

2nd January 2018

Minutes of the meeting of Fingringhoe Parish Council held on Tuesday 2nd January 2018 at The Village Hall, Chapel Road, Fingringhoe.

PRESENT AT THE MEETING

In the Chair	Councillor Gerald Ketley
Councillors	Jonathan Martin Helen Seton
Clerk	Rosemary Harvey

There were three members of the public present, together with Cllr Bentley and Cllr Davidson.

1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Chamberlain, Cllr Dixon, Cllr Clarke, Cllr Cathmoir, Cllr Moore and the zone warden.

2 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

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

Two members of the public wished to raise issues which were addressed when the items were discussed on the agenda.

4. **TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

5. **TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM CLLR BENTLEY, CLLR DAVIDSON & ZONE WARDEN**

Cllr Bentley reported that plans were in hand should the forecast storms hit the Colchester area. He felt that the roads were generally in good order following the recent snow and ice.

The parish did have a store of salt for the roads stored at Picketts Farm. Unfortunately, Cllr Ketley had been away during the bad weather so residents were not able to access the store. Cllr Bentley will enquire the cost of a grit bin to hold salt at the Whalebone junction.

ACTION: Cllr Bentley

Turning to the proposal to purchase a defibrillator, Cllr Davidson will pass on any funding he has remaining from his borough council budget. Cllr Davidson suggested contacting Sue Pullen to obtain the contact details of a charity which was providing the equipment free of charge.

It was suggested that a litter pick should be carried out before verges are cut by contractors to avoid them chopping and spreading litter. Cllr Davidson will speak to Phil Liverton to enquire when the contractors are coming to cut verges. **ACTION: Cllr Davidson**

It was felt that traffic speeds through the village were getting worse and the VAS is still not working although reported by the Clerk. Cllr Davidson suggested the battery may need replacing and he will approach the Highways Panel to push for the repair to be expedited.

The new battery may cost £600 and the Parish Council is likely to be asked to match fund the cost of repair. The camera enforcement car was reported by Cllr Bentley to have attended outside the school but Cllr Bentley will ask for a representative of Highways Panel to come and advise on steps to improve parking. ACTION: Cllr Bentley

Dog fouling around the village was felt by a resident to be worsening and Mr Canham will assist with an article for News & Views.

6. MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF 5TH DECEMBER 2017

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th December 2017 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) Visibility from bridleway 7

Cllr Bentley and the Chairman will speak to the residents as soon as possible to advise them to install a mirror.

b) Repairs to railings in Ferry Road

Cllr Bentley will enquire when the railings are scheduled for repair.

c) Fly tipping incidents in village

No further incidents of fly tipping have been reported in the past month.

d) Incidents of threatening and anti-social behavior

It was reported that there had been an incident at Pigs Foot Green which was reported in the Essex County Standard.

e) Vehicle Activated Speed Unit in Chapel Road

This was discussed during Cllr Davidson's report and will be reported to the Highways Panel.

f) Purchase of a defibrillator

Cllr Seton is obtaining a quote for the electrical work for the installation of the equipment. During discussion it was felt the wall of the village hall would be a better place to install the equipment than the phone box and the Clerk will check with the hall committee that the location may be used.

g) Pontoon at Ferry Road

Cllr Davidson had approached Mr Kerrison to enquire whether permission is likely to be forthcoming to install a floating pontoon and Mr Kerrison will approach his board.

h) Dog fouling

This was discussed earlier in the meeting and Mr Canham will write an article asking residents to take a pride in the village and clear up dog waste and litter.

8. PLANNING

It was noted that the appeal on application 170219, the telecommunications mast, had been dismissed.

The planning application for the site application 172857, at the rear of Bay Cottage has been withdrawn.

There was no objection to the proposed extension of outbuildings and construction of a new wall at Fingringhoe Mill, applications 173228/173227.

Turning to the Colchester Borough Local Plan, it was noted that there were inaccurate comments attributed to the Parish Council. Councillors stated they were not against all development in the village and that Picketts Farm was not located on a flood plain.

The Clerk was asked to write to the programme officer clarifying those points.

ACTION: Clerk

9. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

10. ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

Cllr Martin confirmed that Abberton and Langenhoe have confirmed the speed gun can be shared. Mr Canham stated that the gun was originally Fingringhoe's equipment. A group of volunteers is being collated in preparation for training. In addition, further sites are being identified for validation by the police.

11. FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

a) Accounts for payment:

The following accounts were passed for payment and approved.

	£
Essex Wildlife Trust (annual subscription renewal)	40.00
Mrs Clarke (litter clearing at Recreation Ground)	250.00
Derek Youngs (hedge cutting)	60.00
Mrs R A Harvey (January salary)	200.00
HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE)	50.00
Total	£ 600.00

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

- b) The proposed budget for the financial year 2017/2018 was discussed. A sum has been included for the purchase of a defibrillator and also for councillor training. The budget was agreed and the precept application will be made to Colchester Borough Council.

12. TO RECEIVE REPORTS

a) Footpaths

There was nothing to report.

b) Village Pond

There was nothing to report.

c) Recreation Ground

The repairs to the fencing and the replacement of the two cradle swings have been completed.

d) Transport

There was nothing to report.

e) Fingringhoe School

An Ofsted inspection is expected shortly.

f) EWT

The repairs to the access road surface are much appreciated.

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.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 6th February 2018 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm