

FINGRINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING – 7 MARCH 2023

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

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

Also in attendance – CBC Cllr John Jowers and 7 members of the public.

036/23	Apologies for absence – Cllrs Jonathan Martin, Robert Davidson and Pat Moore
037/23	To record declarations of interest - none
038/23	Public Questions – members of the public attended to hear the results of the 20-mph survey. Members of Fingringhoe Green Group advised that they are hoping to launch pollinator corridors in the village in support of the Wilder Towns, Wilder Villages campaign running with Essex Wildlife Trust. They hoped to do some work on The Commons but are unable to without public liability insurance as they are not a registered charity or a constituted group. Overnight camping issues near the sand works were also discussed with Cllr Jowers. ECC officers are reviewing ownership and is under review with Cllr Kevin Bentley. Cllr Ketley welcomed new residents of the village to the meeting.
039/23	To approve minutes of the meeting on 7 FEBRUARY 2023 and any matters arising - the minutes as previously circulated were approved for signing. There were no matters arising.
040/23	To receive report from John Jowers, Colchester Borough Councillor – As Colchester City Council have very tight budget constraints, there may be Green Waste charges from January 2024, costing approx. £40.00. This is not a statutory obligation of the Council. Food waste will still be collected, and green waste can still be taken to the recycling centres.

	<p>There will be a 9-month pilot for all visits to recycling centres to be booked in advance. Cllr Jowers is campaigning for smaller sites such as West Mersea Recycling Centre to be exempt from the new pilot scheme. There will be issues for residents that do not have phones or computers. The centres are now run by ECC.</p> <p>There will be £19.8M from the city deal. Cllr Jowers has requested some of this to be allocated to the rural villages for environmental developments.</p> <p>Cllr Jowers took part in ceremony for the visit by King Charles III and the Queen Consort today at Colchester Castle, Colchester library and Colchester Zoo, where King Charles named a baby rhino.</p> <p>A meeting to discuss 9000 new homes for the Tendring Garden Community near Clingoe Hill, Colchester will take place in the next few weeks. Building costs have risen so much it is not clear if the development will go ahead but this would help Colchester with the 5-year housing supply.</p>												
041/23	<p>To consider planning applications received</p> <p>222485 Application for Variation of Condition 2 following grant of planning permission. (202400) (REVISED PLANS RECEIVED) Miss T Paine Fingringhoe Hall Barns, Furneaux Lane, Fingringhoe Colchester Expiry date: 24 February 2023 (discussed previous meeting)</p> <p>230256 Ground floor internal alterations to kitchen area and replacement rear extension. Mr & Mrs Childs The Grange, Abberton Road, Fingringhoe Essex CO5 7AL Expiry date: 6 March 2023 (extension agreed). No comments</p> <p>230257 Listed Building Ground floor internal alterations to kitchen area and replacement rear extension. Mr & Mrs Childs The Grange, Abberton Road, Fingringhoe Essex CO5 7AL Expiry date: 6 March 2023 (extension agreed) No comments</p>												
042/23	<p>To receive planning notification decision</p> <p>223040 Single Storey Side Extension Mr Francis Maston 1 Woodside Cottages, Haye Lane, Fingringhoe Essex CO5 7AE Decision Type: Approve conditional</p>												
043/23	<p>FINANCE</p> <p>a) Accounts payable February/March 2023 -the following payments were noted and agreed</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="320 1980 1286 2141"> <thead> <tr> <th>Invoice date</th> <th>Payee</th> <th>Purpose</th> <th>Cheque /BACs</th> <th>Amount £</th> <th>VAT</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>09.02.23</td> <td>Ellisons</td> <td>Legal costs for lease (PAID)</td> <td>Bacs</td> <td>960.00</td> <td>160.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Invoice date	Payee	Purpose	Cheque /BACs	Amount £	VAT	09.02.23	Ellisons	Legal costs for lease (PAID)	Bacs	960.00	160.00
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24.02.23	HMRC	PAYE (PAID)	Bacs	12.80	0.00
28.02.23	P Palfreyman	February salary (PAID)	Bacs	500.20	0.00
07.03.23	Roman River Trees	Tree works	Bacs	1740.00	290.00
Total				3213.00	450.00

Payment to Adrian Watson of £1200 for new posts at Pigs Foot Green and £170 for repairs at the recreation ground and access to the container, were also agreed.

b) To note the bank reconciliation to 28 February 2023 – noted and agreed

044/23 GRASS CUTTING – to confirm the grass cutting prices for the coming year as £245.00 per visit and £20 per visit to weed and weed kill the play area. Noted and agreed. The Council also agreed that there are not any areas owned or managed by the Council that are suitable for No Mow May.

045/23 PLAY AREA – to receive an update about the play area work. The repairs will be carried out on 22 March. At this time, a further quote for cantilever swing surface will be given. It was agreed to go ahead with the safety signage as per the proof, with an age 12 restriction.

046/23 SPEED PETITION FOR 20MPH LIMITS – to receive the results of the 20mph petition.

The clerk will forward these results to Cllr Bentley for the next steps. Thanks were given to Paul Warren for all his help in setting up the survey.

Additional comments on the survey also requested the speed limit to be set throughout the village. ECC will have the final say about the extent of the speed limit.

Total number of online votes		158	
Spoiled/duplicated/incomplete		17	
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Total YES votes	106		
Total No votes	35		
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Total number of paper votes		126	
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047/23	<p>To receive reports from Parish representatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Footpaths - nothing to report • Village Pond – nothing to report • Recreation Ground – the hedge is growing over the signage. Cllr Chamberlain will trim this back. • Transport – single deck buses are being sent at 8am & 3pm and get very full. At other times they are double decker’s. Cllr Dixon will attend a bus representatives on line meeting later this month. • Fingringhoe School – Cllr Chamberlain asked the local primary school if they would like a coronation plaque from the Council. The clerk will follow this up. 															
048/23	<p>Correspondence received –</p> <p>Container – Cllr Gordon has been in touch with a local group who are starting up a football club for T1 diabetic children and their siblings, who have taken some kit and footballs. Cllr Ketley is also asking other local clubs. Other items in the container will be reviewed at a later date.</p> <p>Highways Teams Meeting – Cllr Martin attended the call with Highways officers and sent the council a report of the current situation.</p> <p>Sand works camping – ECC Highways officers are still reviewing ownership of this. See 038/23.</p>															
049/23	<p>Date of the next meeting – MONDAY 17 2023 at 7pm at Fingringhoe Village Hall.</p> <p>To note that this meeting will be the Annual Parish Meeting, immediately followed by the Council meeting. Please also note this meeting is on a Monday evening.</p>															

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.30pm