

6th March 2018

Minutes of the meeting of Fingringhoe Parish Council held on Tuesday 6th March 2018 at The Village Hall, Chapel Road, Fingringhoe.

PRESENT AT THE MEETING

In the Chair	Councillor Gerald Ketley
Councillors	Jonathan Martin Emma Dixon Ian Chamberlain
Clerk	Rosemary Harvey

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

1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Clarke, Cllr Seton, Cllr Cathmoir, Cllr Bentley, Cllr Davidson, the zone warden and Mr Canham.

2 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

It was announced that sadly, village residents Michael Seton and Mrs Mary Ketley had recently passed away. A minutes silence was held as a mark of respect.

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

There were no matters members of the public 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**

None of the councillors or zone warden was present.

6. **MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF 6TH FEBRUARY 2018**

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th February 2018 had been circulated and were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting following two corrections.

7. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES**

a) **Vehicle Activated speed unit in Chapel Road**

The VAS is still not working.

b) **Purchase of a defibrillator and offer received from a resident.**

A local resident has expressed an interest in buying the defibrillator. The model being considered by the parish council is more expensive but includes a lockable cabinet and training. It was suggested that the money being offered be put towards the cost of the equipment with the council paying the balance.

A quote has been received from Mr Neil Gordon for the electrical work needed at the village hall to install the equipment for £150.

- c) Pontoon at Ferry Road
Mr Kerrison has sent an email with a list of questions. The Clerk will respond advising that the project has not been investigated to that level of depth yet. It was suggested that there is business in Haycocks Industrial Units who manufacture floating pontoons.
- d) Grit bin for Whalebone junction
After reviewing some prices obtained by the Clerk it was agreed to purchase a 400 litre bin from Boxap for £123.

The Chairman will arrange for some salt to be left in the bins at Dudley Road and the bottom of Hays Lane.

- e) Litter pick 10th March and timing of verge cutting
It was thought that up to 30 residents will be attending the litter pick on 10th March. Refreshments are being arranged for participants after the event.
- f) Repair to notice board in Dudley Road and refurbishment of boards
Adrian Watson is carrying out the repair to the notice board at Dudley Road. It was agreed that all the notice boards required refurbishment, and this will be carried out at a cost of £400 in total for all boards.
- g) Fly tipping incidents in village.
No incidents have been reported.
- i) Incidents of threatening or anti-social behaviour.
No incidents have been reported.

8. PLANNING

There were no new planning applications for consideration.

It was reported that there have been some new buildings erected on the ranges.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk had been contacted by Rowhedge Football Club enquiring whether they would be able to use the recreation ground next winter for training. The Club would need to install some portaloos for the players. The Clerk was asked to reply that there were no facilities on the ground and that portaloos would not be permitted by the landowner.
ACTION: Clerk

An email was received from Roman River Pre-School complaining about the lack of heating in the village hall which has caused them to cancel sessions and resulted in financial loss. They also requested a formal tenancy agreement. The Pre-school and been directed to the village hall committee who manage the village hall, but the Clerk was asked to check with Mr Bellinger how the issues were being resolved.
ACTION: Clerk

10. ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

Cllr Martin reported that training for the speed watch group is being arranged for 17th March and numbers are currently being confirmed.

Turning to the 'No through Road' sign for the Whalebone junction, Cllr Moore advised submitting a request form obtained from the local highways panel site on the Essex County Council web page.
ACTION: Clerk

11. FINANCE AND ACCOUNTSa) Accounts for payment:

The following accounts were passed for payment and approved.	£
Mrs R Harvey (renew of Microsoft office subscription)	79.99
Mrs R Harvey (replacement printer ink cartridges)	39.96
ReAssure (Clerks annual pension contribution)	90.00
Mrs R Harvey (refund of annual postage)	24.86
Mrs R A Harvey (March salary)	200.00
HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE)	50.00
Total	£ 484.80

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

The Clerk was asked to review the current salary levels payable for the new financial year.

12. TO RECEIVE REPORTSa) Footpaths

It was noted that delays to the coastal path have been caused as a 4m wide track has been requested with no compensation payable to landowners.

b) Village Pond

There was nothing to report.

c) Recreation Ground

The ground is in good order and all works needed have been completed.

d) Transport

There is a meeting next week of transport representatives which Cllr Dixon will endeavour to attend.

e) Fingringhoe School

An Ofsted inspection has been conducted and the school has been confirmed as good.

f) EWT

Mr Canham sent a report advising that the new manager, Verity Hales has been appointed and he will arrange an introduction in due course.

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.

The meeting for May will be cancelled in view of the parish council election being held that month.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 3rd April 2018 at 7pm.
The meeting closed at 8.04 pm