



FINGRINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING – 5 DECEMBER 2023

A meeting of the Council took place at Fingringhoe Village Hall, Chapel Road, Fingringhoe, Colchester, Essex
CO5 7BH on 5 DECEMBER 2023 at 7pm.

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

Also in attendance – ECC Cllr Kevin Bentley and CCC Cllr Robert Davidson and 7 members of the public.

063/23	Apologies for absence -Cllrs Chamberlain, Law, Martin and Powling,
064/23	To record declarations of interest - none
065/23	<p>Public Questions – Danielle Corbett from Essex Wildlife Trust attended to talk about the Wilder Towns, Wilder Villages project. The Council agreed to sign up to the project in order to support The Fingringhoe Green Group. Thirty councils have already signed up for the project and EWT will support initiatives such as swift boxes and managing plots for pollinating plants. The Green Group will discuss the initiatives for the village and let the Council know.</p> <p>Hannah Coyle, Head Teacher Fingringhoe School - Hannah introduced herself to the Council and agreed it was good to establish contact with the Council. Cllr Ketley agreed the parking problems have been an issue for many years, explaining that a path on Church Green would not work as the area below it would become waterlogged and muddy. There is a view that the yellow zig zag lines could be moved nearer the junction to prevent parking around that area. Hannah agreed that the new swing signs should not be left out all the time and only when the pupils walk up to the outdoor classroom. However, they have stopped parents parking in that area in the mornings too. Following road safety week, pupils said they had been upset by drivers shouting at them when being dropped off. Councillors asked that children are only dropped off kerb side. The clerk</p>

	will review the parking spaces available at the village hall for teachers to park there during the day.																								
066/23	<p>To receive reports from our Essex County and Colchester Borough Councillors</p> <p>Kevin Bentley – 20mph speed limit. All cul de sac areas could qualify for the 20mph zone. Chapel Rd will not qualify due to the roads it links to. The last speed survey was October 2022 so another one will be needed but will not be funded until the new financial year. The Council can pay for a survey and negotiate where they would like it to go. Cllr Bentley will receive the petition signatures at the January 2024 meeting.</p> <p>There is a huge increase in home to school transport costs and for children’s services. More children are coming into the care system and post Covid the number of SEN (Special Educational Needs) has increased. Will Quince MP has a task force for the area at The Hythe that floods regularly. The agencies responsible are Anglian Water Authority and the Environment Agency. The broken railings at the bottom of Ferry Rd will be reported to ECC.</p> <p>Robert Davidson – a reminder that garden waste collections will end in December and the paid for collections will start in January 2024. The traffic issues at Stane Park are being reviewed.</p>																								
067/23	To approve minutes of the meeting on Tuesday 7 th November 2023 and any matters arising - the minutes as previously circulated were approved for signing. There were no matters arising.																								
068/23	<p>To consider planning applications received</p> <p>232544 Ms Bacon Kinsham, Chapel Road, Fingringhoe Colchester CO5 7AU New single storey extension to front, side and rear Expiry date: 5/12/23 extended to 6/12/23 No comments</p> <p>23261 MR KEELING Floriana, Chapel Road, Fingringhoe Essex CO5 7AU To receive planning notification decisions. Application to vary condition 2 (drawings) of planning permission 231501 to allow for retention of existing garage within scheme and to re-arrange boarding and brickwork to suit alterations. Boarding added to reduce weight to rear first floor extension. Expiry date: 12/12/23 No comments</p>																								
069/23	<p>FINANCE</p> <p>a) Accounts payable November/December 2023 -the following payments were noted and agreed</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Payment date</th> <th>Payee</th> <th>Purpose</th> <th>Cheque /BACs</th> <th>Amount £</th> <th>VAT</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>06.11.23</td> <td>Impact Signs</td> <td>School swing signs</td> <td>Bacs</td> <td>384.00</td> <td>64.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>06.11.23</td> <td>P Palfreyman</td> <td>Printer</td> <td>Bacs</td> <td>49.99</td> <td>8.33</td> </tr> <tr> <td>14.11.23</td> <td>Roman River Trees</td> <td>Oak – storm damage</td> <td>Bacs</td> <td>144.00</td> <td>24.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Payment date	Payee	Purpose	Cheque /BACs	Amount £	VAT	06.11.23	Impact Signs	School swing signs	Bacs	384.00	64.00	06.11.23	P Palfreyman	Printer	Bacs	49.99	8.33	14.11.23	Roman River Trees	Oak – storm damage	Bacs	144.00	24.00
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22.11.23	Imperative Training	Paediatric Defibrillator pads	Bacs	118.74	19.79
27.11.23	Suffolk Cloud	Website hosting	Bacs	120.00	0.00
27.11.23	HMRC	Clerks PAYE	Bacs	12.80	0.00
30.11.23	P Palfreyman	Clerks wages November	Bacs	500.20	0.00
30.11.23	SPS	Play area	Bacs	14735.87	2455.98
30.11.23	P Palfreyman	Clipboards	Bacs	18.95	3.16
Total				16084.55	2575.26

- b) To review the budget to 30 November – noted and agreed
c) To note the bank reconciliation to 30 November 2023 – noted and agreed
d) To consider the clerks pay rise and back pay for 2023 – following discussion a pay rise of £1 per hour and back pay to 1 April 2023 of £242.64 was agreed.

071/23	To finalise the Emergency Plan and confirm plan holders – defer to next meeting.
072/23	To receive an update about the John Brunning Walk – East Donyland PC have asked for us to confirm that the walk does not form part of the PROW. The clerk has contacted ECC PROW team and awaits a reply.
073/23	To receive an update about the 20's Plenty For Us campaign – the petition has been left at the church, the school reception, the play group, the Fingringhoe Club, The Whalebone, Church Green and the Post Office. Also one volunteer has agreed to walk door to door. The petition will handed to Cllr Bentley on Wednesday 10 th January 2024.
074/23	To receive an update about the village sign location and agree new position – Cllr Gordon will speak to the land owners for permission and obtain a price for posts. The clerk will order the new signs costing £155 + VAT.
075/23	To receive an update about S106 monies available – the clerk has been made aware of S106 money available for Communities, which could include the village hall. The sum available is £3201.16 available with another £3503.91 potentially available at a later date.
076/23	To note concerns about privately owned overgrown hedges and consider the next action – the clerk agreed to contact ECC about privately owned overgrown hedgerows.
077/23	To receive an update about the play area works and grants – the cradle swings and toddler slide have now been installed. Further works to clean the basketball board, weeding and cutting back the trees have been

	planned. The project cost £12279.89, funded by £7310.59 S106 money, £300 Locality Budget, £2600 Community Initiative Fund and £500 from Cllr Bentley. Amount funded by Parish Council - £1569.30
078/23	To receive reports from Parish representatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Footpaths – nothing to report • Village Pond – nothing to report • Recreation Ground – nothing to report • Transport – all running well. • Fingringhoe School – nothing to report
079/23	Updates about ongoing issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barnfields vacancy. The landlord advised that the tenant withdrew their notice to quit. Cllrs advised they have seen the tenant pack up and leave. The clerk has also sent a request to the management company that the area around Barnfields is cleared up. • Defibrillator – paediatric pads have now been put with the defibrillator outside the village hall • School road signs – have been ordered
080/23	Date of next meeting – WEDNESDAY 10 th JANUARY 2024 at 7pm at Fingringhoe Village Hall. NOTE THIS MEETING IS A WEEK LATER THAN THE USUAL MEETING AND ON A WEDNESDAY EVENING

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.50pm