

1st December 2020

Minutes of the meeting of Fingringhoe Parish Council held on Tuesday 1st December 2020 by video conference call due to restrictions imposed due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

PRESENT AT THE MEETING

In the Chair Councillor Gerald Ketley

Councillors Mike Clarke
Emma Dixon
Jonathan Martin
Sharron Law

Clerk Rosemary Harvey

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

1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Chamberlain 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 the public wished to raise.

4. **TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Ketley declared an interest in the planning application relating to Fingringhoe Hall Barns.

5. **TO RECEIVE REPORTS**

Cllr Bentley said that the R rate of the coronavirus pandemic was high in the south of the county, which could result in the area being placed in a higher tier. He outlined some of the assistance packages which are available in the county.

Cllr Bentley introduced Mr Gavin Ashkettle, programme manager for County Broadband. It was discussed that the council had received no notification of the propose works. There were issues with the location of some of the poles erected and road closures signed when no work was being carried out. Mr Ashkettle offered to join councillors in a village walk about if the Clerk forwards the names and contact details of those willing to join him.

Mr Ashkettle was asked why the County Broadband service was needed when BT broadband was already available. Mr Ashkettle said that the BT service offered fibre to the green box and then copper wire to the house. The County Broadband service will be full fibre to each premises.

Cllr Bentley asked to be sent details of the stolen village sign.

Cllr Bentley and Mr Ashkettle then left the meeting.

Cllr Davidson reported on issues relating to Colchester Borough Council.

6. MINUTES OF MEETING OF 3RD NOVEMBER 2020

The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd November 2020 had been circulated and were approved and will be signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

a) Barnfields problems with parking and rubbish

The Clerk was asked to write again to Stephen Bland regarding the ongoing problems at Barnfields.

b) Removal of tree roots near the school

It was understood that Cllr Chamberlain had taken some action to resolve the problems with the tree roots near the school.

c) Work by County Broadband

This was discussed earlier in the meeting.

d) Theft of Village Sign

The theft of the village sign at the junction of Haye Lane and Abberton Road had been reported to the police, crime reference number 42/188688/20. The Clerk will send details to Cllr Bentley.

e) Removal of WW1 Tommy

The Clerk said that the Tommy is beginning to become warped and asked for agreement for it to be removed for safekeeping during the winter months. It was agreed that the Tommy should be brought undercover to protect it during winter.

f) Update on incidents of threatening and anti-social behaviour

It was reported that there is still some drug dealing occurring on Furneaux Lane.

8. PLANNING

202400– Fingringhoe Hall Barns –Change of use of agricultural land and buildings to residential. There were no objections to the proposals.

202042 – land adjacent to Tudor Cottage, Church Road – It was noted that the application for erection of one dwelling has been withdrawn.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

RCCE Rural housing enabler enquiry whether interested in a rural affordable housing project.

There was no interest in pursuing a rural housing project as it is not felt to be beneficial to residents or local people.

National Census 2021

Notification has been received that a national census is to be completed in 2021.

Complaint that Fan Hill Footpath need cutting back

It was reported that Cllr Chamberlain has cut back the vegetation beside the footpath.

10. ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

It was noted that the Give Way sign at the top of Fingringhoe Road and the finger post at the top of Haye Lane are still outstanding.

It was noted that there have been complaints on Facebook that bikes are being ridden along the John Brunning Way and are churning up the path. This will be reported to Jason Bothello, PRowO.

11. FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

a) Accounts for payment:

The following accounts were passed for payment and approved.

| | £ |
|---|-----------------|
| Mrs R A Harvey (printer ink cartridges) | 7.99 |
| Anglia Inspection Services Ltd (annual play area safety inspection) | 174.00 |
| Mrs R A Harvey (December salary) | 210.00 |
| HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE) | 52.50 |
| Total | £ 444.49 |

The above payments were approved for payment by bank transfer.

12. TO RECEIVE REPORTS

Footpaths - Vegetation on the Fan Hill footpath has been trimmed back.

Village Pond – Steps will be taken to remove the weed in the pond in the Spring.
Two motor bikes had been seen on the Green. The sign stating no motorised vehicles on the Green has been overgrown and isn't visible.

Recreation Ground – There was nothing to report and the ground was in good order.

Transport Officer – There was nothing to report.

Fingringhoe School – A request has been received to decorate the small oak tree near the road for Christmas and there were no objections.

EWT – Mr Canham sent a report from Verity Sales, Site Manager that:

“We are hoping to reopen the centre again from next Thursday, which should then mean the centre and reserve will be open Thursday to Monday”.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 5th January 2021 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm