

The Parish Council of Fingringhoe

Colchester, Essex

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL

For the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019

Submitted to the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

On 7<sup>th</sup> May 2019

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**FINGRINGHOE**  
**PARISH COUNCILLORS AT 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2019**

**Chairman**

Gerald Victor  
**Ketley** Picketts Farm, Church Road  
CO5 7BL

**Vice-Chairman**

Michael **Clarke** The Cottage, Church Road, CO5 7BL

Emma Claudia Alice  
**Dixon** Hams Farm, Abberton Road  
CO5 7AL

Ian **Chamberlain** Antrim, Ferry Road, CO5 7BY

Jonathan **Martin** South House Farm, South Green Rd,  
Fingringhoe

Helen **Seton\*** Riverside House, Ballast Quay Road,  
Fingringhoe CO5 7DB

**PARISH CLERK**

Rosemary Harvey The Coppice, Abberton Road,  
Fingringhoe CO5 7AS

**COUNCILLOR –  
PYEFLEET WARD**

Cllr Robert Davidson  
Brickhouse Farm  
Peldon  
CO5 7QR

**COUNTY  
COUNCILLOR**

Cllr Kevin Bentley  
Willoughby End  
32 Willoughby Avenue  
West Mersea  
CO5 8AU

\* Retired from the council in December 2018

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Positions held

At the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on X<sup>nd</sup> June 2018 Councillor Gerald Ketley was re-elected Chairman of the Council. Councillor Ketley was thanked for his work over the past year. Cllr Clarke was re-elected Vice Chairman of the Council.

<b>Councillor Name</b>	<b>Special Roles</b>
Cllr Gerald Ketley	Representative on EALC and CALC
Cllr Michael Clarke	Manager of Recreation Ground
Cllr Emma Dixon	Parish Transport representative
Cllr Ian Chamberlain	Manager of Village Pond
Cllr Martin	Highways and Footpath officer

In addition to Cllr Clarke's regular inspections of the playground; the equipment is inspected annually by an independent specialist, to ensure it is safe and in good order. The Council is indebted to the late Mrs Lennon's family for continuing to allow the Council to use her land for recreational purposes.

The Council is represented at the Essex Wildlife Trust by Mr Terry Canham.

Mrs Martin has agreed to report on issues affecting Fingringhoe Primary School. The parish council wish to develop a better relationship with the school and governors.

Progress during the year

During the year, a defibrillator was purchased and installed by the entrance to the Village Hall. This is a central location for access from all areas of the village. In addition, a free training course in CPR and use of the defibrillator was arranged and took place in March. A further course may be arranged in September if further residents wish to participate. A donation towards the cost of the defibrillator was very kindly given by a resident, for which the Parish Council is very grateful.

Repairs to the fence around the play area were carried out as a number of posts had rotted at the base. One of the spring riders was also repaired and repairs to the wooden legs of the swing are now in progress as the base has become rotten.

The parish noticeboards were also refurbished to prolong the life of the woodwork.

A new salt grit bin was installed by the Whalebone junction to improve road safety in the event of bad weather which did not in the event materialise this year.

Several incidents of fly tipping have been reported in the village and these have been reported to the Borough Council zone wardens, who have assisted in clearing the waste and investigating the prosecution of offenders.

The Council has continued to monitor and report defects in the roads, rights of way around the village and chase Highways Department to carry out repairs.

The grass maintenance contract has remained with the same contractor since 2013 under a long term pricing agreement and the council has been pleased with the standard and frequency of the cuts. Mr Birkin has kindly offered to keep watch over The Common, Ballast Quay Road and inform the parish council if any action or expenditure is required.

Notices of meetings are placed on the notice boards. The Parish Council does have a website hosted free of charge by Essex County Council at [www.essexinfo.net/fingringhoe](http://www.essexinfo.net/fingringhoe) where the minutes of meetings and other information are available.

The Council is also grateful to Cllr Kevin Bentley and Cllr Robert Davidson our County and Borough councillors and for the assistance of the Zone Wardens.

For and on behalf of the Parish Council

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