

1<sup>st</sup> September 2015

**Minutes of the meeting of Fingringhoe Parish Council held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015 at The Village Hall, Chapel Road, Fingringhoe.**

**PRESENT AT THE MEETING**

In the Chair - Councillor Gerald Ketley

Councillors  
Mike Clarke  
Ian Chamberlain  
Emma Dixon  
Kim Cranfield  
Viviane Cathmoir  
Jonathan Martin

Clerk Rosemary Harvey

There were twelve members of the public and Cllr Bentley present.

1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Davidson and the zone wardens.

2 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

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

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

4. **TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were declared.

5. **ADDRESS BY MS SARAH PULLIN**

Ms Pullin addressed the meeting explaining the background behind the request for development sites and the update of the Local Plan. All sites submitted by residents will be considered by planning officers who will then prepare a draft plan to circulate for public consultation. As part of this process the village settlement boundaries will be reviewed. Where there is a desire to extend the village envelope to permit development this will be considered.

The target for construction is 900 new homes per annum. It was commented that the infrastructure and support services are frequently not in place or inadequate for new developments and comments regarding this by the Parish Council are ignored as this is not a planning issue.

Ms Pullin agreed to send the Clerk details of the proposed sites in Fingringhoe parish to circulate so that Councillor's comments may be sought. **ACTION: Clerk**

6. **ADDRESS BY JAMES LAWSON**

A copy of the materials exhibited at the public consultation held on 16<sup>th</sup> July had been circulated to councillors. It was noted that 74% of attendees at that consultation favoured option 2 for restoration of the site. Option 2 will require the import of approximately 400,000 tonnes of fill to restore ground levels back to a level similar to that pre-quarrying. The material imported would be inert arisings said to be mainly raised soils, stone, chalk and clay potentially sourced from the Thames Gateway and Thames Tideway Tunnel, but also some site preparation arisings. The planning officers have been consulted in relation to the Waste Local Plan as the site would be available for inert arisings. The Parish Council clarified that they are opposed to sites in the village being used for contaminated or compressible waste and had responded to this effect to the Waste Local Plan preferred sites consultation. Cllr Bentley confirmed that waste deposited in sites is carefully monitored. As many materials as possible are recycled. Any site arisings from Colchester or Tendring district will be water borne to the site exclusively with no road movements. A benefit of this will be to make the Colne more navigable.

When asked whether option 1 or 2 was preferred councillors voted unanimously for option 2.

It was accordingly agreed that the Parish Council is supportive in principle with the restoration of the former mineral site in accordance with Option 2 (400,000 tonnes of inert fill). It is noted that the intention is to accept solely inert waste which will be imported by barge with no sorting of material at Ballast Quay.

This resolution updates and modifies the Parish Council's response to the Waste Local Plan submitted on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2015.

7. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM CLLR BENTLEY, CLLR DAVIDSON & ZONE WARDENS

Cllr Bentley questioned how the restoration options would be communicated to the remainder of the village and suggested that Mr Lawson prepare a notice for the notice board and that an article be included in the village newsletter.

Turning to the Solar Farm planning appeal, Cllr Bentley will investigate why it is not possible to view all the documents lodged with the inspector. It was commented that all documents filed with the inspector should be in the public domain to ensure the proceedings are transparent. Cllr Bentley will contact Bernard Jenkin so the matter may be raised with the Secretary of State.

Cllr Bentley believed that all potholes have now been repaired. He asked if any further road defects can please be reported to him. Efforts to have the white railings repaired will continue.

8. MINUTES OF MEETING OF 7<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2015

The minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2015 had been circulated and were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

9. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

a) Refurbishment of the Village Hall Car Park

It was noted that Whitnell had commenced work on site which was being hampered by the wet weather. The Clerk has drawn the funding from Cory and submitted an application to the Communities Initiative Fund for the maximum grant of £20,000 in order to complete the project.

b) Post Box relocation

The Clerk confirmed that she is trying to contact Royal Mail to ascertain when the post box will be relocated. ACTION: Clerk

10. PLANNING

Update on Holmwood Solar Farm appeal

Cllr Martin advised that that the site visit by the inspector has not yet taken place. There was nothing further to address by the parish council at the present time.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Firework display

A request has been received via Wivenhoe Town Council from the British Legion to hold a firework display at the end of Ferry Road. After discussion it was agreed:

- that a minimum of 14 days' notice of the event must be given
- Signage warning of the event must be put up in the village by the organisers.
- The organisers must clear up after the event and pay a £250 refundable deposit.

b) Replacement of damaged play equipment

It was noted that the children's playhouse has been destroyed by fire and that our insurers will agree to a replacement up to a value of £4,000. The Clerk had obtained 3 quotations from Monster Play, Kompan and HAGS SMP. The playhouse from Monster Play was preferred which can be supplied manufactured in steel which it is hoped will be more robust. The Clerk will forward the quotes to insurers expressing the preference for the Monster Play steel playhouse.

ACTION: Clerk

It was commented that a see saw would be a useful addition to the play area.

c) CALC meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 7pm

The Chairman confirmed that he will endeavor to attend.

12. ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

The Clerk will request the zone wardens to repair the finger direction post at the top of Haye Lane which is missing lettering on one arm. ACTION: Clerk

It was reported that the hedge at Tudor Cottage is overhanging Brook Hall Road and needs cutting back. The Clerk was asked to request the occupier to carry out the work.

The hedge along the footpath at Fan Hill needs cutting back again.

ACTION: Clerk

13. FINANCE AND ACCOUNTSa) Accounts for payment:

The following accounts were passed for payment and approved.

	£
Kendall Commercial Services Ltd (grass cutting)	239.52
Ian Chamberlain (grounds maintenance)	85.00
Mrs R Harvey (August Salary)	200.00
HMRC (PAYE)	50.00
Mrs R Harvey (September Salary)	200.00
HMRC(PAYE)	50.00

**Total****£ 824.52**

The cheque to Ian Chamberlain was approved and signed. The Clerk's salary and amounts to Kendall Contract Services and HMRC were approved for payment by bank transfer.

14. TO RECEIVE REPORTSa) Footpaths

Cllr Dixon will ask that the bridleway behind the former post office be rolled and widened.

ACTION: Cllr Dixonb) Village Pond

Cllr Chamberlain is arranging a team to clear the pond of weed at the end of September.

c) Recreation Ground

Cllr Clarke asked that a tighter rein be kept on grass cuts carried out by the contractors as they completed a cut earlier than required in order to fit with their own staffing schedule.

Arrangements will now be made for the car park gate to be shut at night by 8pm.

d) Transport

There was nothing to report.

e) Fingringhoe School

Mrs Martin reported that the deputy head from Langenhoe School is going to deputise as an interim part-time head. The number of pupils on the roll is approximately 90 which is satisfactory and the atmosphere is more positive. The board of governors currently has two vacancies. The appointment as a governor entails attending two evening meetings per term and Cllr Cathmoir expressed an interest.

f) EWT

Mr Canham sent a report that the extension to the reserve is on schedule for lowering the sea wall early this Autumn. When the precise date for the press day to publicise the flooding is announced Mr Canham will advise the council.

15. 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.

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm