stay within your local area, therefore please do not travel from outside your local area to visit any EWT site.

The site will be closed on Tuesday and Wednesdays. The nature reserve and car park will be open for the local community for exercise on Thursdays-Mondays, from 9.30am -4pm. The bird hides will be closed and toilets will not be available.”

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 2nd February 2021 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm