

FINGRINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING – 3 October 2023

A meeting of the Council took place at Fingringhoe Village Hall, Chapel Road, Fingringhoe, Colchester, Essex
CO5 7BH on TUESDAY 3rd OCTOBER 2023 at 7pm.

Councillors present: Michael Clarke – Vice Chairman

Ian Chamberlain

Emma Dixon

Neil Gordon

Sharron Law

Petra Palfreyman – Parish Clerk

Also in attendance – CCC Cllr Powling and 5 members of the public

123/23	Apologies for absence – Cllrs Bentley, Davidson, Ketley and Martin
124/23	To record declarations of interest - none
125/23	Public Questions – a member of the public asked how residents would sign the 20mph petition if they do not visit the places where the petition is being held. The clerk explained that councillors would be taking the petition door to door around the village.
126/23	To receive reports from our Essex County and Colchester Borough Councillors Cllr Powling advised that garden waste costs would be £95 in the first year, including £35 for the wheelie bin. Residents cannot use their own bins as they must be compliant with the vehicles that empty them. £300 has been pledged from the Ward Councillors towards the play area refurbishment. The North Essex Parking Partnership may be able to help with signage at the sand works. To note that there is fibre broadband ducting all the way along the verge so digging to secure poles for the signs may not be an option.
127/23	To approve minutes of the meeting on 5 September 2023 and any matters arising - the minutes as previously circulated were approved for signing. There were no matters arising.
128/23	To consider planning applications received 232066 Mr. Button & Ms. Keenan Clay Pightle, Abberton Road, Fingringhoe Essex CO5 7AT Proposed Single Storey Side Extension to Replace Existing Conservatory, Proposed Storm Porch & Loft Conversion Expiry date:26/09/23 Extended to 3/10/23 - the Council objects to the

development on the following grounds: The conditions Highways have imposed at Informative 1 (the public's rights and ease of passage over FP 12 shall be maintained free and unobstructed at all times and there shall be no access for any construction activities from the footpath), cannot be met. The plot is not big enough for the construction works and building materials to be carried out, while leaving the footpath clear. The proposed development is overbearing and not in keeping with the street scene. The footpath is not suitable for regular heavy construction traffic. Part of this footpath is privately owned and maintained, with services underneath which could be compromised by heavy construction traffic. A separate representation has been made to Planning Enforcement about the apparent change of use of the field from agricultural use to domestic use, as this land falls within the Coastal Protection belt.

129/23
 To receive planning notification decision
231493 MS DALDRY Well N Garden, Abberton Road, Fingringhoe Colchester CO5 7AS Proposed new annexe Decision Type: Approve Conditional
231667 Mr Stuart Allsopp 11 Church Green, Church Road, Fingringhoe Colchester CO5 7BN Conversion of an existing 3-bedroom apartment into 2 separate 1 bedroom apartments. There are no external changes to the building, and all work will be carried out internally, where the existing front door will be used as a communal entrance to the 2 separate dwellings Decision Type: Approve Conditional
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 Decision Type: Approve Conditional

130/23
 FINANCE
 a) Accounts payable September 2023 -the following payments were noted and agreed

Payment date	Payee	Purpose	Cheque /BACs	Amount £	VAT
15.09.23	I C Chamberlain	Pond, hedges and playground	Bacs	340.00	
21.09.23	PKF Littlejohn	External Auditor	Bacs	378.00	63.00
29.09.23	P Palfreyman	September wages	Bacs	500.20	
30.09.23	Unity Bank	Service charges	Bacs	18.00	
Total				1236.20	63.00

