



FINGRINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING – 2nd JULY 2024

A meeting of the Council took place at Fingringhoe Village Hall, Chapel Road, Fingringhoe, Colchester, Essex
CO5 7BH on 2nd JULY 2024 at 7pm.

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

Also in attendance – Colchester City Councillor Martin Parsons & Carl Powling and 1 member of the public.

088/24	Apologies for absence – Cllr J Martin, R Davidson and K Bentley
089/24	To record declarations of interest – none
090/24	Public Questions - none
091/24	To receive reports from our Colchester City Councillors – Cllr Parsons reported that the City Council is in purdah due to the forthcoming elections on 4 th July. Cllr Powling reported that clear recycling bags would be delivered in July. The City Councillors were asked to find out the stats on any increase in fly tipping since the garden waste collection charges started and also how much consideration Colchester planners give to Parish Council comments and what their scrutiny process is for their decisions.
092/24	To approve minutes of the meeting on Tuesday 4 th JUNE 2024 and any matters arising - the minutes as previously circulated were approved for signing. There were no matters arising.
093/24	To receive planning notification decision 240727 MR & MRS HENDERSON Windsor Cottage, Chapel Road, Fingringhoe Essex CO5 7BG INTERNAL ALTERATION INCLUDING NEW WINDOWS, REAR EXTENSION AND EXTERNAL BOARDING Decision: Approve Conditional

	<p>240518 Mrs Tracy Payne Fingringhoe Hall Barns, Furneaux Lane, Fingringhoe Colchester Change of Roof Material from Pantiles to Clay Plain Tiles Decision: Approve Conditional</p> <p>240784 Mr Homewood Mallards Cottage, South Green Road, Fingringhoe Essex CO5 7DR Demolition of existing orangery and construction of a single storey extension. Decision: Approve Conditional</p>																																																																														
094/24	<p>FINANCE</p> <p>a) Accounts payable June 2024 – 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>06.06.24</td> <td>Dines Agri</td> <td>Grass cutting</td> <td>Bacs</td> <td>276.00</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>17.06.24</td> <td>EALC</td> <td>Clerks refresher course</td> <td>Bacs</td> <td>120.00</td> <td>20.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>17.06.24</td> <td>HMRC</td> <td>Clerks PAYE May 2024</td> <td>Bacs</td> <td>33.80</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>28.06.24</td> <td>P Palfreyman</td> <td>June wages</td> <td>Bacs</td> <td>509.20</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>28.06.24</td> <td>HMRC</td> <td>Clerks PAYE June 2024</td> <td>Bacs</td> <td>33.80</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>30.06.24</td> <td>Unity Trust Bank</td> <td>Service charge</td> <td>Bacs</td> <td>18.00</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>990.80</td> <td>20.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>b) To review the budget to date for 2024/25 – noted and agreed c) To note the bank reconciliation to 30 June 2024 – noted and agreed d) To consider savings accounts for the Councils reserves – the Council agree to invest £15000 reserves in Unity Trust bank at the current rate of 2.77% on an instant access basis.</p>	Payment date	Payee	Purpose	Cheque /BACs	Amount £	VAT	06.06.24	Dines Agri	Grass cutting	Bacs	276.00		17.06.24	EALC	Clerks refresher course	Bacs	120.00	20.00	17.06.24	HMRC	Clerks PAYE May 2024	Bacs	33.80		28.06.24	P Palfreyman	June wages	Bacs	509.20		28.06.24	HMRC	Clerks PAYE June 2024	Bacs	33.80		30.06.24	Unity Trust Bank	Service charge	Bacs	18.00																																				990.80	20.00
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095/24	To confirm the grass cutting contractor is given authority to cut the grass as required – noted and agreed																																																																														
096/24	To discuss a request from Rowhedge Juniors Under 9's football team to use the recreation ground for training on Wednesday evenings – noted and agreed																																																																														
097/24	To discuss the quality of the repairs to the Ferry Road railings – the clerk will send photos of the repairs to Cllr Bentley to be reviewed.																																																																														
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099/24	To discuss the quotes for weight/load testing of the goal post at the recreation ground – the clerk has discussed getting the goal posts tested with other local parish councils and none of them have heard of this or do this. A company was found in Scotland who have branches over England and the quote for the testing was £3000 which was agreed by all as a disproportionate cost to the Council. The clerk will look for grants for new goal posts and speak to the Football Association for advice.
100/24	To receive reports from Parish representatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Footpaths – Ferry Rd footpath has been cut • Village Pond – nothing to report • Recreation Ground – the hedges around the signs need cutting • Transport – from 28 July Stephenson’s buses will takes over from First Buses • Fingringhoe School – nothing to report
101/24	Updates about ongoing issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The play area gate - the gate has now been repaired • The play area bark – GK will check the ground and advise the contractor when the lorry can be brought on site to deliver the bark • Recreation ground and play area fencing repairs – the contractor hopes to start early August • 20 mph speed limit - no update • Church Green Trust meeting - the meeting has been arranged for Tuesday 23rd July • Fingringhoe United Trust Charities trustee handover – a date is yet to be arranged for the outgoing trustees to discuss the handover • Barnfields fence – reported to English Rural on 19 June 2024 • Broken VAS – reported on 11 June and now repaired • Tree survey – will be carried out on 3rd July 2024 • Clerk training – the clerk attended a refresher course at the EALC and found it very worth while • Telephone box book swap – the clerk noticed that the telephone box was overflowing and offered to tidy it up and take excess books to a charity shop • John Brunning Walk – still in progress. ECC will not install and gates to prevent cyclists • Housing Needs Survey – the full report is awaited but we have been advised that 41%/100 surveys were completed which is a good return
102/24	Date of next meeting – TUESDAY 3 rd SEPTEMBER 2024 at 7pm at Fingringhoe Village Hall

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.20pm