

16<sup>th</sup> October 2018

**Minutes of the meeting of Fingringhoe Parish Council held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at The Village Hall, Chapel Road, Fingringhoe.**

**PRESENT AT THE MEETING**

In the Chair	Councillor Gerald Ketley
Councillors	Mike Clarke Emma Dixon Ian Chamberlain Helen Seton
Clerk	Rosemary Harvey

There were five members of the public present and Cllr Davidson.

1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

2 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

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

Members of the public wished to comment on the planning applications for Aveley Lodge, and land adjacent to 7 The Dingle.

4. **TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

5. **TO RECEIVE REPORTS**

Cllr Bentley had sent an email report which was read to the meeting. Cllr Bentley asked if the Council wished to consider being included in the highways devolution, which it was agreed they would. In addition, Cllr Bentley asked for details of the top two highways defects we wish to have repaired.

Cllr Bentley will be sent a reminder of the other highways issues in the village which are outstanding by the Clerk.

Cllr Davidson advised that there has been considerable interest in participation in the highways devolution pilot. Parishes can withdraw from the scheme at any time.

The Colchester Borough Council budget will be set in the next couple of months and is expected to be cut once again.

Cllr Davidson has met with Mr Paul Harding of Colchester Oyster Fishery to discuss the proposed pontoon. The site meeting with Mr Colin South was discussed and it was felt a short pontoon to access the ferry was the best option. A short pontoon will cost in the region of £5,000 with the associated work to improve the access path. Sheet piling to edge the

gravel path leading to the pontoon was suggested. Mr South indicated that he had a contact who could manufacturer the pontoon and the Clerk was asked to request a quote.

The zone warden sent a report that a litter pick has been organised for 10<sup>th</sup> November by Lindsey Raven Emrich of the Green Group, which he will assist with.

#### 6. MINUTES OF MEETING OF 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018

The minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> September 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) Vehicle Activated speed unit in Chapel Road

The VAS is still not working and the Clerk will remind Cllr Bentley.

##### b) Installation of the defibrillator and commissioning of the unit

The Clerk confirmed that the installation is completed and the unit registered with the emergency services. The Clerk was asked to thank Mr Gordon who has installed the unit at no charge and Mr Coulson for his donation. The training session will be advertised as soon as the date is known.

##### c) Pontoon at Ferry Road

The site meeting was discussed earlier in the meeting.

##### d) River wall breach and flooding of Fingringhoe Road

The breach has still not been repaired. A meeting with the Environment Agency is taking place on 29<sup>th</sup> October but they have no resources to make a repair. English Nature are unable to meet at present. There was concern that there will be an accident at the site as people are driving through the standing water at excessive speed.

##### e) Fly tipping incidents

No further incidents were reported.

##### f) Incidents of threatening and anti-social behavior

A group of motorbikes were driving in Furneaux Lane with no helmets.

#### 8. PLANNING

182121 Hyview, Abberton Road – the time period for comments has now passed.

182206 Aveley Lodge, Abberton Road – There were objections from a resident present at the meeting who commented that the visual splay from the exit did not meet highways guidelines, the car park was already full and there was insufficient parking for a further 9 rooms. The size of the development was inappropriate for a village the size of Fingringhoe. The objections were supported by councillors. It was noted there have already been traffic accidents at the location and further expansion represented over development of the site.

18242 land adjacent to 7 The Dingle – There were objections to this application from residents. It was noted that the application was outside the village envelope and that this application if approved could lead to further applications and the development of ribbon development along the road.

The Clerk will file objections to the two applications.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

Response from Cllr Bentley to the road traffic complaints raised.

Cllr Bentley's response was read to the meeting, stating that there have been insufficient road traffic accidents to qualify for any traffic calming measures.

Planning training – 15<sup>th</sup> November

Two places have been requested on the course and the Clerk was asked if a third councillor can attend.

Trees adjacent to Woodside, Furneaux Lane

The request for trees to be trimmed back had been passed to Cllr Dixon and actioned.

Highways devolution pilot study

This was discussed earlier in the meeting.

Relets at Barnfields

Details of a ground floor one bedroom flat and a three bedroom house have been placed on the noticeboards.

Neighbourhood watch

The parish council will be willing to support the formation of a neighbourhood watch and the Clerk will enquire how much is needed for additional signs and stickers.

10. ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

It was noted that one of the white finger posts appears to be missing from the top of Haye Lane, pointing to Colchester.

11. FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

a) Accounts for payment:

The following accounts were passed for payment and approved.

	£
East of England Ambulance Service (defibrillator)	1,968.00
Kendall Plus (grass cutting 4/5 Sept)	248.40
Kendall Plus (grass cutting 3 Oct)	248.40
PKF Littlejohn LLP (audit fee)	240.00
CPRE (subscription renewal)	36.00
Mr M Clarke (key cutting)	10.00
Mrs R A Harvey (October salary)	204.00
HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE)	51.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 2,995.80</b>

The Clerk's salary, amounts to HMRC and Kendall Contracts were approved for payment by bank transfer.

COMPLETION OF ACCOUNTS

It was noted that the Council's annual accounts have been audited by PKF Littlejohn LLP and a clean audit report received.

12. TO RECEIVE REPORTS

Footpaths

A reply has been received from Mr Jason Bothello, the PROW officer. Footpath 30 – the section prone to overgrowing is on the annual cutting schedule which has been completed for the year. There may however be an opportunity for a further discretionary cut which Mr Bothello will try to arrange. There is one legal closure at the Bloor Development, Rowhedge which comes to an end very shortly. There is an alternative route which is currently with Essex Legal Services to determine whether it should be adopted as a legal footpath. However, there should not be a problem maintaining a legal footpath between the two villages. Replacing the wooden footbridge on the John Brunning Way is on the list of tasks to be completed.

#### Village Pond

Cllr Chamberlain reported that he had spent a considerable time clearing weed from the pond and that there is a bad infestation. Work will be needed earlier next year to clear the weed.

#### Recreation Ground

The gates are now being opened and closed reliably. The rubbish bins are still not being emptied sufficiently regularly. It was noted that the play bark is getting old and needs replacement.

#### Transport Officer

There were no issues reported. Cllr Dixon attended a Transport Officers meeting at the Town Hall yesterday. All the bus stops in the town are changing.

#### Fingringhoe School

There was no report.

#### EWT

The warden Matt Cole left on 15<sup>th</sup> October to take up an appointment in North Wales. Currently there is no news of a replacement warden.

### 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.

It was noted that the January 2019 meeting would fall on a bank holiday 1<sup>st</sup> January and it was agreed to cancel the meeting.

### 14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm