

FINGRINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING – 7 FEBRUARY 2023

A meeting of the Council took place at Fingringhoe Village Hall, Chapel Road, Fingringhoe, Colchester, Essex
CO5 7BH on TUESDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2023 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 Robert Davidson and 2 members of the public.

017/23	Apologies for absence – Cllr Kevin Bentley
018/23	To record declarations of interest - none
019/23	Public Questions – residents commented on a recent planning application
020/23	To approve minutes of the meeting on 3 JANUARY 2023 and any matters arising - the minutes as previously circulated were approved for signing. There were no matters arising.
021/23	To receive reports from our Colchester Borough Councillors – Cllr Davidson Council tax 2023/24 will increase, and notices are due out soon. Most services will be retained but there will be a charge of £30 to £40 for garden rubbish which will raise approx. £1M for Neighbourhood Services. From March 2023 we will all have to book an appointment to go to a recycling centre. Figures for recent costs of fly tipping will be obtained. Cllr Davidson offered £585 from the Locality Budget towards the play area costs.
022/23	To consider planning applications received – 223182 Mr and Mrs David and Suzanne Bruton The Wheelwright, Chapel Road, Fingringhoe Colchester CO5 7BH Application for a variation of condition 2 following grant of planning permission of application 221299 Expiry date: 26/1/23 No comment. Some discussions were also held about application 222 485 Fingringhoe Hall Barns which was too late for the February agenda and will be added

	to the March agenda. The Council agreed to contact the City Planning Team																																																												
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024/23	To note the completion of the lease for the recreation ground for 10 years to 30 June 2032 – noted and legal fees of £800 + vat were also agreed.																																																												
025/23	To discuss the Hedgehog Highway Project – discussed by the Council but no further action to be taken.																																																												

026/23	To agree a donation to the Village Hall committee for use of the hall for Parish Council meetings – discussed by the Council but no further action to be taken.
027/23	To agree and adopt a Habitual and Vexatious Complaints Policy – agreed and adopted.
028/23	To consider applying for the PFCC’s Community Safety Development Fund – the clerk discussed applying for CCTV funding from this fund.
029/23	To discuss lighting the Beacon for the 80 th anniversary of the D Day landings – deferred until next year
030/23	To discuss celebrations for King Charles III coronation - the Council agreed that they were not arranging any event but would contact the school and offer to buy a commemorative plaque with the children’s names listed or something similar
031/23	To discuss ownership of the grass verges around the sand works in Furneaux Lane – the clerk has been in email contact with Cllr Bentley who has confirmed this is likely to be ECC land and is being reviewed.
032/23	To discuss the letter received from Mortimers Contracts about the benches at the play area – following discussion it was agreed to accept the offer of a refund of £288.00
033/23	To receive reports from Parish representatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Footpaths – nothing to report • Village Pond – nothing to report • Recreation Ground – the clerk will request a quote for the grass cutting this year • Transport – there is a shortage of bus drivers nationally • Fingringhoe School – nothing to report
034/23	Correspondence received <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Bentley has offered to arrange a meeting with the Operations Director from Ringway Jacobs to discuss the ongoing Highways issues. Cllrs Ketley, Martin & Clarke will attend • The clerk gave an update about the 20mph petition and advised there were 143 on line votes. The paper copies will be collected after 28 February. Multiple votes will not be counted. • Container – Cllr Gordon arranged for the container to be opened and confirmed the contents is a mixture from school PTA/fete and football clubs from around 10 years ago. The school and local football clubs will be contacted to offer any useable goods. • Playing fields – the quotes for the playground work were agreed. CCC will still be used for playground inspections. The gate has been removed for immediate attention.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pigs Foot Green – the posts will be fitted next week. Cllrs asked for the size of the posts and that they will be evenly spaced, to be confirmed.• Goal posts – will be painted when the weather is suitable• Signage Play area safety signs – await proofs Fingringhoe Village signs & Dogs on Leads – on order.
035/23	Date of the next meeting – TUESDAY 7 MARCH 2023 at 7pm at Fingringhoe Village Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 21.05pm