

**FINGRINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**COUNCIL MEETING – 6 September 2022**

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

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

Also in attendance – 1 member of the public.

123/22	Apologies for absence – Cllr Law, Cllr Martin and Cllr Kevin Bentley
124/22	To record declarations of interest - none
125/22	Public Questions - David Burland from the Fingringhoe Village Recorders advised that some 6000 documents detailing Fingringhoe history, previously stored in the village hall, had been electronically scanned and indexed. Memory sticks are available for residents to review the documents and a copy was presented to the Parish Council to keep. The Council gave their thanks for the time and work put in to make this possible.
126/22	Reports from ECC Cllr Kevin Bentley. Cllr Bentley requested that the following report was read out in his absence. “I have applied through the ECC Locality Budget for £1000 towards your notice board and £500 towards to the swing surface in your play area. I am in liaison with your clerk and the application is going through due process and checks at ECC. I have put your clerk down as the contact and she will be contacted soon. Re the 20mph scheme. Having had the backing of the Parish Council I have asked the Local Highways Panel to undertake speed surveys to prove the need. I have quite a lot of experience in this area having arranged for the whole of Rowhedge old village centre to be turned into a 20mph zone. However, it took me over three years to achieve this because of the legal processes that are required, so this will not be a fast process.

	<p>Changing anything on the highways involves a great deal of legal work. However, what is vital is that we prove we have local support from residents, it would be a disaster if we proceeded and then find out that most of the village opposed. Therefore, to assist me may I ask that a local petition is got up to support the scheme and then this is presented to me as the local Member, I will then in turn present to the Cabinet Member as further evidence that the 20mph is required. This helps with the evidence work that is required when making changes and installing 20mph areas.</p>
127/22	<p>To approve minutes of the meeting on 5 JULY 2022 and any matters arising – the minutes as previously circulated were approved for signing. There were no matters arising.</p>
128/22	<p>To consider planning applications received</p> <p>221710 Mr Robert Bishop Meadowview, Chapel Road, Fingringhoe Colchester CO5 7BH Application to determine if prior approval is required for proposed change of use of agricultural buildings to 2no. dwellinghouses and for building operations reasonably necessary for the conversion. Expiry date: 04/08/2022 (extended to 2/9/22) Application withdrawn</p> <p>221700 Miss T Paine Fingringhoe Hall Barns, Furneaux Lane, Fingringhoe Colchester CO5 7BQ Siting of static caravan for use as accommodation whilst work is undertaken per planning application 202400 for a maximum period of 3 years Expiry date: 09/08/22 No comment</p> <p>221904 Mr &amp; Mrs Walters 14 Frere Way, Fingringhoe Essex CO5 7BP To construct a single storey freestanding orangery conservatory to the rear garden of the property Expiry date: 01/09/2022 extension granted to 07/09/22 No comment</p> <p>222112 Mr &amp; Mrs Griggs Crosslands, Church Road, Fingringhoe Essex CO5 7BJ First floor extension over existing ground floor - roof variation to that approved under 212144 Expiry date: 14/09/22 For info only – application was withdrawn on 24/08/2022</p>
129/22	<p>To receive planning notification decisions.</p> <p>221299 Mr and Mrs David and Suzanne Bruton The Wheelwright, Chapel Road, Fingringhoe Colchester CO5 7BH Demolition of existing industrial workshop (Use Class E(g)(iii)) and erection of a residential dwelling and detached car lodge (Use Class C3), together with associated hard and soft landscaping. Decision type: Approve Conditional</p>

221573 Mr & Mrs Wade Clay Pightle, Abberton Road,  
 Fingringhoe Colchester CO5 7AT Notification for prior approval for a  
 proposed single storey rear extension with flat roof extending 5.50  
 metres beyond the rear wall of the original dwelling, with a maximum  
 height of 3.50 metres, and eaves height of 2.95 metres. Decision type:  
 Prior Approval Not Required

