

FINGRINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 27 JULY 2021

A meeting of the Council took place at Fingringhoe Village Hall, Chapel Road, Fingringhoe, Colchester, Essex CO5 7BH on 27 July 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 – CBC Cllr Robert Davidson and 4 members of the public.

038/21	Apologies for absence – CBC Cllr Moore
039/21	Declarations of interest - None
040/21	Announcements - None
041/21	Public question time – the owners of a local property wanted to inform the council in advance of a planning application, that they are hoping to remove a panelled fence and replace it with an evergreen native hedge. This will improve the view and be good for wildlife. The Council agreed they were generally in favour of this as the property is a listed building in a conservation area and will improve the listing and enhance the outlook. It was noted that the previous owners had not had their works reviewed by CBC conservation officers.
042/21	Reports from CBC Councillors Planning application 211467 was called in and has been refused. A full Council meeting was held on 26 June and as this is a new administration with new portfolio holder, no decisions have been made yet but there is much work to do and a backlog due to staff isolating. Andrew Ellis is the portfolio holder for housing and planning. Ragwort is a now major issue on the sides of the roads. It is a notifiable weed as when it dries it becomes sweet and is dangerous to animals if eaten. CBC stopped cutting verges to encourage rewilding but are reviewing how it affects visibility splays. A new grass cutting contract is being looked at but until then, no changes will be made. Will Quince is overseeing an action team at the Hythe and the Environment Agency and Anglian Water have removed some wood that was blocking the sluice.

043/21	<p>To discuss plans for the Queens Platinum Jubilee in June 2022 – (this item was moved up the agenda from no 17 to allow a member of the public present to contribute). There will be a 4-day bank holiday in June 2022 and on Thursday 2 June there will be fetes in the village run by the school, church, pub and farm. On Saturday night there will be a charity party with food, drink, music, a raffle and an auction. Tickets are £85 and will include all food, drink and entertainment. The charity will be for STARS at St Helena Hospice which specifically helps children who have lost parents. Many donations have been made to get the event organised and it is hoped £20000 will be raised. The next committee meeting is 4 September and the Council will be kept up to date. Tickets will be available in January 2022.</p>
044/21	<p>To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 1 June 2021 and any matters arising. The minutes as previously circulated were approved for signing. There were no matters arising. Proposed by Cllr Ketley and seconded by Cllr Clarke</p>
045/21	<p>To approve the minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 15 June 2021 and any matters arising. The minutes as previously circulated were approved for signing. There were no matters arising. Proposed by Cllr Ketley and seconded by Cllr Clarke</p>
046/21	<p>To consider any planning applications received.</p> <p>211931 Two storey side extension Mr Scott Emberson 3 Dudley Road, Fingringhoe Colchester CO5 7DSExpiry date: 29/07/2021 – No comments</p> <p>211740 Retrospective application: summer house with patio on flat roof, shed attached with mono pitched roof - traditional construction Mr Matthew Dunlop Fenders, Ferry Road, Fingringhoe Colchester CO5 7BX Expiry date: 02/08/2021 – No comments</p>
047/21	<p>To receive planning notification decisions.</p> <p>210539 Installation of an Air Source Heat pump 16kw which has been calculated as 0.92 cubic metres Mrs Laura-Leigh Asioli Haye Cottage, Upper Haye Lane, Fingringhoe Colchester CO5 7AB Decision Type: Approve Conditional</p> <p>211113 Retrospective planning application for existing decking. Mr & Mrs CurtisCallanders, Ferry Road, Fingringhoe Colchester CO5 7BX Decision Type: Approve Conditional</p> <p>211467 Proposed new detached 2 bedroom cottage with parking provisionMr R J Butler-Priestley Land adjacent to, 4 Colne View Cottages, Abberton Road, Fingringhoe Colchester CO5 7AS Decision Type: Refuse</p>

