

FINGRINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - 7 SEPTEMBER 2021

A meeting of the Council took place at Fingringhoe Village Hall, Chapel Road, Fingringhoe, Colchester, Essex CO5 7BH on 7 September 2021 at 7pm.

Councillors present: Gerald Ketley – Chairman
Michael Clarke – Vice Chairman
Emma Dixon
Jonathan Martin
Petra Palfreyman – Parish Clerk

Also in attendance – CBC Cllr Robert Davidson and 1 member of the public.

058/21	Apologies for absence – ECC Cllr Bentley, CBC Cllr Jowers, CBC Cllr Moore, Cllr Law, Cllr Chamberlain.
059/21	Declarations of interest – None
060/21	Announcements - None
061/21	Public question time – Mr Clive Bellinger attended on behalf of the Village Hall Committee. See comments under 067/21
062/21	Reports from CBC Councillor The Trees for Years initiative will be online all year long. The grass verges are slowly being cut. This does not include hedges where this is the landowner's responsibility. The £2M budget deficit will be reviewed in February 2022 when the CBC budget is set. CBC are buying a new fleet of electric cars. There will be many trees planted this winter as part of the climate change initiative. No further information is available about the flooding at The Hythe. The hedge from Old Heath Rd to Fingringhoe Rd will be reported. Permitted development is allowing more buildings to be built. There is a back log of planning enforcement due to COVID. The Greenacres planning application 212214 will be called in.
063/21	To approve the minutes of the meeting on 27 July 2021 The minutes as previously circulated were approved for signing. There were no matter arising. Proposed Cllr Ketley and seconded by Cllr Clarke.
064/21	To consider planning applications received 212072 The repair/reinstatement of the mid-strey feature including the reintroduction of a gable roof, the repair/reinstatement of the large vertically boarded timber doors to the mid-strey and to the corresponding opening on the

	<p>eastern elevation. Miss Kathryn Sayner Upper Haye Farm, Upper Haye Lane, Fingringhoe Colchester CO5 7AB Expiry date: 25/08/2021 – No comments</p> <p>212076 New field access. Resubmission of 202403 Mr T Lennon Field adjacent to Fingringhoe Barns, Furneaux Lane, Fingringhoe Colchester Expiry date 26/08/2021 – No comments</p> <p>212144 First floor extension over existing ground floor, cladding& re-tiling to existing dwelling, side facing window to first floor bedroom Mr & Mrs Griggs Croslands, Church Road, Fingringhoe CO5 7BJ Expiry date 02/09/2021 – No comments</p> <p>212214 ERECTION OF DETACHED GARAGE/WORKSHOP BUILDING (revised application form) Mr & Mrs J PEAT Greenacres, Abberton Road, Fingringhoe CO5 7AL Expiry date 04/09/2021 – Object of the grounds that the building might be turned in to another dwelling and there is no need for another outbuilding.</p>												
065/21	<p>To receive planning notification decisions</p> <p>211691 SINGLE STOREY SIDE EXTENSION FOR DISABLED ADAPTATION TO INCLUDE BEDROOM AND BATHROOM MR GARY PAMMENT 4 Dudley Road, Fingringhoe Colchester CO5 7DS Decision Type Approve Conditional</p> <p>211740 Retrospective application: summer house with patio on flat roof, shed attached with mono pitched roof - traditional construction Mr Matthew Dunlop Fenders, Ferry Road, Fingringhoe Colchester CO5 7BX Decision Type Approve Conditional</p>												
066/21	<p>Finance</p> <p>a) Accounts for payment August 2021</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>RCCE</td> <td>Subscription</td> <td>£72.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>JJ Prior Ltd</td> <td>Remove tree stump</td> <td>£72.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>P Palfreyman</td> <td>Clerks wages & exps</td> <td>£364.61</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Suffolk Cloud</td> <td>New website</td> <td>£410.00 received after agenda published and submitted for agreement at meeting.</td> </tr> </table> <p>b) Budget – not discussed as bank information not available</p> <p>c) To receive an update about the bank account – the bank has requested some more signatory information which has been sent off. The latest bank statements have still not been made available.</p>	RCCE	Subscription	£72.60	JJ Prior Ltd	Remove tree stump	£72.00	P Palfreyman	Clerks wages & exps	£364.61	Suffolk Cloud	New website	£410.00 received after agenda published and submitted for agreement at meeting.
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067/21	<p>To receive an update on the research about ownership of the village hall – Cllr Martin advised that from the information he had obtained from Land Registry, there was not any mention of Fingringhoe Parish Council being the trustees or owners and the conclusion was that the Council were not responsible for repairs to the Village Hall. Mr Clive Bellinger advised that the accounts do not currently</p>												

	state the ownership of the Hall but when the new accounts are published the details will be added to them. A general discussion about the use of the Hall and repairs needed took place. It was agreed that that tables and chairs would be put out for Council meetings by the caretaker in future.
068/21	To receive an update on the play area refurbishment and grants – the Clerk advised that 3 quotes had been requested and two have been returned. One of the quotes was able to carry out all the work required, and the Council agreed that the inclusive option would be the best one. The Clerk was advised to complete the CIF grant application.
069/21	To discuss the request to run a Boot Camp from the Recreation Ground – the Council agreed that the Boot Camp could be trialled for a short period of time to see how it worked out, subject the organiser holding the appropriate public liability insurance. The Clerk will keep in regular contact with the organiser.
070/21	To confirm the Co-option policy and receive an update about the current councillor vacancy – the Council agreed the co-option policy. The Clerk advised that notices have been placed on the notice boards, the new website and News & Views but had not received any interest in the vacancy.
071/21	To discuss the quote for works to the Willow Tree on Church Green for £800+ VAT – the Council agreed to the works on the Willow tree and Cllr Ketley will also request that the crown on the Oak trees is lifted at the same time.
072/21	To consider taking part in the ECC Highways Devolution Scheme – the Council discussed the scheme and agreed to register to take part in the project.
073/21	To consider erecting a beacon for the Queens Platinum Jubilee in June 2022 – the Council discussed a public location for the beacon and agreed that Ferry Road could be a possible location. Councillors agreed to investigate ownership of the marsh lands and to speak to Mrs Kerrison. The clerk will obtain a price for the beacon.
074/21	To receive reports from Parish representatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Footpaths – Fan Hill has been tidied up but there are still some weeds and brambles at the top of Fan Hill to remove. • Village Pond – some of the pond weed has been removed and left on the boarding and will need to be removed. • Recreation Ground - the cuttings were not collected on the Recreation Ground and as the grass was so long, it looks quite messy. Pigs Foot Green has not been cut. • Transport – there have been some big buses through the village which were empty but now the schools have gone back, they are used by the have school children. • Fingringhoe School – nothing to report • Essex Wildlife Trust - The PC donation was handed to the Centre Manager and gratitude was expressed to the Parish Council. Time has been spent last month enabling the centre manager to understand better the restoration activities at the quarry. Visitors have expressed concern and have assumed that EWT is in some way

	<p>responsible. This has required some welcome contact with Mr Dix who has assured everyone that all activities are fully compliant with Essex County requirements and that timings of the works are taking full account of wildlife interests.</p> <p>EWT is short of volunteers so, at the Centre Manager's request relevant notices in a couple of prominent places will be put up during September.</p>
075/21	<p>Correspondence received</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fan Hill new bench – the Clerk shared a photo of the proposed bench • Councillor Bentley has confirmed that a contribution may be made to the signage, either from the Locality Budget or from ECC • John Brunning Walk – the signage for this walk has been removed. The Council commented that the walk is not within Fingringhoe but is used by the village. It was recommended that the developers are asked to reinstate the signage. • The Clerk advised the dates of the councillor training at the EALC • The Clerk advised the new website was live and asked for comments • There were no volunteers for school governor • There is no update about the base for the new Tommy • The clerk reported the Oak tree outside the village hall was touching overhead cables to UK Power networks, who advised they were BT cables and not power cables. BT do not routinely cut the trees around cables. • A donation for the use of the village hall for Council meetings, will be approved at the next meeting.
076/21	Date of the next meeting – 5 October 2021

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.45pm