

## FINGRINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL

### COUNCIL MEETING – 1 JUNE 2021

A meeting of the Council took place at Fingringhoe Village Hall, Chapel Road, Fingringhoe, Colchester, Essex CO5 7BH on Tuesday 1 June 2021 at 7pm.

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

Also in attendance – ECC Cllr Bentley and 4 members of the public.

020/21	Apologies for absence – CBC Cllr Davidson
021/21	Announcements – Cllr Ketley welcomed everyone to the meeting and said how nice it was to be meeting in person once again. Congratulations were given to Cllr Bentley for being elected as leader of Essex County Council.
022/21	Public question time – 3 members of the public spoke against the proposed development 211647 land adjacent to 4 Colne View Cottages.
023/21	Declarations of Interest - none
024/21	Reports from ECC and CBC Councillors Cllr Bentley advised first and foremost he is still the Councillor for Fingringhoe and the Borough and here to help. Lee Scott is now the member for Highways and the budget has increased and crews are out longer in the summer months. Unfortunately, COVID has put whole crews off the roads, where one member has tested positive. Today is the first day that no deaths have been reported. The priorities are renewal, equality and ambition. Coming out of the pandemic there will be help for the arts, heritage and the hospitality trade, with help to ensure people of

	<p>all ages are skilled to do the jobs available. Climate changes – small changes by everyone will make a difference. There have been some changes within CBC which will be advised in due course. There have been issues at the Hythe with flooding and the closed sluice. Will Quince and Lee Scott will be looking at this as the Environment Agency are not dealing with it.</p>
025/21	<p>To approve the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 4 May 2021. The minutes as previously circulated were approved for signing. Proposed by Cllr Ketley and seconded by Cllr Clarke.</p>
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027/21	<p>Appointment Clerk – to confirm the appointment of new clerk. Cllr Ketley welcomed Petra Palfreyman to the Council as the new clerk. Thanks were given to Carolyn McSweeney for her help as locum clerk.</p>
028/21	<p>To ratify expenditure of £900 for laptop, software and printer for new clerk. The payment was agreed by the Council.</p>
029/21	<p>To ratify appointment of Mrs J Stobart as Internal Auditor. The appointment was agreed by the Council.</p>
030/21	<p>Website – to agree a budget for the new website. The clerk had obtained 3 prices for setting up a new website. It was agreed to appoint Suffolk Cloud to carry out the work at a cost of £400 plus further costs for migrating the information from the existing website.</p>
031/21	<p>Matters arising from previous minutes not discussed elsewhere on the agenda – update on incidents of threatening and anti-social behaviour in the village. Cllr Ketley advised there are still some issues in Ferry Road and Ferneaux Road. Incidents must be reported to the Police as they occur.</p>
032/21	<p>To consider any planning applications received and note planning decisions. 211467 – 1/a 4 Colne View Cottages, Abberton Road – proposed 2 bedroom cottage with parking provision.</p> <p>The Council object to the development for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The width of the site from the eastern wall to the western fence post is only 6.8m, and not 7.1m per the plans</li> <li>• The old establish hedge has been there many years</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The proposed development will be on a bend and is an entry/exit hazard</li> <li>• It is a recognised bus stop for school children and a pickup/drop off point</li> <li>• The parking scheme is not practical as the vehicles will block each other in</li> <li>• The front and rear building line has not been confirmed</li> <li>• The neighbours will lose their right to privacy</li> <li>• The gap between the new property and the existing property is small and may cause maintenance issues</li> <li>• The location is inappropriate and too small</li> <li>• The development will result in a cramped appearance, harming the character and appearance of the street scene</li> </ul> <p>The Council also request that Cllr Davidson call the application in.</p> <p>Oakview Cottage, Church Road, Fingringhoe (1982 Grade 2 listed building/conservation area) is undergoing extensive work inside and outside the property and the Council asked the Clerk to check with CBC that the appropriate permissions had been granted.</p>
033/21	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>The Clerk asked the Council if they wish to take part in the Salt Bag partnership. This was agreed by the Council.</p> <p>The Clerk has received an email requesting a bench at Fan Hill which has been agreed.</p> <p>The Clerk received an email from a member of the public advising they had cleaned up the bench on Pigs Foot Green</p>
034/21	<p>Accounts for payment June 2021.</p> <p>The following payments were approved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• M Page Computers                      £900.00</li> <li>• Zurich Municipal Insurance        £945.17</li> <li>• Grass cutting – May 2021            £190.00</li> <li>• Locum clerk                                £444.00</li> <li>    Total                                        £2479.17</li> </ul>
035/21	<p>Insurance Policy – to note acceptance of the insurance policy valid from 1 April 2021. Cost as noted above.</p> <p>The policy renewal was agreed by the Council.</p>
036/21	<p>To receive reports from Parish representatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Footpaths – Cllr Martin will speak to the footpaths officer.</li> <li>• Village Pond – There is a build-up of weed in the pond so a working party might be useful soon. There is a TPO application in for work on the willow tree.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recreation Ground – Dogs on Leads signs are needed. Cllr Ketley will order them.</li> <li>• Transport – nothing to report.</li> <li>• Fingringhoe School – Cllr Martin met with the headmistress who confirmed the school is teaming up with another school. More information is awaited.</li> <li>• Essex Wildlife Trust – the site is now open 6 days per week. The visitor centre is open for retails and takeaway food and drinks. It is hoped normal service will resume from 21 June 2021, subject to government guidelines.</li> </ul>
037/21	<p>Date of the next meeting – Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2021</p> <p>This will be an Extraordinary meeting to approve then end of year accounts and Annual Governance and Accountability Return.</p>

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.50pm