b) To review the budget for 2022/23 – noted and agreed

	<p>c) To note the bank reconciliation to 30 September 2023 – noted and agreed</p> <p>d) To note the Completion of the Annual Audit – the Audit is complete and satisfactory except for an item whereby the Auditor has stated that an administration figure has been entered into the salary column. The clerk is currently disputing this, but any outcome does not affect the final figures.</p>
131/23	<p>To receive an update about the play area at the Recreation Ground – refurbishment and maintenance works will start on 30 October and should take 3 days. The total cost of the works is £12556, funded by £7310 S106 money, £2500 CIF fund applied for (outcome at the end of October), £500 from Cllr Bentley councillors fund and £300 from the Ward councillors Locality Budget. This leave £1846 for the Parish Council to pay and potentially another £2600 if the CIF application is not successful. Items being replaced are the cradle swings and Daisy slide with similar apparatus.</p>
132/23	<p>To review the images for a Council logo and choose a design – the Council reviewed the 6 logos provided but were undecided and agreed to defer the decision to the next meeting.</p>
133/23	<p>a) To review the quote received for temporary school signs costing £160 + VAT. Following discussion, it was agreed to purchase two signs.</p> <p>b) To review correspondence sent via school governor's – the Council confirmed they had reviewed the document submitted and stressed that many options had been considered many times in the past. Following discussion, it was agreed to get a quote for a hard pathway along the top edge of Church Green to allow the children to walk along there in all weather, and provide a safer route.</p> <p>c) To receive an update about the permanent road signs for the school – the clerk confirmed that she is waiting for a response from the school with their views. The scheme is with the Local Highways Panel to consider. Cllr Powling suggested that NEPP might be able to help with the signage and he would ask them to look at the school area for suggestions.</p>
134/23	<p>To receive a report and costs for works to the John Brunning Walk – decision deferred until next meeting as quote is being worked out tomorrow.</p>
135/23	<p>To receive an update about the EWT initiative for Wilder Towns, Wilder Villages and decide whether or not to take part in the scheme – the Council agreed that the Green Group were in the best position to promote these initiatives, but the Council would sign up for the project to assist them.</p>

136/23	To discuss the signage quotes for No Camping or creating a mound near the sand works in Furneaux Lane – Cllr Powling recommend that NEPP is contacted for quotes for the signage. The council instructed the clerk to do this.
137/23	<p>To agree the roads to include in the 20mph survey – the roads agreed were Church Rd, Chapel Rd, Abberton Rd, Ferry Rd, Brook Hall Rd and Ballast Quay Rd. Councillor Bentley had previously advised that:</p> <p><i>“Based upon the recent speed data Church Road does meet the criteria for a new 20mph limit. The suggestion is that the first 600m length of Church Road (east of the crossroads) is progressed with a 20mph Speed Limit Order. The remainder of Church Road does not “lend itself” to a 20mph limit and should remain as a 30mph. There is also limited highway available to install the required terminal signage for a 20mph limit. As such the recommendation is for a Design Only commission in Year 1, and then Implementation in Year 2.</i></p> <p><i>The Design Phase would include the required Cabinet Member Action and Traffic Regulation Order. It would also produce a target cost for the Implementation.</i></p> <p><i>The estimated cost for the Design Phase is £7,000 and as a scheme on the Colchester LHP Schemes Awaiting Funding List it will need a funding recommendation from the Panel to take it forward.”</i></p>
138/23	<p>To receive reports from Parish representatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Footpaths – nothing to report • Village Pond -thanks to all involved in the recent working party. The pond should be OK until the spring now • Recreation Ground – the grass will be cut this week • Transport – nothing to report • Fingringhoe School – nothing to report
139/23	<p>Updates about ongoing issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome to Fingringhoe signs - Cllr Gordon will obtain the prices. • Broken bench – Holmwood Farm. The bench is being made but will be a few months before it is ready. • EALC clerk refresher course – the Council agreed the clerk could attend this course. • Overgrown hedges – Cllr Clarke will speak to residents. • Speed trap – the clerk has requested this via Cllr Bentley. • City Centre walk – the City Council are organising walks for to visit the levelling up projects around the town. Cllrs are invited to attend.
140/23	Date of the next meeting – TUESDAY 7 th NOVEMBER 2023 at 7pm at Fingringhoe Village Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 21.15pm