

2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019

**Minutes of the meeting of Fingringhoe Parish Council held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019 at The Village Hall, Chapel Road, Fingringhoe.**

**PRESENT AT THE MEETING**

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

There were four members of the public present and Cllr Davidson.

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 members of the public present wished to raise.

4. **TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

5. **TO RECEIVE REPORTS**

Cllr Davidson reported that the local elections for Colchester Borough Council councillors are being held on 2<sup>nd</sup> May and reminded residents to register to vote if they have not already done so.

Details of the attended freighter visits to the area, where residents can take bulky items to dispose of were advised.

Turning to the planning application for The Langenhoe Lion, it is hoped planning permission will be granted in the next 10 days. The community shop will occupy the corner of the plot near Fingringhoe Road with two parking spaces.

6. **MINUTES OF MEETING OF 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

The minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019 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) **Training on the defibrillator**

The Clerk reported that eleven residents attended for the training on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019. The course had been very well received and it was suggested that a further session be held later in the year. Certificates will be issued to the attendees in due course.

- b) Report on litter pick 30<sup>th</sup> March 2019  
Cllr Chamberlain reported that 35 people participated in the litter pick and it was surprising how much waste was found. Our zone warden, Tim Pickard was thanked for providing the equipment and arranging for the collection of the waste.
- c) Quotes for Pontoon  
Cllr Davidson has not yet been able to obtain a second quote or find out how much Mr Kerrison is considering contributing towards the project. It was suggested that the Clerk write to Mrs Kerrison seeking clarification of what Mr Kerrison's intension is regarding this project.
- d) Casual vacancies on the Council  
The Clerk reported that she has asked the Elections Officer at Colchester Borough Council to advertise the two casual vacancies on the council as it is now more than six months since the last election, so an advertisement must be placed prior to any appointment being made by co-option.
- e) Recruitment of a Special Constable  
This project has now been placed on hold as the Chief Constable of Essex has been relocated at short notice and funding is not now available from CBC until the new commanding officer has looked at the proposals.
- f) Fly tipping incidents in village  
No further fly tipping incidents were reported.
- g) Update on reports of threatening & anti-social behaviour in village  
There were no incidents reported.

## 8. PLANNING

**Telecommunications Tower.** There is still no application received. There were no further developments or news to report.

**182206 Aveley Lodge Care Home** revised plans – it is understood that Cllr Bentley is arranging a further meeting with the owner. Access to the site and parking continue to be the principal concerns.

**190628 18 Brook Hall Road** – There was no objection to the proposal for a two storey side extension.

**190776 West Point, Dudley Road** – There was no objection to the request for the external finish to be varied.

It was noted that a new entrance on to the road at Greenacres, Abberton Road has been made and a wall constructed behind the roadside hedge. Cllr Davidson will ask the planning officer to check whether a planning application for the changes needs to be made.

## 9. CORRESPONDENCE

### River wall breach

A reply has been received from the Defence Infrastructure Organisation who are currently unable to confirm a date when the fence will be completed on top of the river wall. A grant is being sought to improve the drainage in the area.

Langenhoe Lion Community Shop.

This was discussed earlier in the meeting.

Quotation for emptying litter bins 2019/2020.

Two copies of a contract for the financial year 2019/2020 have been received from Colchester Borough Council. The price for each visit to the village has increased by £1.73 to £13. The contract was approved and signed by the chairman.

10. ROADS AND FOOTPATHSOutstanding highways issues

It was noted that Parksafed had attended at the school and photographed two vehicles.

The Clerk has contacted one supplier of VAS equipment to obtain a quotation for an engineer to attend to repair our VAS. Further enquiries will be made to find a manufacturer closer to the village to reduce the cost of an engineer attending. A resident offered to assist with making enquiries into the repair of the unit.

11. FINANCE AND ACCOUNTSa) Accounts for payment:

The following accounts were passed for payment and approved.

|   | £                 |
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| Zurich Municipal (annual insurance renewal premium) | 1,001.74          |
| EALC (annual membership renewal)                    | 241.55            |
| Adrian Watson (Repair of springer in play area)     | 250.00            |
| Mrs R A Harvey (April salary)                       | 210.00            |
| HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE)                         | 52.50             |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>£ 1,755.79</b> |

The Clerk advised that the annual insurance renewal premium included cover for the defibrillator. The premium has increased from £981.03 last year. The membership fee for EALC has increased by 41p. The Clerk had also included an increase of 3% in salary.

The above payments were approved for payment by cheque except for the Clerk's salary and PAYE which are paid by bank transfer.

b) Internal Auditor

The Clerk confirmed that she has received agreement from a qualified accountant to undertake the role of internal auditor. A letter of appointment has been prepared which the Clerk will complete on behalf of the Council.

12. TO RECEIVE REPORTSFootpaths

Cllr Martin confirmed that the John Brunning Way is very muddy particularly near the mill house. The route is however passable all the way to Rowhedge.

Village Pond

The pond was reported to be in good order. People have been found fishing on the wood side of the pond as a piece of fence is broken.

Recreation Ground

A grass cut was requested. Some of the fencing will need replacing and the chairman will obtain a quote so that a grant application can be made.

Transport Officer

There is a frequent bus services coming to the village but few people seem to be using them.

Fingringhoe School

A bush growing near the school fence will be tidied by Cllr Chamberlain but there was nothing further to report.

EWT

There was nothing to report.

13. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION & NOTING

The correspondence box was circulated to councillors.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 8.05 pm