

FINGRINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – date/month

A meeting of the Council took place at Fingringhoe Village Hall, Chapel Road, Fingringhoe, Colchester, Essex CO5 7BH on TUESDAY 6 December 2022 at 7pm.

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

Also in attendance – CBC Cllr P Moore and 2 members of the public.

175/22	Apologies for absence – Cllr K Bentley and Cllr R Davidson
176/22	To record declarations of interest – none
177/22	Public Questions – there are some issues with people camping at the sand works area (Furneaux Lane), mainly between April & October, which causes some issues for residents on South Green Road. Rubbish, human waste and aggressive behaviour has been witnessed. The Council will look into ownership of the land and consider ways to prevent camping, including signage.
178/22	To approve minutes of the meeting on 1 November 2022 and any matters arising - the minutes as previously circulated were approved for signing. The clerk confirmed there are two areas for CCTV being looked at – the recreation ground car park which has been agreed and the recreation ground play area, which is awaiting a quote.
179/22	To receive reports from Colchester Borough Councillor Pat Moore – all Highways issues must be reported online. The new Code of Conduct training was not very good. Colchester now has city status. Cllr Moore asked if the public were restricted to asking questions only relating to the

	agenda and the clerk confirmed the agenda stated that but it is always at the chairman's discretion. Due to the increasing costs, the Tendring Garden Community might not happen as the link road would be too expensive. Cllr Moore wished the Council and members of the public a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.																																				
180/22	To consider planning applications received FOR INFORMATION ONLY 222663 Mr & Mrs Jules Keeling Floriana, Chapel Road, Fingringhoe Essex CO5 7AU Additional first floor plan, alterations and extension. Expiry date: 17/11/2022 Objection submitted – the development is not in keeping with the street scene, being a large modern two storey development set between two bungalows.																																				
181/22	<p>FINANCE</p> <p>a) Accounts payable November/December 2022 – the following payments were noted and agreed</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Invoice date</th> <th>Payee</th> <th>Purpose</th> <th>Cheque /BACs</th> <th>Amount £</th> <th>VAT</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>11.10.22</td> <td>CALC</td> <td>Annual subscription (PAID)</td> <td>Bacs</td> <td>35.00</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>18.11.22</td> <td>Picketts Farm</td> <td>Dudley Rd hedge (PAID)</td> <td>Bacs</td> <td>38.00</td> <td>6.34</td> </tr> <tr> <td>30.11.22</td> <td>P Palfreyman</td> <td>November wages (PAID)</td> <td>Bacs</td> <td>483.00</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>556.00</td> <td>6.24</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>b) To review the budget for 2022/23 – noted and agreed c) To note the bank reconciliation to 30 November 2022 - noted and agreed d) To confirm the budget for 2023/24 – noted and agreed not to increase the precept and use the reserves for the extra costs. e) To discuss the clerks annual pay rise and working from home allowance – the clerk advised that the NALC had agreed £1 per hour pay rises for all clerks, backdated to April 2022 and to increase the working from home allowance from £1 to £3 per week, with immediate effect.</p>	Invoice date	Payee	Purpose	Cheque /BACs	Amount £	VAT	11.10.22	CALC	Annual subscription (PAID)	Bacs	35.00		18.11.22	Picketts Farm	Dudley Rd hedge (PAID)	Bacs	38.00	6.34	30.11.22	P Palfreyman	November wages (PAID)	Bacs	483.00								Total				556.00	6.24
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183/22	To receive an update from the clerk about the 20's Plenty For Us seminar and to discuss the next steps for the village petition – the final version of the village petition was agreed and copies will be distributed by hand mid-January 2023. The clerk will obtain prices for printing the petition.																																				

184/22	To discuss celebrations for King Charles III coronation in May 2023 – defer until February 2023 when more information should be available.
185/22	<p>PLAY AREA</p> <p>(a) To discuss any action against the play area contractor – it was agreed to send a letter to the contractor with proposed legal action</p> <p>(b) To receive an update on the playground works – further quotes will be obtained for the outstanding works to the swing surface, gate and to reinstall the vandalised chairs</p>
186/22	To sign the new lease for the Recreation Ground, Furneaux Lane – the Council agreed the lease and Cllr Ketley and the clerk will sign in front of an independent witness and return to the land agents
187/22	To review and adopt the new Colchester Borough Council model Code of Conduct – deferred for more information to be obtained
188/22	To review and adopt NALC new model councillor-officer protocol – agreed and adopted
189/22	To discuss the soft toys on the bench on Pigs Foot Green – the clerk will make some enquiries to find out who is leaving them there
190/22	<p>To receive reports from Parish representatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Footpaths – nothing to report • Village Pond – the clerk will look at any legislation or local bylaws for fishing in village ponds • Recreation Ground – the posts next to the car park will need replacing at sometime soon • Transport – Cllr Dixon recently took part in an online consultation about the future of public transport • Fingringhoe School – nothing to report
191/22	<p>Correspondence received – S106 money – the clerk has been advised the S106 money of £765.90 can be allocated to Community Facilities such as the village hall. The clerk will advise the committee.</p> <p>Phone box – it was agreed to leave the phone box empty as there has been no further correspondence about making it a book swap</p> <p>Pothole scheme – potholes can be advised to the ECC councillor to be filled. The clerk will advise of the pothole on Fingringhoe Rd near the cemetery corner</p> <p>Ferry Hard – the recovery of the recent damage caused by a large tractor and tipping trailer and the abandoned boats, has been referred to CBC for further action</p> <p>Church Green path – the clerk will contact Highways to check ownership</p>

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Date of the next meeting – TUESDAY 3 JANUARY 2023 at 7pm at Fingringhoe Village Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 21.10pm