

3rd January 2017

Minutes of the meeting of Fingringhoe Parish Council held on Tuesday 3rd January 2017 at The Village Hall, Chapel Road, Fingringhoe.

PRESENT AT THE MEETING

In the Chair - Councillor Gerald Ketley

Councillors
Mike Clarke
Emma Dixon
Kim Cranfield
Ian Chamberlain
Jonathan Martin

Clerk Rosemary Harvey

There were two members of the public and Cllr Bentley present.

1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

2 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

It was reported that the proposed 2% cap on precept increases will not now be imposed on parish councils.

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

A member of the public wished to discuss an overgrown hedge which was included under matters arising.

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 the overgrown hedge on Chapel Road at the entrance to bridleway 7 had been reported to highways and he was waiting to hear from them. Jason Botello, Public Rights of Way Officer has also been asked to inspect the route.

Turning to the problem of inconsiderate parking outside the school, Cllr Bentley said he is meeting with Shane Taylor, to review the difficulties with parking and discuss possible solutions, however Mr Taylor has not yet been able to visit the site.

It was reported that the edge of Fingringhoe Road is crumbling away approaching the village at the cemetery end of the road. Several complaints were made regarding the condition of the road edge and Cllr Bentley said he will report this road defect. **ACTION: Cllr Bentley**

Cllr Bentley said he had reported the overgrown hedge near Donyland Hall.

6. **MINUTES OF MEETING OF 6TH DECEMBER 2016**

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th December 2016 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) **Overgrown hedge at entrance to bridleway 7**

Cllr Bentley is awaiting a response from Highways. Cllr Ketley will also request the hedge be cut back.

b) **Condition of Fingringhoe Road**

Cllr Bentley undertook to report the damage to the edge of the road.

- c) Incidents of threatening and anti-social behavior in village
There were reports of a Ford Ka being driven at speed through the village on Sunday evening. Following a collision near Aveley Lodge the car is now parked in Rectory Road, Rowhedge.
8. PLANNING
Local Plan
Cllr Martin had discussed the inclusion of the three Fingringhoe sites in the local plan with the planning officers. Although the three sites are included in the consultation the recommendation that Fingringhoe is an unsustainable village will not be changed and therefore the sites will be turned down.
9. CORRESPONDENCE
Cory Environmental Trust 2017 grants
Details of the application deadlines for grants from Cory Environmental Trust have been received, the next application deadline being 7th April 2017. It was suggested the council should apply for a grant to purchase a better quality more substantial gate for the recreation ground.
- High Speed Broadband
Cllr Martin reported on two potential initiatives to improve broadband speeds in the village. County Broadband have a scheme using mobile radio transmitters which would cost approximately £2k per household to connect. The company will require 20 to 30 interested households in order to proceed to connect the village.
- Cllr Martin will prepare an article for the next issue of News & Views.
ACTION: Cllr Martin
10. ROADS AND FOOTPATHS
Cllr Martin will contact the police officer to organise training for a community speed watch group as there are now sufficient volunteers.
11. FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS
a) Accounts for payment:
The following accounts were passed for payment and approved. £
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|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Colchester Borough Council (Q2 payment for litter bins) | 53.76 |
| Mrs Clarke (litter clearing) | 250.00 |
| Mrs R A Harvey (January salary) | 200.00 |
| HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE) | 50.00 |
| Total | £ 553.76 |
- The Clerk's salary and amounts to Colchester Borough Council and HMRC were approved for payment by bank transfer. All other payments were agreed.
- b) 2017 Precept
The precept proposal was circulated to councillors and agreed. The Clerk will submit the precept request to Colchester Borough Council.
12. TO RECEIVE REPORTS
a) Footpaths
It was reported that a domestic appliance has been dumped at the entrance to the footpath off Ferry Road. The Clerk will report to the Zone Warden.
ACTION: Clerk
- b) Village Pond
There was nothing to report.
- c) Recreation Ground
Cllr Clarke confirmed that the ground has been in regular use. Some branches overhanging the play area need cutting back.
- d) Transport
There was nothing to report.
- e) Fingringhoe School
The issues with parking outside the school remain.

- 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 7th March 2017 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm