

FINGRINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING – 4 October 2022

A meeting of the Council took place at Fingringhoe Village Hall, Chapel Road, Fingringhoe,
Colchester, Essex CO5 7BH on TUESDAY 4 October 2022 at 7pm.

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

Also in attendance – 3 members of the public.

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| 143/22 | Apologies for absence – Cllr Bentley & Cllr Ketley |
| 144/22 | To record declarations of interest - none |
| 145/22 | <p>Public Questions – Verity Hales, EWT Site manager, Fingringhoe Wick attended the meeting to introduce herself as the manager at the site for 4 ½ years. Verity will provide the clerk with updates when events or changes are made at the reserve. Recently some new branding and signage has been put in place and it is now coppicing season which sometimes causes concerns. The reserve relies on donations, so the village are encouraged to support it.</p> <p>The wildlife champion for Fingringhoe Green group attended to ask the Council to sign up to the new EWT initiative Wilder Towns, Wilder Villages. The clerk confirmed the Council had been sent the information and the Council agreed to sign up to the project which encourages all to look at their gardens, verges and open spaces to see what could be done to make it better for nature.</p> <p>A resident has offered to collaborate with the Council to review the 20's plenty speed limit initiative which is supported by Cllr Bentley. A map with the proposed areas and a short questionnaire will be prepared in time for the News & Views publication in December.</p> |

| 146/22 | To approve minutes of the meeting on 6 SEPTEMBER 2022 and any matters arising - the minutes as previously circulated were approved for signing. There were no matters arising. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 147/22 | To receive reports from our Essex County and Colchester Borough Councillors - none | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 148/22 | To receive planning notification decision 221904 Mr & Mrs Walters 14 Frere Way, Fingringhoe Essex CO5 7BP To construct a single storey freestanding orangery conservatory to the rear garden of the property Decision Type Approve Conditional | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 149/22 | <p>FINANCE</p> <p>a) Accounts payable Sept/Oct 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>24.09.22</td> <td>CALC</td> <td>Annual subscription</td> <td>Bacs</td> <td>35.00</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>31.10.22</td> <td>P Palfreyman</td> <td>October wages</td> <td>Bacs</td> <td>483.00</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>518.00</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>b) To review the budget for 2022/23 – at the half year point the budget is in a satisfactory position. Some areas are overspent due to unbudgeted expenses such as the jubilee mugs, but the level of reserves adequately cover this. Noted and agreed.</p> <p>c) To note the bank reconciliation to 30 September 2022 – noted and agreed</p> | Invoice date | Payee | Purpose | Cheque /BACs | Amount £ | VAT | 24.09.22 | CALC | Annual subscription | Bacs | 35.00 | | 31.10.22 | P Palfreyman | October wages | Bacs | 483.00 | | | | | | 518.00 | |
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| 150/22 | To receive an update on the renewal of the lease for the Recreation Ground, Furneaux Lane – the clerk advised the draft lease is in progress by the land agent | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 151/22 | To receive an update about the 20mph speed limit – see 145/22 above | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 152/22 | To receive reports from Parish representatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Footpaths – nothing to report • Village Pond – the spring has dried up. The next clean-up will be in the Spring | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recreation Ground – the hinge on the bin and the railing next to the car park have been repaired • Transport – there was a minor collision as school rush time. The service needs to be used or may be withdrawn. • Fingringhoe School – Cllr Chamberlain will liaise with the school if any communication is needed |
| 153/22 | <p>Correspondence received – the clerk advised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The plaque for the beacon will be ready for collection next week • Quotes for cloud storage for the clerk’s laptop are £15 per month. Cllr Gordon will provide the clerk with another business to contact • Play area gate – the clerk spoke to the playground inspector who advised the repairs should last several years. The same gates are used at all the CBC play areas. The Council agreed to go ahead with the repairs costing £225 + vat • S106 queries – the clerk is still waiting for the reply from CBC • Locality grants – Cllr Bentley had pledged £1000 for signs and £500 for the cantilever swing surface. The clerk is obtaining a further quote to erect the signs up • Village Hall defibrillator – the clerk has made the required checks and will update The Circuit reporting system • CCTV at the recreation ground – Cllr Gordon has obtained a quote for £150 plus the cost of signage. This will be discussed at the next meeting • Tree works – following the tree survey, all works have been carried out apart from the Willow on Church Green • VAS – Cllr Dixon confirmed the VAS is still not working and the clerk will follow this up again • Phone box – no one has volunteered to build the shelves for the book swap. It was suggested the phone box could be used to house a defibrillator. Agreed to discuss next meeting |
| 154/22 | <p>Date of the next meeting – TUESDAY 1 November 2022 at 7pm at Fingringhoe Village Hall.</p> |

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.05pm