

5th December 2017

Minutes of the meeting of Fingringhoe Parish Council held on Tuesday 5th December 2017 at The Village Hall, Chapel Road, Fingringhoe.

PRESENT AT THE MEETING

In the Chair	Councillor Gerald Ketley
Councillors	Mike Clarke Emma Dixon Viviane Cathmoir Jonathan Martin Helen Seton
Clerk	Rosemary Harvey

There was one member of the public present, together with Cllr Davidson.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Chamberlain, Cllr Moore, Cllr Bentley, the zone warden and Mr Canham.

2 ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

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

A resident raised three issues:

- a. Fete and flower festival – The resident would like to see the village fete held again next year. The Chairman said that the main issue was a lack of helpers to run the event. Further the Hall had only just changed hands last summer. An appeal for volunteers will be put in the next issue of News & Views, together with a request for ideas what type of event residents wish to see.
- b. Request for a pontoon to access the ferry – There were problems accessing the ferry last summer from Fingringhoe and a pontoon was requested. It was noted that a number of permissions will be needed to construct a pontoon. A floating pontoon was suggested as being simpler to construct and gain approval. Cllr Davidson will speak to Mr Kerrison to enquire whether permission from Colchester Oyster Fishery might be forthcoming. It may be possible to obtain a grant to cover the cost of the project.
- c. Dog fouling – It was reported that dogs were being allowed to foul the footpath between Ferry Road and Ballast Quay Road between 9 am and 10am without clearing up. This will be reported to the zone warden by the Clerk.

4. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

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

Cllr Davidson reported that council tax will be rising slightly in the next financial year.

The inspector will begin his review of the Local Plan in January starting with the proposed garden villages and then moving on to consider the villages. Councillors were concerned that the statement "the parish council is opposed to all planning development" had been included in the local plan. A letter will be composed at the January meeting to the inspector.

6. MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF 7TH NOVEMBER 2017

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th November 2017 had been circulated and were approved subject to one alteration to show that Fingringhoe School has not yet had an ofsted inspection. The minutes were then 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, but contact from Cllr Bentley is awaited.

b) Repairs to railings in Ferry Road

The railings have still not been repaired by ECC Highways and the Clerk will advise Cllr Bentley.

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

Three posts have been erected to stop vehicles driving off road the highway at the quarry.

e) Update on S106 community asset list

The Clerk has confirmed to Colchester Borough Council the assets the parish council wishes to purchase if S106 planning gain monies become available.

f) Vehicle Activated Speed Unit in Chapel Road

The Clerk has reported to highways that the VAS unit is not working. The Clerk at Peldon was unable to assist by providing a contact for the repair at Highways. Cllr Cathmoir was able to find details of a contact which the Clerk will use.

8. DEFIBRILLATOR

Cllr Seton proposed that the parish council purchase a defibrillator to install using S.137 funds. Cllr Seton has obtained quotes for the unit including provision of training and will obtain a quotation for an electrician to install the unit. It was suggested that the phone box, owned by the parish council would be the best place to hold the equipment.

9. PLANNING

There was nothing further to report in relation to the appeal on application 170219, the telecommunications mast.

The Clerk reported that an objection on the grounds of over development of the site was lodged in relation to application 172857, at the rear of Bay Cottage.

There was no objection to the proposed rear extension at Orchard House, application 173136.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

Safety report on Recreation Ground

The safety report by Anglia Inspection Services was reviewed by the meeting and passed to Cllr Clarke. Two new replacement toddler cradle swing seats have been obtained and were passed by the Clerk to Cllr Clarke. Cllr Clarke will action the repairs suggested.

An email was received from a resident regarding the provision of broadband to residents. The email was read to the meeting and Cllr Martin will respond to the points raised by the resident.

11. ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

The visit of the parking enforcement car outside the school is to be organised by Cllr Bentley.

The introduction of 'No through road' signage will be raised again at the next meeting with Cllr Bentley.

The Clerk has reported the vehicle speed activated sign to highways for repair.

Cllr Martin reported that he attended a meeting at Layer de la Haye last week and will be organising a roadside training session with the police. He will also enquire whether other locations in the village can be used for speed checks.

12. FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

a) Accounts for payment:

The following accounts were passed for payment and approved.	£
Ian Chamberlain (Grounds maintenance)	255.00
Mrs R Harvey (Two cradle swings purchased from Online Playgrounds)	146.00
Anglia Inspection Services Ltd (annual independent play area inspection)	174.00
Cllr H Seton (travel and parking charges reimbursement)	64.60
Mrs R A Harvey (December salary)	200.00
HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE)	50.00
Total	£ 889.60

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. Councillors wish to include a sum for the purchase of a defibrillator and also for councillor training. A more detailed budget will be prepared for the January meeting.

12. TO RECEIVE REPORTS

a) Footpaths

Cllr Cathmoir reported that the bridleway behind Chapel Road requires flattening. Cllr Martin will speak to Mr Wormell.

b) Village Pond

There was nothing to report.

- c) Recreation Ground
The repairs to the fencing will be completed shortly.
- d) Transport
The bus timetable will be reverting to the previous timings from 8th January 2018.
- e) Fingringhoe School
The school as recently had a successful local diocese inspection. An Ofsted inspection is expected shortly.
- 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 will be held on Tuesday 2nd January 2018 at 7pm.

The Chairman wished all present a Happy Christmas.

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm