

**FINGRINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**COUNCIL MEETING – 1 FEBRUARY 2022**

A meeting of the Council took place at Fingringhoe Village Hall, Chapel Road, Fingringhoe,  
Colchester, Essex CO5 7BH on TUESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022 at 7pm.

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

Also in attendance – 4 members of the public.

020/22	Apologies for absence - none
021/22	Declarations of Interest - none
022/22	Public Questions – see items 027/22 and 028/22
023/22	Reports from ECC/CBC Councillors - none
024/22	To approve minutes of the meeting on 4 January 2022 – the minutes as previously circulated, were approved for signing. There were no matter arising. Proposed Cllr Ketley and seconded Cllr Martin.
025/22	To consider planning applications received and decisions made – none. Oakview Cottage have been asked to reinstate the hedge they have removed. The Council have refused permission for the occupants to park on their own land. The Council can confirm that all previous owners have parked at the property.
026/22	1. Finance  a) Accounts payable January 2022

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027/22	To consider a request to change the use of the telephone box into a Book Swap – a member of the public has offered to shelve out and manage the book content. The Council agreed that this was a good initiative for the village and to get the outdated Coastal Walk information removed and see if a solar light can be installed. The Council will fund the materials for the shelving, the removal of the existing content and the solar light.								
028/22	To consider a request for a dog show at the Recreation Ground, Furneaux Lane, as part of the jubilee celebrations – the Council agreed the Fingringhoe jubilee committee could use the Recreation Ground for a dog show. The committee will fund public liability insurance for the event. Cllr Ketley agreed to assist with hay bales and fencing for the dog show arena and assist with parking space.								
029/22	<p>Playground</p> <p>a) To receive an update about the ENOVERT grant and agree the next steps – the Clerk confirmed the ENOVERT grant of £2000 has been awarded. Work must commence within 6 months of the grant being awarded and the Clerk will arrange a starting date with the contractor. The Clerk will also request for a further quote for a rubber surface for the cantilever swing and ask if there was room for a see saw. The quote option to remove the grass, level and bark the area was agreed.</p> <p>b) To consider quarterly inspections carried out by Colchester Borough Council. Cost to be advised – the Clerk advised the prices are still not available but will be advised by email within the next two weeks.</p>								
030/22	To discuss the quotes for new notice boards and agree the next steps – following discussion, the Council looked at all the notice board quotes and								

	agreed to order 3 new wooden notice boards at a cost of £1400 + VAT each.
031/22	To adopt a Privacy Policy – the Council agreed to adopt Privacy Policy which will be published on the website.
032/22	To receive an update about the Queens Platinum Jubilee beacon event – Cllr Ketley has requested quotes for the beacon pole and will attend the next meeting of the Fingringhoe Jubilee committee in March. The clerk will confirm the dimensions required. The Council also agreed to look at the cost for Platinum Jubilee mugs with a view to gifting 2 to every household in Fingringhoe.
033/22	To receive reports from Parish representatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Footpaths – nothing to report</li> <li>• Village Pond – the red azolla on the pond is not a problem and will disperse on its own. Cllr Chamberlain has started to clear the area around the back of the school.</li> <li>• Recreation Ground – the grass will need cutting shortly. The growth at the end of the car park will need some attention also and Cllr Chamberlain will renew some of the car park post and rails.</li> <li>• Transport – nothing to report</li> <li>• Fingringhoe School – nothing to report</li> </ul>
034/22	Date of the next meeting – TUESDAY 1 <sup>st</sup> March at 7pm at Fingringhoe Village Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.35pm