

FINGRINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 4th JULY

A meeting of the Council took place at Fingringhoe Village Hall, Chapel Road, Fingringhoe, Colchester, Essex CO5 7BH on TUESDAY 4th JULY 2023 at 7pm.

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

Also in attendance – CCC Cllr Robert Davidson and 1 members of the public.

089/23	Apologies for absence – Cllr Martin & Cllr Bentley
090/23	To record declarations of interest – Cllr Gordon declared a pecuniary interest in items 101/23 & 102/23, as he works for Church Green Trust.
091/23	Public Questions – a member of the public asked why Fingringhoe is not being treated the same as Rowhedge, in respect of the 20 mph limits on bus routes
092/23	To approve minutes of the meeting 6 JUNE 2023 and any matters arising - the minutes as previously circulated were approved for signing. There were no matters arising.
093/23	To receive reports from our Essex County and Colchester Borough Councillors – Cllr Davidson sent apologies for Cllr Bentley who is at the Local Government Association conference, where he is now the conservative group leader. The leader of the City Council will be arranging a meeting to discuss the budget for next year which will show a £5M to £6M deficit. The bank holiday party at the sand works was looked in to with Environmental Protection and the owner and manager of the site who were upset with the disruption caused to the village. The Boundary Commission are looking at numbers of councillors in current boundaries and new boundaries will bring about a possible change of councillors.
094/23	To consider planning applications received

	<p>231460 Mr & Mrs Keegan Salmons Cottage, South Green Road, Fingringhoe Essex CO5 7DW Proposed extension works and attic conversion. Expiry date: 19/07/2023 No comments</p> <p>231558 Mr Mark Prior Prior House, Ballast Quay Road, Fingringhoe Colchester CO5 7DB Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed: Change of use of Office (Class E) to Single Residential Unit (Class C3) Expiry date: 21 July 2023</p> <p>Not on original agenda – for info only. No comments from Council.</p>																																				
095/23	<p>To receive planning notification decision</p> <p>230475 Mr & Mrs J PEAT Greenacres, Abberton Road, Fingringhoe Colchester CO5 7AL Erection of detached garage/workshop/gym building Decision Type: Approve Conditional</p>																																				
096/23	<p>FINANCE</p> <p>a)Accounts payable June/July 2023 -the following payments were noted and agreed</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="320 837 1289 1115"> <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></td> <td>J Stobart</td> <td>Internal Audit</td> <td>Bacs</td> <td>210.00</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Dine Agri</td> <td>Grass cutting & weeding</td> <td>Bacs</td> <td>265.00</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>P Palfreyman</td> <td>June wages</td> <td>Bacs</td> <td>500.40</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>HMRC</td> <td>PAYE</td> <td>Bacs</td> <td>12.60</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The following payments, submitted after the agenda was prepared, were also agreed.</p> <table data-bbox="320 1200 699 1312"> <tr> <td>Bank charges</td> <td>£18.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Suffolk Cloud</td> <td>£35.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>RCCE</td> <td>£72.60</td> </tr> </table> <p>b) To review the budget for 2022/23 – noted and agreed</p> <p>c) To note the bank reconciliation to 30 June 2023 – noted and agreed</p>	Invoice date	Payee	Purpose	Cheque /BACs	Amount £	VAT		J Stobart	Internal Audit	Bacs	210.00			Dine Agri	Grass cutting & weeding	Bacs	265.00			P Palfreyman	June wages	Bacs	500.40			HMRC	PAYE	Bacs	12.60		Bank charges	£18.00	Suffolk Cloud	£35.00	RCCE	£72.60
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097/23	<p>To discuss how to proceed with emptying and removing the container at the Recreation Ground – NG advised most of the books are damp and will arrange to send them to bookrescue.com who will repair or pulp them. Other contents include old PTA items which the PTA no longer want, office petitions, safety tape and other miscellany. Cllr Gordon & Ketley will remove as much as they can and leave the container secure and in situ.</p>																																				
098/23	<p>To discuss the offer from East Donyland Parish Council for a contribution of up to £500 to improve the surface on the John Brunning path, and the next steps – Cllr Gordon agreed to take some photos and note the area on a map. An agreement about the cost and type of repair was not made at the meeting. The Council pointed out that this issue isn't within the Parish boundary although the resident that complained does have a Fingringhoe address. The clerk will contact EDPC to try and progress.</p>																																				

	To discuss the next steps for a Parish Council logo – the clerk will seek further quotes and designs.
100/23	To discuss the annual play area safety report and consider the next actions – following discussion the council agreed to send the report to a contractor for quotes to repair and maintain the equipment. The clerk will obtain quotes for new cradle swings and apply for funding.
101/23	To discuss the objectives of Church Green Trust – following discussion, the Council agreed the original objectives of the Trust remain unchanged.
102/23	To discuss the safety of employees at the Post Office, Church Green Trust - following discussion the Council agreed that the Post Office will have prepared a risk assessment and have processes in place for their lone working employees.
103/23	To receive reports from Parish representatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Footpaths – the bottom of Ferry Rd to Ballast Quay is impassable near the sewage works • Village Pond – another working party will be arranged and a grab lorry will collect the weed has been arranged at £60 per hour • Recreation Ground – Cllr Chamberlain removed the weeds around the play area. It is hoped the weed killer is now working • Transport – the clerk to write to First Buses about the number of incidents caused by buses around Fingringhoe • Fingringhoe School – nothing to report
104/23	Updates about ongoing issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coronation plaque - the coronation plaque was delivered and Cllr Chamberlain and Ketley will arrange to present it at an assembly • CCTV – no update • Salt Bag partnership – the stock of salt is sufficient this year. The grit bin in Ferry Road has gone missing • Goal posts – two have been painted and two more still to be painted • 20mph speed limit – Cllr Bentley advised a petition is needed to confirm public interest. The clerk will liaise with Cllr Bentley to progress the project. • Broken bench Holmwood Farm – Cllr Chamberlain is liaising with a resident who would like to purchase and donate a new bench as a memorial • Sand works camping signs – the clerk confirmed the size of the signs and Cllr Gordon will obtain quotes • Broken dog waste bin – the clerk has reported this to CCC. Cllr Dixon will liaise with the contractor who is believed to have bent it, to see if they have the machinery to straighten it up • Visit to the Jumbo – 4 councillors and the clerk confirmed they would like to attend • Church Green bin – the council agreed no further action to add a lid or replace the bin, at this time

105/23	Date of the next meeting – TUESDAY 5 th SEPTEMBER 2023 at 7pm at Fingringhoe Village Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.00pm