

**FINGRINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**COUNCIL MEETING – 4 JANUARY 2022**

A meeting of the Council took place at Fingringhoe Village Hall, Chapel Road, Fingringhoe, Colchester, Essex CO5 7BH on TUESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> January 2022 at 7pm.

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

Also in attendance – CBC Cllr Robert Davidson. There were no members of the public present.

001/22	Apologies for absence – ECC Kevin Bentley and Cllr Clarke
002/22	Declaration of Interest - none
003/22	Announcements - none
004/22	Public Questions - none
005/22	Reports from CBC councillor – the locality budget is available to councils to apply to funding. Each Borough councillors gets £2000 each. There is a grant available if the owners of the Recreation Ground would consider selling it to FPC. Recycling can now be obtained by Click and Collect. The nearest location for Fingringhoe is West Mersea. CBC will deliver if it cannot be collected. The Woodland Trust have free trees to give away. There is a new walking app called Street Tagging, designed to help turn physical activity in to a game by converting walking, running and cycling into Street Tagging. The government will be giving the hospitality businesses £6000 to counter the shortfall over Christmas. February 6 <sup>th</sup> will mark 70 years of the Queens ascension to the throne and the Council could consider lighting a bonfire to mark the occasion.
006/22	To approve minutes of the meeting on 2 November 2021 – the minutes as previously circulated were approved for signing. There were no matters arising. Proposed Cllr Ketley and seconded Cllr Martin.

007/22	<p>To consider planning applications received</p> <p>212822 New brick shed/workshop with adjoining timber shed/veranda. Reinstatement of painted picket fence and hedge Landscaping (Revised Plans)Oakview Cottage, Church Road, Fingringhoe CO5 7BN Mrs Maria Kelly Target Date: 10/12/2021 – no comment</p> <p>Listed Building 21282 New brick shed/workshop with adjoining timber shed/veranda. Reinstatement of painted picket fence and hedge Landscaping Oakview Cottage, Church Road, Fingringhoe CO5 7BN Mrs Maria Kelly Target Date: 10/12/2021 – no comment</p>
008/22	<p>To receive planning notification decisions</p> <p>212144 First floor extension over existing ground floor. AMENDED DESCRIPTION. Croslands, Church Road, Fingringhoe CO5 7BJ Mr &amp; Mrs Griggs Decision Type: Approve Conditional</p> <p>212590 Demolition of existing dwelling and its replacement with a new dwelling (ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PROVIDED BY AGENT) The Barn, Church Road, Fingringhoe Colchester CO5 7BN Mr Jonathan Frank Decision Type: Approve Conditional</p> <p>212678 Single Storey Rear Extension Coriander House, Abberton Road, Fingringhoe CO5 7AS Mrs Dias Decision Type: Approve Conditional</p> <p>212710 Extend existing garage roof at a reduced ridge height to provide carport roof over existing car parking space adjacent to garage Hillside, Ferry Road, Fingringhoe Colchester CO5 7B Mr Liam Capp Decision Type: Approve Conditional</p> <p>202755 Change of Use from Methodist Chapel to residential dwelling. Mr &amp; Mrs R Staff Decision Type: Approve Conditional</p> <p>212822 New brick shed/workshop with adjoining timber shed/veranda. Reinstatement of painted picket fence and hedge Landscaping (Revised Plans)Oakview Cottage, Church Road, Fingringhoe CO5 7BN Mrs Maria Kelly Decision Type: Approve Conditional</p>
009/22	<p>Finance</p> <p>a) Accounts for payment</p>

	<p>Dines Agri Grass cutting July – Oct 2021 £760.00</p> <p>Roman River Trees Willow Church Green £144.00</p> <p>P Palfreyman Clerks wages and expenses £337.92 (November 2021)</p> <p>Anglian Inspection Services Play area inspection £180.00</p> <p>Roman River Trees Willow &amp; oak trees Church Green £960.00</p> <p>Adrian Watson Tommy base £190.00</p> <p>P Palfreyman Clerks wages (December 2021) £312.00</p> <p>b) To review the budget for 2021/22 – the clerk confirmed the spending was approx. £1600 under budget.</p> <p>c) To consider additions to the 2022/23 budget and agree the precept – the clerk recommended adding an extra £270 for the play equipment inspections and an extra £1300 to account for the clerks pay increase, which had previously been put forward for consideration by email.</p> <p>d) To consider closing the Barclays bank accounts and transferring to Unity Trust bank – Cllr Ketley advised he had spoken to Barclays bank manager and bank statements will now be sent to the clerk. Cllr Ketley will also ask about the clerk using online banking to set payments up, without being a signatory on the account. Meanwhile, the Council agreed to transfer the banking to Unity Trust and advised the clerk to make the application. The clerk confirmed the monthly bank charges will be £6 per month.</p>
010/22	To discuss the quotes for the new notice boards and agree the next steps – the Council agreed to defer this discussion to the next meeting pending further costings.
011/22	To discuss adopting the CBC Code of Conduct – the Council agreed the adopt the Code of Conduct with immediate effect.
012/22	To receive an update about the CIF grant decision and pending ENOVERT grant decision – the clerk advised that the CIF application had been unsuccessful due to the high demand for the grants this year. The ENOVERT grant decision is due on 18 January 2022.
013/22	To approve the appointment of the Internal Auditor at a cost of £195.00 – the Council agreed the appointment of Mrs Jan Stobart at a cost of £195.00.
014/22	To receive the reports from the play area inspection and consider quarterly inspections carried out by Colchester Borough Council. Cost to be advised – the Council agreed to defer this discussion to the next meeting pending further costings.

015/22	To receive an update about renewing the Recreation Ground, Furneaux Lane lease – the Council has received an email from the landowner agreeing to extend the lease until 30 June 2022 while the new lease or sale (if agreed) is looked in to. The clerk was advised to await further contact from the landowner or land agent.
016/22	To receive an update about the Queens Platinum Jubilee beacon event – the Council discussed the location and materials for the beacon but agreed to defer the agenda item until the next meeting.
017/22	To receive reports from Parish representatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Footpaths – nothing to report</li> <li>• Village Pond – Cllr Chamberlain will clear the weir tomorrow</li> <li>• Recreation Ground – Cllr Chamberlain will arrange to clear the high fence boundary near the car park</li> <li>• Transport – Cllr Dixon attended a Zoom meeting for bus transport, but no bus company owners were at the meeting. Cllr Dixon was advised that although the double decker buses are empty when travelling through Fingringhoe, they fill up on the journey back to Colchester.</li> <li>• Fingringhoe School – interim head is still in place</li> </ul>
018/22	Correspondence received – none
019/22	Date of the next meeting – TUESDAY 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2022 at 7pm at Fingringhoe Village Hall.

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