

**FINGRINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**COUNCIL MEETING – 3 JANUARY 2023**

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

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

Also in attendance – ECC Cllr Kevin Bentley and CBC Cllr Robert Davidson and 2 members of the public.

001/23	Apologies for absence – Cllr Chamberlain
002/23	To record declarations of interest - none
003/23	Public Questions – a member of the public discussed erecting CCTV and it was agreed this would be put up to cover the car park area at the recreation ground.
004/23	To approve minutes of the meeting on 6 December 2022 and any matters arising - the minutes as previously circulated were approved for signing. There were no matters arising.
005/23	To receive reports from our Essex County and Colchester Borough Councillors – Cllr Bentley has not been able to attend meetings as he has been helping Thurrock Council, as they are several million pounds in deficit and have now issued a bankruptcy notice. Costs for all Councils are much more expensive and ECC also has a deficit of several million. The Fingringhoe Highways defects list has been looked at and the Giveway road markings near The Whalebone will be replaced this month and the VAS fixed. A highways engineer will not visit but Simon Byatt will set up a Teams meeting to discuss the priorities. An answer will also be given about the kerb area of around the telephone box and noticeboard.

	<p>Cllr Davidson confirmed that Colchester City Council (CCC) also has a budget deficit of £4.2 million and the whole system is being reviewed and will be looking at statutory services only</p>
006/23	<p>To consider planning applications received</p> <p>222990 Mr &amp; Mrs M Childs The Grange, Abberton Road, Fingringhoe Essex CO5 7AL Repointing to north, south and west elevations and lead cladding of the parapets. Expiry date: 30/12/2022 No comments</p> <p>223032 Mr Mark Prior J J Prior Ltd, Prior House, Ballast Quay Road, Fingringhoe Colchester CO5 7DB Change of Use of Office (Class E (g) (i)) to Residential Use (C3) and erection of a car port Expiry date: 06/01/2023 No comments</p> <p>223040 Mr Francis Maston 1 Woodside Cottages, Haye Lane, Fingringhoe Essex CO5 7AE Single Storey Side Extension Expiry date: 09/01/2023 No comments</p>
007/23	<p>To receive planning notification decision</p> <p>222570 Mr &amp; Mrs Edwards Ballast Quay Farm, Ballast Quay Road, Fingringhoe Essex CO5 7DB Proposed ground floor orangery extension, internal reconfiguration and open sided entrance porch Decision Type: Approve Conditional</p> <p>222663 Mr &amp; Mrs Jules Keeling Floriana, Chapel Road, Fingringhoe Essex CO5 7AU Additional first floor plan, alterations and extension. Decision Type: Refuse</p>
008/23	<p>FINANCE</p> <p>a ) Accounts payable December 2023 -the following payments were noted and agreed</p> <p>b) To review the budget for 2022/23 – noted and agreed</p> <p>c) To note the bank reconciliation to 31 December 2022 – noted and agreed</p>
009/23	<p>To consider a donation of up to £190 towards the quarterly News &amp; Views publication – following discussion a donation of £200 was agreed. It was suggested that this could also be applied for in future years.</p>
010/23	<p>To receive an update about the 20mph speed limit campaign – the final version of the petition has been agreed and will be sent to the printers at a cost of £110 plus postage. An online version has also been set up for</p>

	the website, costing £35. The final closing date has been agreed as 28 February. The clerk will collate the results for the Council
011/23	To receive an update about the play area works -deferred as Cllr Chamberlain absent
012/23	To receive an update about the website – the Clerk has added more information to the website and has asked local groups for their information to add to it
013/23	To receive an update about the ECC road works/markings - see 005/23 above
014/23	To receive reports from Parish representatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Footpaths – nothing to report</li> <li>• Village Pond – nothing to report</li> <li>• Recreation Ground – nothing to report</li> <li>• Transport – nothing to report</li> <li>• Fingringhoe School – nothing to report</li> </ul>
015/23	Correspondence received – an email about the future of S106 benefits has been shared. The Council should consider projects they would like in the future if there was funding. Quotes are still being obtained for the posts on Pigs Foot Green The Clerk regularly checks the defibrillator at the village hall The Clerk has been advised some shelves have been built for the Telephone Box book swap. Further details are expected. The clerk has contacted local landowners about the camping at the sand works The clerk reminded the councillors to consider dedicated council email addresses
016/23	Date of the next meeting – 7 FEBRUARY 2023 at 7pm at Fingringhoe Village Hall.

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