

6<sup>th</sup> October 2020

**Minutes of the meeting of Fingringhoe Parish Council held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 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**

It was reported that Mr Peter Thistlethwaite had passed away and the Clerk was asked to write a letter of condolence for the chairman's signature.

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.

A member of the public wished to report on the traffic problems and anti-social behaviour occurring in Ferry Road. There have been speeding motorcyclists who have been reported to the police on three occasions this year. Cllr Bentley asked to be sent details of the times and locations the problems are occurring, and he will speak with Chief Inspector Rob Huddleston of Colchester Police.

4. **TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest raised.

5. **TO RECEIVE REPORTS**

Cllr Bentley reported that the pot holes in Fingringhoe had been reported under the pot hole scheme and should be repaired shortly. Cllr Bentley confirmed that he has £5k available under the locality budget scheme which must be claimed by 31<sup>st</sup> January.

Cllr Law advised that the give way sign at the top of Fingringhoe Road and fingerpost at the top of Haye Lane are still outstanding on the highways register.

Cllr Davidson said that Colchester Borough Council are working on their budget with planning services and customer service areas being targeted to make savings.

Police speed watches were reported to be restarting. Police locally have been targeting drug dealing. An exclusion zone was placed at Abberton Reservoir where people could not meet.

Finally, Cllr Davidson confirmed that the Lion Corner shop in Langenhoe has now opened.

Mr Canham reported on the pond and EWT at this point.

6. MINUTES OF MEETING OF 1<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020

The minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> September 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) Repairs to bench near school and new bins

The Chairman reported that the bench has been repaired and the new bins installed at the Recreation Ground with lids. The invoices will be presented for approval under item 11.

**The meeting was adjourned due to problems with broadband which prevented the meeting being continued. The meeting was reconvened on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 7pm when the Parish Councillors all re-joined the meeting.**

b) Work by County Broadband and problems in Ballast Quay Road

The Clerk had reported to Cllr Bentley the issues with County Broadband leaving Road Closed signs in place when they were not working, and the roads are in fact usable.

Cllr Law advised that the workmen had left Ballast Quay Road after trying to erect poles, and she was not aware what the outcome was.

c) Culling of Corvids

There was nothing further which can be done at the present time unless a complaint is made by a resident.

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

This was discussed earlier in the meeting.

Turning to the Barnfields housing, the Chairman said that here were still problems with rubbish being left in the area and parking on the grass. The Clerk was asked to write again to English Rural Housing. ACTION: Clerk

8. PLANNING

**201944– The Victory, Ferry Road** – Amendment of planning conditions.

There were no objections to the proposals.

**202042 – land adjacent to Tudor Cottage, Church Road** – An outline application for severance of the garden to form a building plot was considered. The entry/exit is onto a three-way junction and councillors considered this was dangerous. The proposed plot is not an obvious site for further development.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

Request from school to spray paint tree roots.

The school have requested to spray paint tree roots on the green to highlight a trip hazard.

Councillors were not supportive of this request as the Green is in a conservation area and it was thought that spray painting the roots would spoil the appearance of the area.



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	0.30	0.40	0.51	0.59	0.57	0.48	0.38	0.28	0.22	0.29
Mean 2013-2015	<u>0.60</u>	<u>0.64</u>	<u>0.87</u>	<u>0.74</u>	<u>0.66</u>	<u>0.59</u>	<u>0.48</u>	<u>0.31</u>	<u>0.29</u>	<u>0.34</u>
Trend % Down	50%	38%	41%	20%	13%	19%	21%	10%	24%	15%

There is some weed which needs pulling out and Cllr Chamberlain has been asked to let councillors know when he needs help.

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

Transport Officer – There was nothing to report.

Fingringhoe School – The problems with parking are still occurring. There appears little prospect of the head being able to return to work and a permanent replacement is being recruited.

EWT – An email from EWT dated 17<sup>th</sup> September was copied to all PC members on the same day. This indicated reopening of the Reserve on 18<sup>th</sup> September, from Thursdays to Mondays inclusive, with the Visitor Centre opening a week later at weekends only.

The Centre Manager says that there is nothing she needs to bring to the notice of the Council currently. There has been a degree of trespass during the closure period but no reported damage.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020 at 7pm.

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The meeting closed at 8.00 pm