

3rd September 2019

Minutes of the meeting of Fingringhoe Parish Council held on Tuesday 3rd September 2019 at The Village Hall, Chapel Road, Fingringhoe.

PRESENT AT THE MEETING

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

There were 35 members of the public present and Cllr Davidson.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Bentley, Cllr Moore and the zone warden.

2 ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was announced that Mrs Shirley Trollope had sadly passed away and condolences were passed to the family for their loss.

3. PRESENTATION ON PROPOSED TELECOMMUNICATIONS MAST

A presentation was given by Peter Hughes of Wireless Infrastructure Group and Carolyn Wilson, The Harlequin Group.

The main points arising in the discussion were:

- The temporary mast at Rowhedge has an 18 month licence and is currently providing coverage for EE customers.
- The EE coverage for the area is insufficient once the temporary mast is withdrawn.
- The proposed site has been turned down twice due to height of mast and effect on trees but WIG/Harlequin consider they have addressed these issues.
- The existing mast at Ballast Quay would need to double in height to 30m if that were to be used.
- Alternative sites were reviewed several were dismissed on the basis of tree heights surrounding the site.
- The water treatment site has no tree cover as all the nearby trees belong to John Greenleaf on his land.
- Depending on permitted development rights at the time, the proposed mast could in the future be extended in height to enable additional operators equipment to be carried.
- There was no information given on the signal strengths and effect of electromagnetic fields on families living nearby.
- The benefit of the mast to residents was reported to be the improved coverage of the EE network, which is going to be used by emergency service vehicles in the future.
- The effect of construction work to the right of way along the footpath on the site was questioned.

- WIG were asked to provide a map with shading showing the suitable area in which a site for the mast is sought. An artist's impression of the impact of the mast on the nearby properties was also requested by a resident.

The meeting was then adjourned to Tuesday 24th September 2019
The meeting closed at 21:05pm

Minutes of the reconvened meeting of Fingringhoe Parish Council held on Tuesday 24th September 2019 at The Village Hall, Chapel Road, Fingringhoe.

In the Chair Councillor Gerald Ketley

Councillors Mike Clarke
Emma Dixon

Clerk Rosemary Harvey

There were two members of the public present.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Law, Cllr Chamberlain, Cllr Martin, Cllr Davidson and Cllr Bentley.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

3. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

4. TO RECEIVE REPORTS

Mr Canham gave a report on the village pond as he was very concerned at the low water level. The spring feeding the pond stopped flowing in July 2019 and in September the water level at the weir was 9" down and at the meeting date was 12" down. Mr Canham had calculated in 2016 that the spring would dry up this Spring. Mr Canham believed that this low water level will have implications for the oak tree, the structure of the church and the school.

It was noted that ground water levels are generally low this year but that there is currently plenty of water in the quarry. The spring was last known to have dried up in 1994 but did on that occasion come back. Mr Canham expects the spring to start to flow again in November. There is a slow trickle of ground water coming into the pond in the meantime.

The pond will be kept under surveillance. Mr Canham will check the contacts at EA and ECC so that more formal notifications can be made if necessary .

5. MINUTES OF MEETING OF 2nd July 2019

The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd July 2019 had been circulated and were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

a) CPR course on 17th September

Six people attended the course in the village hall which was taken by two community first responder volunteers. The course was excellent but there was scope for more people to have attended.

- b) Repair to wooden swing legs
The repairs to the swing are now complete however the fence, slide and other rocker ride all also require repairs. Much of the equipment is now 20 years old and is nearing an age requiring replacement.
- c) Fly tipping incidents in the village
No incidents of fly tipping were reported.
- d) Anti-social behaviour
There continue to be reports of inconsiderate drivers speeding through the village.
- e) Telecommunications tower
The Clerk advised that nothing further had been heard from WIG/Harlequin following our meeting with them on 3rd September.

8. PLANNING

192068 Fingringhoe Wick – There were no objections to the proposed discovery area being created in a disused garden area.

192121 The Hedges, Haye Lane –replace existing roof with single apex roof, raising gable ends. To build enlarged porch/lobby with apex roof. Add first floor over existing south facing extension. To add external insulation and horizontal weatherboarding to whole house. There were no objections to the proposals.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

Termination of free ECC website service

The Clerk reported that ECC are ceasing to offer community groups a free website service from 31st March 2020. The Clerk is arranging for her son to build a free site which is in the course of completion and is available at: <http://fingringhoepc.com/>

Enquiry regarding celebration of the parish sector 125 year anniversary

It is not planned to hold any celebratory events in relation to the 125 year parish council anniversary.

10. ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

Outstanding highways issues

The schedule of outstanding highways issues was passed on to Cllr Bentley who reported that he has matters in hand.

It was reported that the white railings at the end of Ferry Road have been repaired. Turning to the No Through Road sign at the Whalebone junction, it was agreed that there did use to be such a sign, but no photograph of it has been found at present.

Cllr Bentley will also be reminded that a junction warning sign is needed before the give way lines at the top of Fingringhoe Road by the Whalebone.

11. FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

a) Accounts for payment:

The following accounts were passed for payment and approved.	£
Kendall Facility Management Ltd (grass cut 4 July 2019)	259.58
Kendall Facility Management Ltd (grass cut 8 August 2019)	259.58
Gordon Property Services (repairs and painting phone box)	310.00
Stephen Harvey (website design and implementation)	110.00
Mr W Sorrell (2019 accounts preparation)	80.00
Kendall Facility Management Ltd (grass cut 9 September)	259.58
CPRE (annual membership renewal)	36.00
Mrs R A Harvey (August salary)	210.00
HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE)	52.50
Mrs R A Harvey (September salary)	210.00
HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE)	52.50
Total	£ 1,839.74

The above payments were approved for payment by bank transfer apart from the payment to Mr Sorrell which was paid by cheque.

12. TO RECEIVE REPORTS

Footpaths - There was no report.

Village Pond – This was discussed earlier in the meeting.

Recreation Ground – Cllr Dixon will arrange for the trees from the woods overhanging the car park to be trimmed back. A further meeting on site is needed to discuss repairs to the remaining play equipment.

Transport Officer – Cllr Dixon attended the last transport representatives meeting. It was noted that the monthly bus news no longer appears to be published.

Fingringhoe School

There was nothing 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 5th November 2019 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm