

4<sup>th</sup> April 2017

**Minutes of the meeting of Fingringhoe Parish Council held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at The Village Hall, Chapel Road, Fingringhoe.**

**PRESENT AT THE MEETING**

In the Chair - Councillor Gerald Ketley

Councillors Mike Clarke  
Emma Dixon  
Ian Chamberlain

Clerk Rosemary Harvey

There was Cllr Bentley, Cllr Davidson, Cllr Moore and the zone warden present.

**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Cathmoir, Cllr Martin, Cllr Cranfield and Mr Canham.

**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 said enquiries to identify the party responsible for clearing the oil spillage in Furneaux Lane have been going in circles but the land is in private ownership and the landowner will be written to and instructed to clear the oil spillage caused by fly tipping. Fortunately, there has been no rainfall recently to cause further pollution from the oil and Cllr Bentley confirmed that he will oversee this matter and ensure the spillage is cleared. **ACTION: Cllr Bentley**

The broken railings have been reported to ECC Highways and again, Cllr Bentley will see that the repairs are carried out. **ACTION: Cllr Bentley**

It was agreed there has been an increase in the level of fly tipping in the area but Cllr Bentley asked that incidents continue to be reported.

Cllr Bentley was thanked for arranging for the repair to the road edge of Fingringhoe Road. South Green Road has now been marked up ready for repair and Cllr Bentley will continue to emphasise that the road usage is disproportionate to its size due to its usage to access the Fingringhoe Wick EWT site.

Cllr Bentley confirmed that he will arrange for a visit by the Road Safety Office to Fingringhoe School to advise on resolving the parking issues at the site.

A letter of complaint about dog fouling received from a resident had been passed to the zone warden who will investigate the complaint. The zone warden advised that he needs to know the times the incidents are happening so that he can visit the site to catch the offenders.

It was noted that the application for prior approval for a communications tower at Ballast Quay had been rejected.

Cllr Davidson advised that it was agreed Section 106 planning gain monies obtained in Pyefleet Ward will be allocated separately to the villages and West Mersea.

Speedwatch groups are now able to take note of mobile phone usage when checking speed of vehicles.

Finally Cllr Davidson reported that there are some spare allotments available in Abberton should any residents wish to apply for them.

#### 6. MINUTES OF MEETING OF 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2017

The minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> March 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) Condition of Fingringhoe Road

The road edge has now been repaired.

##### b) Cory grant application for Recreation Ground

The Clerk confirmed that the application for a grant for a new gate at the Recreation Ground must be submitted by 7<sup>th</sup> April. The Clerk advised that it was a condition any lease of land has more than 10 years left before expiry. After discussion the Clerk was advised that the ground had been leased from the Lennon family for the past 40 years. A letter has been obtained confirming it is the intention to renew the lease on expiry and the Clerk will explain this points in the application. Secondly the applicant must provide 10% of funding from another source and it was agreed the parish council will provide 10% of the funds (£180) from its own finances.

##### c) Incidents of threatening and anti-social behavior in village

There were no reports of incidents.

##### d) Response to high speed Broadband proposal

The Clerk reported that four residents had expressed an interest in broadband and this will be discussed at the next meeting when Cllr Martin is present.

#### 8. PLANNING

The prior approval for a communications tower was discussed during Cllr Davidson's report.

There were no further planning applications received.

#### 9. CORRESPONDENCE

##### Request from Fingringhoe School to use the Recreation Ground

Fingringhoe School has asked permission to use the ground on either Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July or alternatively in the event of bad weather on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July. The school will also be using the ground on Monday and Thursday mornings during the summer term for sports lessons. There was no objection to the school using the ground.

##### Dog Fouling

The complaint of dog fouling received has been passed to the zone warden to investigate.

##### Visibility from Bridleway 7

At a visit to the site it was felt that due to the curve in the road, even if the hedge is cut back severely there will still not be sufficient line of visibility of approaching traffic. The erection of a mirror on the opposite side of the road was considered to be the best solution. The Chairman offered to try to discuss the matter with the residents.

#### 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 Borough Council (Q3 payment for litter bins)	53.76
Mrs R A Harvey (April salary)	200.00
HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE)	<u>50.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	£ 303.76

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

12. TO RECEIVE REPORTSa) Footpaths

There was nothing further to report.

b) Village Pond

There was nothing to report.

c) Recreation Ground

Cllr Clarke will confirm when the first cut is required so that the Clerk can advise the grass cutters. It was agreed that the verge adjacent to Oak View cottage will be left for the first cut.

d) Transport

Cllr Dixon advised that some buses had been leaving early which will be reported to the bus company.

e) Fingringhoe School

There was nothing to report.

f) EWT

There was nothing to report.

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 and AGM will be held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2017 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm