

5th November 2019

Minutes of the meeting of Fingringhoe Parish Council held on Tuesday 5th November 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 was one member of the public present and Cllr Davidson.

1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

2 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

3. **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

The meeting was temporarily adjourned to allow members of the public present to raise any points relevant to matters on the agenda. There were no matters members of the public present wished to raise.

4. **TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Ketley notified an interest in a planning application for Picketts Farm.

5. **TO RECEIVE REPORTS**

Cllr Davidson reported on a public consultation from Essex County Council on options for the A120/A133 Link Road and Rapid Transit System (RTS).

This follows the successful bid for Housing Infrastructure Funding which will enable the creation of the new Link Road and for the first stages of an RTS to be implemented linking up key parts of Colchester.

Within the consultation brochure, ECC set out the differing route alignment options for both schemes and are looking for public views to enable preferred options to be selected and more detailed design to take place.

The dual-carriageway Link Road will be completed by 2024, supporting proposed future growth east of Colchester, helping manage traffic flows and making it easier for those travelling from Tendring to access the strategic network (A12/A120) while reducing the impact on more local roads, relating to a rapid transit bus system for the new garden community.

There are also changes proposed to the Hedingham bus service to Mersea and Peldon which will be a two hourly service.

Turning to the Methodist Chapel, Cllr Davidson suggested requesting CBC to make the Methodist chapel a community asset.

Cllr Davidson was asked to investigate the flooding occurring on Maldon Road near the Zoo.

Cllr Davidson then left the meeting.

6. MINUTES OF MEETING OF 3rd & 24th September 2019

The minutes of the meetings held on 3rd and 24th September 2019 had been circulated and were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meetings.

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

a) Proposed telecommunications mast developments

The Clerk reported that Carolyn Wilson has now left Harlequin Group. The Clerk sent a follow up email on 29th October enquiring whether an artist impression of the proposed mast against nearby properties has been prepared, as requested by a resident at the meeting on 3rd September. A map with shading showing suitable areas for the mast was also requested and would be very useful to assist in identifying suitable sites. The Clerk will follow up with Harlequin Group requesting these documents.

b) Repair to wooden play equipment

The swing has now been repaired and replaced back at the Recreation Ground. An invoice for the work is included in bills for payment.

Cllr Chamberlain will follow up with his fencing contact to arrange a meeting on site.

It was suggested a site meeting is needed as much of the equipment is now 20 years old and it is felt the slide and other rocker ride need repairs. A general clean and spruce up of the equipment is needed with a top up of play bark.

c) Spring flow and water level in village pond

Mr Canham's report was read to the meeting. It was noted that the spring flow has recommenced to fill the pond as predicted by Mr Canham and water levels are returning to normal. The Council is very grateful to Mr Canham for the time he has spent investigating the spring flow and Mr Canham will continue to monitor the water flow. At present no notifications have been sent to the EA or ECC.

d) Anti-social behaviour

There were no reports of anti-social or threatening behaviour.

8. PLANNING

190970 – 37 Brook Hall Road. It was noted that the application was refused by CBC planners and that an appeal has been lodged. The application was refused on the grounds that the scale of development was too large.

192686 – Picketts Farm. There was no objection to the proposal to convert a barn to residential accommodation for a farm worker.

9. CORRESPONDENCEClosure of South Green Road

It was noted that Highways had closed South Green Road for 5 days from 4th November. It was pointed out that vehicles had been seen driving on the bridleway network in order to avoid the road closure.

Parking outside the school

A complaint was sent by a resident to Cllr Bentley regarding issues with parking outside the school. This is an ongoing problem and suggestions put forward included removing the yellow lines to allow more parking and closing the road with cones and barriers to force cars to park elsewhere. The Clerk will ask Cllr Bentley if he has replied.

Zone Warden notification of asbestos waste

The Zone Warden had notified a bag of asbestos waste fly tipped at Ferry Road but this has now been collected.

The new dog waste bin at the end of the Church Road footpath has been requested by residents and the Clerk will ask for funding.

Complaint regarding lorries and rubble travelling through the village.

Following enquiries, it was reported that the lorries were all carrying scrap and that the transport should finish today 5th November. There is no current housing application for the site.

Community Policing team enquiry

The Community Policing team had sent an enquiry for possible venues for coffee with cops. The Methodist Chapel when running the post office was suggested as the best location.

10. ROADS AND FOOTPATHSTraffic Calming and speed management

There was nothing to report.

Outstanding highways issues

It was noted that the No through Road sign has been erected in the wrong place and should be under the 30 mph sign. The white finger post opposite The Whalebone has been damaged so will be reported to ECC highways to repair.

11. FINANCE AND ACCOUNTSa) Accounts for payment:

The following accounts were passed for payment and approved.

	£
Kendall Facility Management Ltd (grass cut 31/10 & 01/11)	259.58
Adrian Watson (repair & install swing)	550.00
Adrian Watson (repair to finger post)	60.00
Mrs R A Harvey (October salary)	210.00
HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE)	52.50
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Total £ 1,394.58

The above payments were approved for payment by bank transfer apart from the two payments to Adrian Watson which were paid by cheque.

12. TO RECEIVE REPORTS

Footpaths - There was nothing to report.

Village Pond – This was discussed earlier in the meeting. There is a large amount of weed on the pond which will be cleared out in the Spring. A heron has been seen regularly sitting on the weir.

Recreation Ground – This was discussed earlier in the meeting. Cllr Dixon has spoken with the tree surgeon about trimming back the overhanging branches.

Transport Officer – There was nothing to report.

Fingringhoe School – Mrs Martin is no longer on the board of governors. One of the current governors will be asked to liaise with the parish council or the head asked to suggest a representative.

EWT - There was nothing to report.

13. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION & NOTING

The correspondence box was circulated to councillors.

Cllr Law asked whether the course notes from the planning course have been received, which at present they have not.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 3rd December 2019 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 8.05 pm