

6th November 2018

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

PRESENT AT THE MEETING

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

There was one member of the public present and Cllr Davidson, Cllr Moores and the zone warden.

1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Bentley 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**

There were no declarations of interest.

5. **TO RECEIVE REPORTS**

Cllr Bentley had sent an email report which was read to the meeting following concerns raised by residents regarding the extensive roadworks being carried out in Colchester. The main causes of complaint are the timescale of two years for the works and that no one appears to be working in the coned off areas. The works are causing considerable problems for any resident from the village trying to travel north out of Colchester.

Cllr Bentley will be sent a reminder by the Clerk of the other highways issues in the village which are outstanding.

During discussion with the Chairman, Cllr Bentley has agreed to support a letter from the Council to the MOD and EA concerning the lack of action to remedy the problems with the sea defences along the Roman River which lead to the flooding of the grazing land and Fingringhoe Road. The outlook from the village has been destroyed. The condition of the road will be kept under review. Dredging of the river is required to increase the capacity and avoid the banks being overwhelmed in future.

The zone warden said that he will not be able to attend as often as wished due to work rotas. He confirmed that a litter pick has been organised for 10th November by Lindsey Raven Emrich of the Green Group, which he will assist with.

There have not been any recent fly tips in the village. Councillors raised the issue of the former Cadman site on Fingringhoe Road where waste is frequently tipped at the entrance. It was suggested that if the bollards are moved closer to the road it will make it much more difficult for vehicles to pull up and dump waste. Cllr Moores suggested contacting Cllr Mike Lilley at Rowhedge.

The warden asked the clerk to contact Steve Switzer regarding the non-collection of the waste from bins at the Recreation Ground.

Cllr Davidson confirmed that he had called in the planning applications for the home at The Dingle, Ballast Quay Road and Aveley Lodge.

There are two consultations details of which will be sent to the Clerk; the police precept and also the library consultation which will be available in 10 days time.

Cllr Davidson has a contact who can arrange WW1 soldier silhouettes at a recommended price of £60 each and has provisionally placed an order for one for the parish. The councillors asked if two silhouettes can be supplied, to be placed on Pigs Foot Green and also on Church Green near the oak tree overlooking the pond.

6. MINUTES OF MEETING OF 16th October 2018

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th October 2018 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) Vehicle Activated speed unit in Chapel Road

The VAS is still not working and the Clerk will remind Cllr Bentley.

b) Training on the defibrillator

The Clerk is finding out the date of training sessions for the public on the use of the defibrillator and these will be advertised as soon as known.

c) Update on Pontoon project at Ferry Road

The Clerk will enquire whether Mr Colin South is able to provide a quote for the pontoon.

d) River wall breach and flooding of Fingringhoe Road

The breach has now been repaired. The Chairman has had a meeting with the Environment Agency on site. A letter is proposed to be sent to the MOD and EA requesting dredging of the river to increase capacity.

e) Fly tipping incidents

No further incidents were reported.

f) Incidents of threatening and anti-social behavior

No incidents were reported.

8. PLANNING

182551 Fingringhoe Primary School – The school is seeking permission to replace the windows and there were no objections to this providing the work is done sympathetically.

182500 West Point, Dudley Road – application for a detached garage. There were no objections.

182426 Plane Hall Farm, South Green Road – application for removal or variation of a condition. There were no objections to this variation which related to a change of colour of the cedar cladding to the new home.

The Clerk confirmed that three places have been reserved for councillors on the planning training course at the Town Hall at Colchester on 15th November.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

Flooding on Fingringhoe Road.

A letter from Brooks Leney, land agents for the Thistlewaites, requesting clearance of ditches was discussed. The flooding was discussed earlier in the meeting and it was not considered possible to clear any ditches at this point along the road due to the presence of a bank. The Chairman will discuss with the agents.

Ecobricks for pontoon

The construction of the pontoon is at an early stage and the use of ecobricks will be considered.

10. ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

Letter from resident complaining of speed of traffic in Chapel Road

Councillors sympathised with the resident and are endeavouring to arrange repairs for the VAS in Chapel Road. Cllr Martin reported that he is arranging a set of speed watch equipment for the Fingringhoe team and will organise sessions as soon as possible.

11. FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

a) Accounts for payment:

The following accounts were passed for payment and approved. £

Mrs R A Harvey (replacement printer cartridges)	79.98
Mrs R A Harvey (October salary)	204.00
HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE)	51.00
Total	£ 334.98

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

12. TO RECEIVE REPORTS

Footpaths

There was nothing to report.

Village Pond

Cllr Chamberlain has spent a considerable time clearing weed from the pond.

Two fishermen have been seen driving over the green to access the pond. It was thought there was a locking bollard by the school to prevent vehicle access. The Clerk was asked to contact the school to see whether they know where the barrier is.

ACTION: Clerk

Recreation Ground

The grass has been cut today. The Chairman advised that an invoice will be received shortly for hedge cutting.

Transport Officer

There was nothing to report.

Fingringhoe School

There was nothing to report.

EWT

Mr Canham sent a report that there is currently no news of a replacement warden.

13. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION & NOTING

There were no items for the correspondence box since the last meeting.

It was suggested that next year the parish council may wish to join the Church in arranging a Christmas Fair and the lighting of the Christmas Tree.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 4th December 2018 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm