

3rd November 2015

Minutes of the meeting of Fingringhoe Parish Council held on Tuesday 3rd November 2015 at The Village Hall, Chapel Road, Fingringhoe.

PRESENT AT THE MEETING

In the Chair	-	Councillor Mike Clarke
Councillors		Ian Chamberlain Emma Dixon Kim Cranfield Viviane Cathmoir Jonathan Martin
Clerk		Rosemary Harvey

There were seven members of the public and the zone warden present.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Ketley, Cllr Davidson and Cllr Bentley. In the absence of the chairman it was agreed that Cllr Clarke would take the chair.

2 ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

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

A member of the public was concerned that barbed wire has been erected adjacent to a bridleway. Mr Dix responded that this had been done to keep the public off private land and away from the conveyor belt. Mr Dix confirmed that the barbed wire will be replaced with plain wire.

Comments will be made on planning and highways matters later in the meeting.

4. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were declared.

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

The zone warden reported that the prosecution for fly tipping in Furneaux Lane had been successful. The householder had allowed a friend to remove the waste without checking that a carriers licence was held and the waste was subsequently fly tipped. The householder has been fined £495 costs.

6. MINUTES OF MEETING OF 6TH OCTOBER 2015

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th October 2015 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) Refurbishment of the Village Hall Car Park

The Clerk confirmed that the CIF application for a further grant of £20,000 from ECC has reached the final round and will be considered by the judging panel during November. Providing the application is successful the final phase of the resurfacing may then proceed.

b) Post Box relocation

The Clerk confirmed that she is trying to contact Royal Mail to ascertain when the post box will be relocated but the person responsible continues to prove very elusive to contact.

ACTION: Clerk

c) Insurance claim for playhouse

The Clerk confirmed that the order has been placed for the replacement steel playhouse and that the contractors are expected to install the equipment around 14th December.

d) Proposed changes to the 175 bus route

Cllr Dixon confirmed that the school bus would not be affected by the timetable changes but that the 10am bus will no longer run. The addresses shown in the timetable are being corrected.

Some Rowhedge buses are schedule to travel to the village so from next April there will in fact be more buses.

Cllr Cathmoir said there had been complaints regarding the punctuality of the school bus both on the journey to and home from school. Cllr Cathmoir will review and report on the service at the next meeting.

e) Positioning of road signs in Abberton Road

A resident in Abberton Road has disputed the placing of a road traffic warning sign on the verge outside his property. The matter has been reported to Cllr Bentley and ECC Highways department and the Clerk was asked to follow up with Cllr Bentley.

ACTION: Clerk

8. PLANNING

Update on Holmwood Solar Farm appeal

Cllr Martin reported no further documents of substance have been posted on the website. The visit by the Planning Inspector is to take place at 9.30am on 17th November. Arrangements will be made to erect the objection notices prior to the visit.

Call for sites and village envelope

Two additional sites at Picketts Farm have been added to the call for sites. It is believed that these sites are in the Roman River conservation area and the Clerk was asked to respond giving the reasons for objection stated at the previous meeting.

ACTION: Clerk

9. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Barb wire beside bridleway

This had been dealt with earlier in the meeting.

b) Suggestions for News & Views report

Contributions for the next issue of News & Views are required next week following the relaunch of the magazine. The Clerk suggested items for inclusion in the report which she will prepare. Cllr Martin offered to prepare an update on the solar farm appeal to send to the Clerk.

ACTION: Clerk

10. ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

A complaint was received from Mr Canham that the work on Furneaux Lane had not been well done and access to the Essex Wildlife Trust area has not been repaired. Cllr Bentley is following up the complaint with Highways and the Clerk was asked to follow this up.

ACTION: Clerk

Council workmen have been seen inspecting the broken fingerposts which the Clerk confirmed have been reported for repair.

11. FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

a) Accounts for payment:

The following accounts were passed for payment and approved.

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Kendall Commercial Services Ltd (28 September grass cut)	239.52
CPRE (annual subscription renewal)	36.00
Mrs R Harvey (November Salary)	200.00
HMRC (PAYE)	50.00
Total	£ 525.52

The cheque to CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England) was approved and signed. The Clerk's salary and amounts to Kendall Contract Services and HMRC were approved for payment by bank transfer.

b) 2015/2016 Precept

The Clerk asked if there were any items of expenditure any Councillor proposed for the next financial year so that these can be taken into account during preparation of the budget.

12. TO RECEIVE REPORTS

a) Footpaths

Mr Dix offered to roll and widen the bridleway behind the former post office. Cllr Dixon will check with Mr Wormell that he has no objection to this proceeding.

b) Village Pond

Cllr Chamberlain confirmed that he has cleared weed from the weir. A frost is needed to clear the weed from the surface of the pond.

c) Recreation Ground

The Clerk confirmed that the grounds contractors have been told to stop automatically cutting the grass until requested to complete a cut. Cllr Clarke will check with Cllr Ketley whether a sign has been ordered for the grounds stating when the car park gate will be locked and if not, order one.

d) Transport

There was nothing further to report.

e) Fingringhoe School

There was nothing to report.

f) EWT

Mr Canham sent a report advising that there are problems with the water levels on the new site. The salt water is not draining from the land at present. Mr Dix complained that some fresh water ponds have become contaminated with salt water.

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 1st December 2015 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 7.55 pm