	<p>210985 Alterations to roof and to create room in roof of existing garage. Mrs J Varnals The Victory, Ferry Road, Fingringhoe Colchester CO5 7BX Decision Type: Approve Conditional</p> <p>No comments were made by the Council.</p>																								
048/21	<p>a) Finance</p> <table> <tr> <td>Accounts for payment July 2021</td> <td></td> <td>£</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CALC</td> <td>Subscription</td> <td>35.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Essex Wildlife Trust</td> <td>Subscription</td> <td>40.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dines Agri</td> <td>Grass cutting</td> <td>190.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Knight Landscapes</td> <td>Post and rail fencing at footpath</td> <td>2226.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Petra Palfreyman</td> <td>Wages and expenses for June</td> <td>308.55</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Suffolk Cloud</td> <td>Website domain registration</td> <td>35.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Total</td> <td>£2834.55</td> </tr> </table> <p>b) To discuss and agree the budget for 2021/22 The budget, as previously circulated, was agreed. A copy will be available on the new website in due course.</p> <p>c) To receive an update about the bank account The clerk advised there had been a query about one of the signatures which has now been rectified. It is hoped this will be finalised in the next couple of weeks.</p>	Accounts for payment July 2021		£	CALC	Subscription	35.00	Essex Wildlife Trust	Subscription	40.00	Dines Agri	Grass cutting	190.00	Knight Landscapes	Post and rail fencing at footpath	2226.00	Petra Palfreyman	Wages and expenses for June	308.55	Suffolk Cloud	Website domain registration	35.00		Total	£2834.55
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049/21	<p>To review the assets register – the first draft of the register was agreed. The clerk asked the councillors to confirm dates of purchase and costs of items, where possible. The clerk and chairman will review the register when checking the assets around the village. A copy will be available on the new website in due course.</p>																								
050/21	<p>To receive an update about the new website and further costs to store information from the former website – the clerk advised that the website provider recommended storing the old minutes on two memory sticks, to be held by the clerk and chairman. The extra cost for this will be up to £100. The clerk requested community information to add to the website. The go live date for the website will be 10 August.</p>																								
051/21	<p>To approve the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations – the documents as previously circulated, were agreed. The clerk advised that the NALC model documents had been used. The clerk confirmed these would also be added to the new website.</p>																								
052/21	<p>To confirm the following policies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data Breach • Freedom of Information <p>The documents as previously circulated, were agreed. The clerk confirmed these would also be added to the new website.</p>																								
053/21	<p>To consider taking part in the Colchester Borough Council Woodland and Biodiversity Project to plant free trees and shrubs in the Parish – the Council</p>																								

	discussed where trees and shrubs could be planted on council land and concluded there were not any suitable locations. Councillors agreed to speak to locals who might have some land suitable for planting.
054/21	To consider building a concrete foundation for a Tommy to sit permanently on the Green – the Council agreed this would be good to have a permanent setting for the Tommy and agreed to engage a local builder to put in the foundation.
055/21	<p>1. To receive reports from Parish representatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Footpaths – Fan Hill is overgrown with branches. Cllr Chamberlain will cut this down. The bottom of Ferry Road is also overgrown. • Village Pond – a working party is needed to remove the weeds. This will be arranged later in the year. • Recreation Ground – the whole area needs some attention. The bark surface is thin, the vegetation overgrown and the play equipment needs washing down. • Transport – nothing to report. • Fingringhoe School – there are still complaints about the parking at outside the school at pick up and drop off times. • Essex Wildlife Trust – all normal facilities at the Fingringhoe Centre are now open seven days a week. EWT will continue to take part in the Test and Trace scheme for visitors to the Centre when indoors or using the outdoor seating. Staff and volunteers continue to wear facemasks indoors. Visitors are encouraged to do so and precautions such as sanitising stations and floor signage remain in place to encourage social distancing. During school holidays, various nature trails are open for young people to explore. There will be a cautious return to normal planned events unless, of course, pandemic figures require otherwise.
056/21	Correspondence – the clerk advised that the CIF (Community Initiative Funds) is open for applications and the Council could look at this for the play area. A spare key will be cut for the village hall for the clerk to hold. Cllr Ketley advised that the village hall committee had submitted an invoice to the Council for extensive repairs to the village hall roof costing £163 700. The Council agreed that in the first instance, ownership of the village hall must be confirmed.
057/21	Date of the next meeting – Tuesday 7 th September 2021 at Fingringhoe Village Hall

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.30pm