

30th May 2017

Minutes of the meeting of Fingringhoe Parish Council held on Tuesday 30th May 2017 at The Village Hall, Chapel Road, Fingringhoe.

PRESENT AT THE MEETING

In the Chair - Councillor Gerald Ketley

Councillors Mike Clarke
Emma Dixon
Jonathan Martin

Clerk Rosemary Harvey

There was Cllr Bentley, Cllr Moore and one member of the public present.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Cathmoir, Cllr Chamberlain and Cllr Davidson.

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 made.

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

Cllr Bentley was congratulated on his re-election. Cllr Bentley advised that he is finalising a date for the visit of the road safety officer Shane Taylor. The new waste collection service will come into effect in June. The timetable for waste collections has not yet been finalised. Cllr Bentley asked to be advised if the new system failed to operate effectively. The Clerk was asked to check when Tim Pickard will be available at Langenhoe village hall with additional green bins.

ACTION: Clerk

The repairs to the broken railings at Ferry Road have not been carried out.

Cllr Pat Moores reported that at present there is no licensing committee or local planning committee because of a dispute on political balance of the membership of the committees.

6. MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF 2ND MAY 2017

The minutes of the meetings held on 2nd May 2017 had been circulated and were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meetings.

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

a) Casual vacancy on the council

The notices advertising the vacancy on the council are displayed on the notice boards and the parish council will be able to co-opt a new member from 12th June providing no request for an election is made by the public before that date.

b) Visibility from bridleway 7

The Council is waiting for Cllr Bentley to invite the road safety officer, Shane Taylor to inspect the site.

ACTION: Cllr Bentley

c) Repairs to railings in Ferry Road

The railings have not been repaired and Cllr Bentley said he will look into this matter.

d) Fly tipping incidents in the village

The oil dumped in Furneaux Lane has still not been cleared away. Cllr Bentley is to be reminded that the land belongs to ECC.

- e) Incidents of threatening and anti-social behavior
No incidents were reported.

8. PLANNING

171066 – Fingringhoe Hall

An application for approval for erection of a tennis court was received. There was no objection to restoring the tennis court which had been in that location previously.

171267 – Plane Hall Farm, South Green Road

An application for the erection of a new two bay cart lodge and formation of a new access was received. There was concern there will not be good visibility from the new access as there is a bind bend in either direction and the road is very narrow. The Clerk was asked to record the council's concerns.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

Waste collection service

After attending the previous meeting, Mr Aaron Hunter had replied to the questions raised by councillors and his response was circulated. Regarding the purchase of black plastic waste sacks, Colchester Borough Council will not be purchasing any of these.

Cory Environmental Trust Grant

The Parish Council was not successful on this occasion with the grant application. The clerk will make a further application at a later application session.

Winter salt bag scheme

It was agreed the Council will apply for a free bag of winter salt which Cllr Ketley kindly agreed to store.

ACTION: Clerk

Local Plan consultation sessions

Two training sessions are being held by Colchester Borough Council to provide training to input comments on the local plan online. In addition, a drop-in session with information on the plan is being held at Abberton & Langenhoe Village Hall on Monday 3rd July 4 – 8pm, which Cllr Dixon kindly agreed to attend.

10. ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

This was discussed during Cllr Bentley's report.

11. FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

a) Accounts for payment:

The following accounts were passed for payment and approved.

	£
Colchester Association of local Councils (Annual affiliation fee)	35.00
Kendall Plus (Grass cut 2 – 9 May)	239.52
Mr W W Sorrell (accounts preparation)	75.00
Mr R K Gooding (internal audit fee)	75.00
Mrs R A Harvey (June salary)	200.00
HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE)	<u>50.00</u>
Total	£ 674.52

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

b) To consider and if thought fit approve the annual governance statement Section 1

A copy of the 2017 Annual Return including section 1 had been circulated to councillors with the agenda for review. The Clerk was comfortable that the Council has met its obligations set out in the governance statement and signed the report. The Chairman signed section 1 on behalf of the Council.

c) To consider and if thought fit approve the accounting statements Section 2

A copy of the 2017 accounting statements Section 2 of the Annual Return had been circulated to councillors with the agenda. The Clerk signed Section 2 and after consideration the Chairman signed Section 2 on behalf of the Council.

12. TO RECEIVE REPORTSa) Footpaths

There was nothing to report. The Clerk advised that an update from the Coastal Access Team should be available in September.

b) Village Pond

There was nothing to report.

c) Recreation Ground

The bins have not been emptied at the recreation ground. Cllr Clarke will ask Cllr Chamberlain to look at trimming some overhanging trees.

d) Transport

There was nothing to report.

e) Fingringhoe School

There was nothing to report. There are some vacancies on the board of governors. In response to a question Cllr Martin advised that the outdoor classroom is being used less frequently than in previous years.

f) EWT

Mr Canham commented that South Green Road is in a poor condition and that this will start affecting visitor numbers. It is understood the route is included in the 2017/18 road scheme for resurfacing but no date for the works is available yet.

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 4th July 2017 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm