

3rd October 2017

Minutes of the meeting of Fingringhoe Parish Council held on Tuesday 3rd October 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 Helen Seton
Clerk	Rosemary Harvey

There were five members of the public present, together with Cllr Bentley and Cllr Davidson.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

2 ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

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

Some members of the public present wished to discuss the appeal of the applicant for the communications tower in Ballast Quay Road. The resident had written to Bernard Jenkin's office but wanted to know what the council will do to oppose this appeal. The Clerk confirmed that the Planning Inspector has confirmed that an appeal has been lodged but that currently an Inspector has not been appointed to adjudicate on the case and no date has been set for the appeal. The Colchester Borough Council planning officer Bruce O'Brien has confirmed he is preparing to submit a Statement of Case to support the Borough Council's refusal of the original application.

During discussion it was stated that a number of residents were not informed of the application and are unaware of it. The Planning Inspector will consider all objections which have been lodged against the application and is expected to make a site visit in due course. It was noted that there is already a mast near the site of the proposed new mast. Cllr Davidson advised that the construction of the mast is permitted development, so the normal planning procedure is not used. There has been no wildlife survey conducted into the impact on wildlife of this site near an SSSI and the EWT site.

The Clerk will advise the Clerks at Wivenhoe Town Council and East Donyland Parish Council that the appeal has been lodged. The Clerk will also include an article in the next issue of News & Views and write to Bernard Jenkin MP. Cllr Davidson confirmed that he will be seeing Bernard Jenkin later in the week and will raise the issue with him.

ACTION: Clerk

In relation to a further question regarding the parish notice boards, the resident was advised that there are three boards in the village and notices can be placed in the public section without need for a key.

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 advised that the bus times have been changed by five minutes. Cllr Bentley has asked officers to examine the timetable as students have been arriving late for school from the school bus service. Cllr Dixon advised that she was not informed of the changes until after they were put into operation and she will also raise the issue with Essex County Council officers.

Cllr Davidson has been successful in obtaining a grant of £500 towards the new gates for the recreation ground.

A consultation is in progress into the mobile library service. Residents are being asked whether they would prefer the mobile library to stop at one location for say 30 minutes or to move location to several stopping points for say 10 minutes each. It was thought a number of senior residents in the village use the service and they would not wish to have to travel far to access the bus. Residents are urged to complete the survey by the deadline of 6th November.

6. MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF 5TH SEPTEMBER 2017

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th September 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) Visibility from bridleway 7

This was discussed during Cllr Bentley's report and the resident's phone number is required.

b) Repairs to railings in Ferry Road

The railings have still not been repaired by ECC Highways.

c) Fly tipping incidents in village

No further incidents of fly tipping were reported.

d) Incidents of threatening and anti-social behavior

No incidents were reported.

e) County Broadband presentation on 2nd November

It was noted that Cllr Martin has arranged a presentation at the Village Hall at 7.30pm on 2nd November.

f) Funding for Recreation Ground Gate

Cllr Davidson had confirmed a grant of £500 was available towards the cost and on that basis Councillors agreed to proceed with the order of the gate for the total price of £1,800.

8. PLANNING

There were no new planning applications for consideration.

The appeal on the 25m communication tower was discussed earlier in the meeting.

9. CORRESPONDENCEMobile Library Consultation

Councillors and residents were asked to respond to this consultation.

Voluntary first registration of land

It was agreed that the cost of the legal work for the voluntary first registration of the parish council's land with the Land Registry carried out by solicitor Cyril Liddy, should be paid by the use of funds held on the client account of Birkett Long (previously Asher Prior Bates).

Request for fireworks banner

Rowhedge School PTA have asked to hang a banner at the Whalebone junction advertising a fireworks display and there was no objection to this.

10. 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.

11. FINANCE AND ACCOUNTSa) Accounts for payment:

The following accounts were passed for payment and approved.

	£
Kendall Plus (grass cut 6 th & 18 th September)	479.04
Mrs R A Harvey (replacement inkjet printer)	73.94
CPRE (annual membership renewal)	36.00
Mrs R A Harvey (October salary)	200.00
HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE)	50.00
Total	£ 838.98

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

12. TO RECEIVE REPORTSa) Footpaths

There was nothing to report.

b) Village Pond

Cllr Chamberlain advised that he will be clearing some accumulated weed shortly.

c) Recreation Ground

The Clerk was asked to obtain a price for two new cradle swings.

ACTION: Clerk

d) Transport

Cllr Dixon will make enquiries regarding the new bus times.

e) Fingringhoe School

There was no 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 will be held on Tuesday 7th November 2017 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm