

5<sup>th</sup> March 2019

**Minutes of the meeting of Fingringhoe Parish Council held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at The Village Hall, Chapel Road, Fingringhoe.**

**PRESENT AT THE MEETING**

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

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

1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Ketley, Cllr Bentley and Mr Canham. It was agreed that Cllr Clarke would take the chair for this meeting.

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 council tax for the financial year has been finalised and will be rising. Notifications will be sent out shortly.

There is currently a consultation on subsidisation of bus services. The consultation on library services has now ended.

Turning to the proposed community shop at the Langenhoe Lion, the developer is now reported to have agreed to this and the proposals are going to consultation.

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

The minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> February 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 confirmed that the training has been arranged for 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 7pm. The training session is limited to 12 participants. The training is advertised in the current edition of News & Views and Cllr Chamberlain will add an invitation to the village Facebook page. A member of the public present at the meeting asked to attend the session.

- b) Litter pick 30<sup>th</sup> March 2019 10am – 12.30pm  
The arrangements for the spring litter pick were confirmed. The event has been listed in News & Views but will also be advertised on Facebook.
- c) Quotes for Pontoon  
Cllr Davidson has not yet been able to obtain a second quote.
- d) Damage to land following river wall breach  
The Clerk confirmed that letters had been sent to both Mr Lawrence Kernan and the MOD land agent requesting that a fence be erected to keep cattle off the river wall and also to improve drainage of the pasture. It was agreed that the pasture was now in a very poor state and created a bad impression for visitors to the village. Both little white egrets and Water Pipits have been spotted in the field which has become a wetland habitat. The Clerk was asked to write again.
- e) Theft of WW1 soldier silhouette  
The Clerk reported that she has collected the replacement soldier which was kindly offered to the village. It was asked that the soldier be returned back to Pigs Foot Green.
- f) Common boundary with quarry land  
Cllr Clarke has checked the boundary and the fence has been erected on the ditch side in a straight line and the amount of parish council land encroached upon is minimal and not considered worthwhile taking action over.
- g) Fly tipping incidents in village  
No further fly tipping incidents were reported.
- h) 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. The objections raised by councillors to the proposals were; over development of the site, the lack of visitor parking particularly when staff are changing shifts as they will require all the spaces, visibility splay from the entrance. When cars are parked outside on the road it creates a hazard as when overtaking, approaching vehicles cannot be seen around the bend in the road.

**190262 J J Prior, Ballast Quay Road** – change of use of building from office to dwelling house. The comments received from a resident were discussed. It was noted that the original building did not have planning permission and it had been agreed informally that the building would be removed when quarrying finished. The comments regarding ownership of the land were not a relevant planning consideration. Comments have been filed by Natural England that the site is inside an SSSI and zone of influence and should therefore have a habitat survey carried out. The site is also outside of the village envelope. The Clerk will reply noting these points.

**190470 Hill Firs, Ferry Road** – demolish existing flat roof garage to front, build ground floor extension to front and new garage to side. There were no objections to the proposals contained in this application.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

Complaint traffic outside the school

The complaint received from a resident had been circulated. It was commented that taxis collecting children from the school caused an issue as they had little regard for other road users.

Langenhoe Lion Community Shop.

This was discussed earlier in the meeting.

East Doneyland PC request for Special Constable.

The request from East Doneyland Parish Council had been circulated. Councillors asked for greater clarity on the hours the constable would be available to work in the village and what tasks he would be able to undertake.

ACTION: Clerk

10. ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

Outstanding highways issues

Cllr Martin advised that the speed watch group still do not yet have their own speed gun but that one is being obtained. It was commented that there are very few places in the village which meet the criteria to allow speed watch surveys to be conducted.

Details of outstanding highways issues will be sent again to Cllr Bentley. It was suggested that the parish council purchase our own road signs and erect them to speed up the process.

11. FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

a) Accounts for payment:

The following accounts were passed for payment and approved.

	£
Mrs R Harvey (Office 365 home software renewal)	79.99
Mrs R Harvey (annual refund of postage paid)	31.70
Reassure Ltd (Clerk's annual pension fund contribution)	100.00
Mrs R A Harvey (March salary)	204.00
HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE)	51.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 466.69</b>

All the above payments were approved for payment by bank transfer with the Clerk's salary and the pension contribution to be paid by cheque.

b) Internal Auditor

The Clerk confirmed that a new internal auditor is required to review the accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019. The accounts must be completed for review by the council at the June meeting. A request has been made in News & Views. If a suitable candidate is not identified the Clerk will approach those on the EALC auditor bank list.

12. TO RECEIVE REPORTS

Footpaths

Cllr Martin confirmed that the John Brunning Way is very muddy in places. Quite a large quantity of gravel would be needed to infill the waterlogged hollows. Cllr Martin has reported

the path to Jason Bothello the PROW officer. The Clerk will forward the emails she has received from Jason Bothello and Natural England in relation to the coastal path.

Village Pond

The pond was reported to be in good order.

Recreation Ground

Cllr Clarke reported that additional playbark has been used to infill the divets and the surface is improved.

Transport Officer

First bus did not appear on one occasion last week and Cllr Dixon is trying to establish the reason.

Fingringhoe School

A healthy number of applications have been made for next year's intake.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 7.45 pm