130/22

a) Accounts payable July/Aug/Sept 2022 -the following payments were noted and agreed

Invoice date	Payee	Purpose	Cheque /BACs	Amount £	VAT
31.07.22	P Palfreyman	July wages (PAID)	Bacs	450.80	
19.07.22	Mortimer Contracts	Bark for play areas (PAID)	Bacs	4200.00	700.00
28.07.22	Mortimer Contracts	Balance of multiplay and inspections (PAID)	Bacs	5034.00	839.00
15.08.22	CBC	Bin and play area inspection contracts	Bacs	542.43	
31.08.22	P Palfreyman	August wages (PAID)	Bacs	483.00	
07.09.22	Suffolk Cloud	Website hosting	Bacs	120.00	
07.09.22	P Palfreyman	Printer ink	Bacs	38.24	
30.09.22	P Palfreyman	September wages	Bacs	483.00	
<b>Total</b>				<b>11351.47</b>	<b>1539.00</b>

- b) To review the budget for 2022/23 – noted and agreed
- c) To note all funds are now held in the Unity Trust Bank account - noted
- d) To note the bank reconciliation to 31 August 2022 – noted and agreed
- e) To discuss the external audit opt out option from the SAAA -the Council discussed the options and agreed not to opt out of the SAAA external audit

131/22	To receive an update on the renewal of the lease for the Recreation Ground, Furneaux Lane – the clerk advised her findings about registering the land as a community asset and the Council agreed not to pursue this. Following discussion, it was agreed to confirm with the landowner and land agent that a 10-year lease was the desirable way forward.
132/22	To discuss the quote to repair the gate at the play area for £225 + VAT – following discussion, Cllr Chamberlain agreed to find out what other options were available for the gate. The Council felt that this was an expensive outlay and would need regular repairs due to the nature of the mechanism and would not be cost effective.
133/22	<p>BEACON</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) To receive an update about the beacon plaque -the clerk advised that the bronze plaque was on order</li> <li>b) To receive an update about the plinth around the beacon – it was agreed not to pursue building a plinth</li> <li>c) To receive an update about the broken post and rails near the beacon -the clerk confirmed the damage was reported to ECC on 26/8/22</li> <li>d) To discuss commissioning another bench seat in the area – the Council agreed for quotes to be obtained for a new bench</li> </ul>
134/22	To discuss installing CCTV in the recreation ground car park – Cllr Gordon agreed to obtain some quotes.
135/22	To receive an update about the 20mph speed limits in the village – see 126/22 above
136/22	To receive an update about the John Brunning Walk – the clerk advised that 13 small round signs and one large sign have been ordered by the family. The Council has previously agreed to pay up to £250 towards these and will be sent the invoice to pay shortly.
137/22	To receive an update about the telephone box book swap -the clerk advised there has been one potential volunteer to build some shelves for the book swap and they will be contacted at the end of September.
138/22	To receive an update about the tree works recommended following the tree survey – the clerk has obtained quotes for the work and applied for

	permission to CBC for works in a conservation area. Permission should be granted by 16 September 2022
139/22	To review and adopt the strategic risk assessment – the risk assessment was agreed and adopted by the Council
140/22	To receive reports from Parish representatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Footpaths – nothing to report</li> <li>• Village Pond – some cleaning was recently carried out but will need regular maintenance</li> <li>• Recreation Ground – the clerk advised that weeds around the play area fence are looking unsightly. It was agreed that the grass contractor would weed kill this area each visit, at an extra cost of £20 per visit</li> <li>• Transport – the buses are empty through the village but full by the time they get to Colchester</li> <li>• Fingringhoe School – Cllr Chamberlain will contact the school</li> </ul>
141/22	Correspondence received – some complaints have been made about mess outside the properties at Barnfields and the clerk contacted the landlord, who agreed to contact the residents
142/22	Date of the next meeting – TUESDAY 5 OCTOBER 2022 at 7pm at Fingringhoe Village Hall.

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