

FINGRINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 5 APRIL 2022

A meeting of the Council took place at Fingringhoe Village Hall, Chapel Road, Fingringhoe, Colchester, Essex CO5 7BH on TUESDAY 5 APRIL 2022 at 7.20pm.

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

Also in attendance – ECC Cllr Kevin Bentley and 2 members of the public.

052/22	Apologies for absence – Cllrs Martin, Law and Davidson
053/22	To record declarations of interest - none
054/22	Public Questions - none
055/22	Reports from Essex County Councillor A meeting with FPC, Cllr Lee Scott and Cllr Kevin Bentley took place and areas of Highways concern in the village were identified. Cllr Bentley is trying to establish who owns the land where the railings are on Church Green. Also the area in front of the Whalebone notice board will be looked at. The Locality Budget application will be submitted after 10 May 2022. ECC are supporting the crisis in the Ukraine and 150 refugees will be flying into Stansted soon. Once arrived, the refugees will be entitled to claim from the UK benefits system and will get £200 for incidental expenses. The ECC website has the latest information.
056/22	To approve the minutes of the meeting on 1 March 2022 and any matters arising - – the minutes as previously circulated were approved for signing. There were no matters arising. Proposed Cllr Ketley and seconded Cllr Martin.
057/22	Finance a) Accounts payable March/April 22

	I C Chamberlain	Pond & play area clearing (PAID)	Chq	350.00	
	J J Prior	Removal of tree stump	Chq	606.00	
	P Palfreyman	March wages and annual office allowance	Chq	590.00	
	EALC	Annual subs	Chq	249.64	
	<p>b) To review the budget for 2021/22 – overall the budget was £533 underspent, but we still have the Enover grant of £2000 to be paid in (less 10% contribution).</p> <p>c) To receive an update about the annual internal and external audit – the Clerk has started to prepare the accounts and hopes to get them to the Internal Auditor and get them back for the meeting in June.</p>				
058//22	<p>Highways</p> <p>a) To receive an update about the visit from Scott Lee, Cabinet member for Highways – details of this visit are reported in 055/22.</p> <p>b) To consider a 20-mph speed limit proposal within the village – the council discussed this and felt that it would not resolve any issues</p> <p>c) To consider road safety initiatives for the village – the Council discussed this but confirmed that it had been considered before, but the landowners were not willing to sell any of their land.</p>				
059/22	Insurance Policy – the Council agreed a new policy for the coming year with BHIB costing £466.64.				
060/22	Tree survey – the Council agreed to get a professional tree survey at a cost of £274.80, which will assess of the condition of the trees the Council own or manage and recommend any works required. The Council discussed the land at The Common, Ballast Quay Road and confirmed that it is not the responsibility of the Council.				
061/22	Pond safety sign – the Council agreed to purchase a safety sign to be erected near the pond.				
062/22	Platinum Jubilee Mugs – the Council agreed the style and design of the mugs and will place an order for 2 for each household in the village.				
063/22	<p>Queens Platinum Jubilee event</p> <p>a) Beacon – the fire basket is on order and Cllr Ketley is sourcing the post</p> <p>b) The location at the bottom of Ferry Road was agreed</p>				

	<p>c) Planning and advertising – the events for the weekend have been advertised around the village and on social media. At this event, the beacon will be lit, and refreshments provided.</p> <p>d) Grants – the Council have received a grant of £1700.</p>
064/22	Parks & Open Spaces Database – the Council agreed to add a zipwire to the database wish list. If any S106 money becomes available for the village, a zipwire would be considered as a project.
065/22	Quote for pond railings painting in Fingringhoe Road – Quote not received. Defer to next meeting.
066/22	Insurance claim update – the insurers will not pay for the removal of the fallen tree on Church Green as there was no damage to anything. The Clerk is waiting for quotes for the fence repairs and multiplay unit before submitting a claim for the play area in Furneaux Lane.
067/22	Play area refurbishment update – this has been delayed due to the storm damage. Once the Council can agree quotes for the multiplay unit, the insurance claim can be submitted, and the work can recommence. The Council agreed to pay the deposit of £1300 for the see saw.
068/22	<p>To receive reports from Parish representatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Footpaths – nothing to report • Village Pond – some geese and ducks are back on the pond, but the weed has started to come back. • Recreation Ground – the grass will be cut next week. Prices have increased due to an increase in the cost of red diesel. • Transport – the buses are regular through the village but often empty. • Fingringhoe School – the Council asked the Clerk to contact the school for regular updates
069/22	Correspondence received - none
070/22	Date of the next meeting – TUESDAY 3 MAY 2022 at 7pm at Fingringhoe Village Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.25pm