



**FINGRINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**COUNCIL MEETING – 10 JANUARY 2024**

A meeting of the Council took place at Fingringhoe Village Hall, Chapel Road, Fingringhoe, Colchester, Essex  
CO5 7BH on 10 JANUARY 2024 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 – CCC Cllr Robert Davidson and 9 members of the public.

001/24	Apologies for absence – Cllr Bentley, Cllr Powling and Cllr Chamberlain
002/24	To record declarations of interest – Cllr Ketley declared a pecuniary interest in planning application 232789
003/24	Public Questions – Representatives from Hastoe Housing Association, YourLand Agency and the landowners of a site land at Clay Barn attended the meeting to advise the councillors of a scheme to provide some affordable rural housing and market value housing at this site if the site can be accepted as a rural exception site. The development manager from Hastoe Housing stated “My role is the Development Manager at Hastoe Housing Association covering Essex. At Hastoe we specialise in delivering rural affordable homes under the Rural Exception Site policy with the aim of ensuring the homes we build meet the housing need of the community we are building in i.e. live, work, have family or recently left the area due to unaffordability issues. We work closely with Parish Councils and the RCCE to identify a Housing Need via a Housing Need Survey and then typically work closely with the community to identify suitable sites. With the site in Fingringhoe a landowner has approach us with a view of working together to deliver a Rural Exception Site and we all need to first

	<p>identify what the Housing Need is via a Housing Need Survey and seek approval that the Parish Council would support us in exploring this investigation. The next step would be to meet on to discuss a Housing Need Survey, the timescales of the developer and what we as a Housing Association would like to see i.e. a beautiful design, sustainability built into the fabric and a public consultation so we can keep the community involve.” The Council agreed to a separate meeting to discuss the next steps and how the Housing Needs Survey would work. Independent free advice for the Parish Council is also available from the Rural Community Council for Essex, Rural and Community Led Housing Enabler.</p> <p>A member of the public asked for support in reporting flooding issues around their property in Haye Lane. The Council agreed to contact ECC Highways and advised the property owner of some local knowledge about the drains and culverts around the property.</p>												
004/24	<p>To receive reports from our Essex County and Colchester Borough Councillors – the call for sites closed on 9 January 2024. Fingringhoe village is classed as unsuitable for development, but it will take a few months to assess the sites submitted. Garden waste bag collection has now stopped and the brown wheelie bin collection will start in a couple of weeks.</p>												
005/24	<p>To approve minutes of the meeting on Tuesday 5 December 2023 and any matters arising - the minutes as previously circulated were approved for signing. There were no matters arising.</p>												
006/24	<p>To consider planning applications received  FOR INFORMATION ONLY  232789 Mr Will Ketley Picketts Farm, Church Road, Fingringhoe Colchester CO5 7BLApplication for prior notification of agricultural or forestry development - building for vehicle and hay storage Expiry date: 21 December 2023</p>												
007/24	<p>To receive planning notification decision  231645 Mr &amp; Mrs Childs The Grange, Abberton Road, Fingringhoe Colchester CO5 7AL Ground floor rear extension. Removal of side and rear extensions. Resubmission of 230256Decision Type: Approve Conditional</p> <p>231646 Mr &amp; Mrs Childs The Grange, Abberton Road, Fingringhoe Colchester CO5 7AL Listed building application for a ground floor rear extension. Removal of side and rear extensions. Resubmission of 230256 Decision Type: Approve Conditional</p>												
008/24	<p>FINANCE</p> <p>a ) Accounts payable December 2023/January 2024 -the following payments were noted and agreed</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="320 1899 1350 2074"> <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>20.12.23</td> <td>P Palfreyman</td> <td>Printer Ink</td> <td>Bacs</td> <td>43.44</td> <td>7.24</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Invoice date	Payee	Purpose	Cheque /BACs	Amount £	VAT	20.12.23	P Palfreyman	Printer Ink	Bacs	43.44	7.24
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	31.12.23	P Palfreyman	Dec wages inc back pay	Bacs	728.84	
	31.12.83	Unity Trust Bank	Service charge	Bacs	18.00	
	<b>Total</b>				<b>790.28</b>	<b>7.24</b>
	<p>b) To note the bank reconciliation to 30 December 2023 – noted and agreed</p> <p>c) To confirm the budget for 2024/25 – the clerk presented the budget for discussion which was agreed.</p> <p>d) To confirm the precept for 2024/25 – following agreement of the budget, an increase of the precept to £13136 from £12371</p>					
009/24	To finalise the Emergency Plan and confirm plan holders – the final plan was agreed and copies will be distributed to all councillors, the school and the Fingringhoe Club					
010/24	To receive an update about the John Brunning Walk – the clerk has been in touch with an officer from England Coast Path in Essex/ECC Highways who have confirmed the John Brunning Walk is part of the footpath 25 in East Donyland and work is due to be carried out on this path in the next 18/24 months as part of the England Coast Path. It was agreed to arrange a meeting with the officer, East Donyland PC, Fingringhoe Parish Council to agree works, if any to be carried out. Any work carried out would be in consultation with the landowners and Natural England and Essex County Council.					
011/24	To receive an update about the 20's Plenty for Us campaign – there were 138 signatures in favour of the 20 mph zones, on the petition by the closing date. Arrangements will be made with Cllr Bentley to hand them over to him.					
012/24	To discuss the costs and locations for speed traps and consider whether to go ahead - following discussion the Council decided not to go ahead and pay for speed traps at the moment.					
013/24	To consider obtaining an ecology report for the village pond – the clerk obtained one quote at a cost of between £400 and £1000, depending on the details. The clerk will obtain further quotes to provide details such as water quality, wildlife, plant life and general health.					
014/24	<p>To receive reports from Parish representatives</p> <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>					

015/24	<p>Updates about ongoing issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Signage for the school, village sign and sand works signs – school and sand works signs are ready and the village sign is on order</li> <li>• Funding for the play area – the Locality Budget was not available as the claim was not submitted before the work was completed but £1000 is available for other expenses. The clerk will submit costs for other projects.</li> <li>• Defibrillator pads – new pads are on order and the clerk will organise some free training at the village hall</li> <li>• Village hall – school parking – the pre school and the primary school are in discussion about how this will work to enable the primary school teachers to park off the road at the village hall</li> <li>• Barnfields vacancy and site visit – the clerk queried the tenant leaving and asked for the site to be cleared up</li> <li>• Land at Clay Barn planning application – per public speaking notes</li> </ul>
016/24	<p>Date of the next meeting – TUESDAY 6 February 2023 at 7pm at Fingringhoe Village Hall.</p>

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.15pm