

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

A meeting of the Council took place at Fingringhoe Village Hall, Chapel Road, Fingringhoe,  
Colchester, Essex CO5 7BH on TUESDAY 1 MARCH 2022 at 7pm.

Councillors present: Michael Clarke – Vice Chairman

Ian Chamberlain

Emma Dixon

Sharron Law

Jonathan Martin

Petra Palfreyman – Parish Clerk

Also in attendance – ECC Cllr Kevin Bentley and CBC Cllr Robert Davidson and 4 members of the public.

035/22	Apologies for absence – Cllr Ketley and CBC Cllr Pat Moore
036/22	Declarations of Interest – none
037/22	Public Questions – the Fingringhoe Green group expressed thanks to the Council for letting the Jubilee dog show take place on the Recreation Ground. They asked if it was acceptable to put the portaloos behind the hedge near the bins as an alternative to the car park, which the Council agreed. Two members of the public attended the meeting to state their objections to planning application number 220344.
038/22	Reports from ECC/CBC Councillors Cllr Kevin Bentley – ECC will fly the Ukraine flag and light the glass atrium at County Hall as a gesture of support for the current situation in the Ukraine. ECC will carry out a coordinating role for the various organisations sending aid to the country. There is still £500 in the 2021/22 Locality Budget for the Council to apply for. There will be £10000 per councillor in the Locality Budget from 2022/23. The outstanding highways issues for Fingringhoe should be listed and sent to Cllr Bentley. Cllr Lee Scott will visit the village on 31 March 2022. The ECC budget of over £1B was agreed last month. £700M is allocated to adult social care. The Council Tax increase is 4.5% which equates to £60 per year on a Band D property.

	<p>Cllr Robert Davidson – CBC Council Tax will increase by £2.9% which is £6 per Band D property. The issues at The Hythe will be looked at and a submersible pump might be installed. The CBC Cllrs Locality budget is £1000 per councillor. The Mayors reception will be held on 18<sup>th</sup> March at the Town Hall. The Parliamentary Boundary review is ongoing. A Covid memorial concert is being held at the Mercury Theatre on 26 March 2022. The West Mersea Neighbourhood Plan referendum is on 17 March 2022.</p>												
039/22	<p>To consider planning applications received</p> <p>220344 Mr Michael Parmenter Rosewood House, Ferry Road, Fingringhoe CO5 7BX Existing hipped roof to Garage removed. New raised pitched/hipped and central flat roof proposed with front dormer. Expiry date: 11 March 2022. The Parish Council object to this development. The development is not in keeping with the street scene and will significantly block the light to the neighbouring property. The development is overbearing in size and scale and the height of the building seems to high compared to those in the vicinity.</p> <p>Certificate of Lawful Use – Existing For information only 220391 Mr David Leather Land At, Ballast Quay Road, Fingringhoe Colchester CO5 7DB Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for existing use of land for domestic pleasure Expiry date: 15/03/2022</p>												
040/22	<p>Finance</p> <p>a) Accounts payable February/March 2022</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="416 1312 1334 1547"> <tr> <td>Mortimer Contracts</td> <td>Play area – 2 x new rockers and clearing basketball pitch</td> <td>Chq</td> <td>£2484.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>P Palfreyman</td> <td>Clerk wages February</td> <td>Chq</td> <td>£569.83</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Roman River Trees</td> <td>Removal of trees fallen in play area &amp; Church Green</td> <td>Chq</td> <td>£2298.00</td> </tr> </table> <p>b) To review the budget for 2021/22 – the clerk confirmed that the budget was £850 overspent overall. Once the grant of £2000 is paid for the play area refurbishment and the insurance claim for the tree storm damage is paid, the budget will have a credit balance.</p> <p>c) To provide an update about the new Unity Trust bank account – the application for the new account is progressing and some forms have been supplied for the signatories to sign.</p>	Mortimer Contracts	Play area – 2 x new rockers and clearing basketball pitch	Chq	£2484.00	P Palfreyman	Clerk wages February	Chq	£569.83	Roman River Trees	Removal of trees fallen in play area & Church Green	Chq	£2298.00
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041/22	<p>Refuse collection contract – the Council agreed the annual CBC refuse collection contract at a cost of £358.91.</p>												

042/22	<p>Play area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) To agree a contract for CBC to carry out quarterly play area inspections at an annual cost of £183.52 – the Council agreed the contract.</li> <li>b) To receive an update about the storm damage caused to the play area and the insurance claim – the clerk advised the during Storm Eunice on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022, a large eucalyptus tree fell into the play area at the Recreation Ground, damaging the multi play unit and part of the fence. A tree on Church Green also fell on to the school fence and into their playground. Both trees were removed the same weekend and an insurance claim has been submitted. The new play rockers were not damaged, but the play area refurbishment has been delayed pending the insurance claim and the need to replace the multi play unit.</li> <li>c) To discuss installing a new surface for the cantilever swing at a cost of £880 + vat – the Council considered this cost and agreed to have a further look at the surface to confirm that it was needed.</li> <li>d) To discuss installing a see saw at the play area – the Council considered the various see saw options available and agreed the Caloo see saw at a cost of £1950.00 + VAT, was the best option.</li> </ul>
043/22	<p>To agree registration with the Information Commission Office at a cost of £35 per year – the annual registration was agreed by the Council.</p>
044/22	<p>To discuss buying commemorative Platinum Jubilee mugs to gift to each household in Fingringhoe – the Council discussed the options supplied by the Clerk and requested further options for a personalised mug with the Parish Council name on.</p>
045/22	<p>Risk assessments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) To agree and adopt a risk assessment for the pond area, Church Green.</li> <li>b) To agree and adopt a risk assessment for the play area, Furneaux Road.</li> </ul> <p>The Council agreed to adopt both risk assessments.</p>
046/22	<p>To receive an update about the Queens Platinum Jubilee beacon event</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Buying the beacon</li> <li>b) Confirming the location</li> <li>c) Planning and advertising the event</li> <li>d) Grants available</li> </ul> <p>This item was deferred until the next meeting.</p>
047/22	<p>To discuss and agree the quote for replacement post and rails at Church Green, at a cost of £1449.18 + vat – this item was deferred pending discussion with Cllr Kevin Bentley &amp; Cllr Lee Scott.</p>

048/22	<p>15. Clerks report</p> <p>a) Telephone box/book swap – this change of use has been reported in the latest edition of News &amp; Views. Once the shelving is in, the Council will instal a solar light.</p> <p>b) Locality budget for notice boards – Cllr Davidson has awarded the Council £1000 towards this and other recreational items</p> <p>c) ECC road signage – the outstanding issues will be supplied to Cllr Bentley and he will visit the village on 31 March 2022 with Cllr Lee Scott.</p> <p>d) ENOVERT grant – the contract has been received for signature</p>
049/22	<p>To receive reports from Parish representatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Footpaths – nothing to report.</li> <li>• Village Pond – Cllr Ketley advised he was concerned the Dutch drain was damaged and will get it checked. Cllr Chamberlain requested the railings are repainted in Fingringhoe Road.</li> <li>• Recreation Ground – Cllr Clarke will advise the contractor when the grass needs cutting.</li> <li>• Transport – nothing to report.</li> <li>• Fingringhoe School – nothing to report.</li> </ul>
050/22	<p>Correspondence received – Cllr Clarke welcomed the new church minister, Revd Terry Walker.</p>
051/22	<p>Date of the next meeting – TUESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2022 at 7pm at Fingringhoe Village Hall. This meeting will immediately follow the Annual Parish meeting.</p>

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.55pm