

FINGRINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 6 JUNE 2023

A meeting of the Council took place at Fingringhoe Village Hall, Chapel Road, Fingringhoe, Colchester, Essex CO5 7BH on TUESDAY 6 JUNE 2023 at 7pm.

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

Also in attendance – ECC Cllr Kevin Bentley and CBC Cllr Robert Davidson and Cllr Carl Powling and four members of the public.

The meeting was opened by Cllr Clarke requesting a minute of silence for former chairman and councillor of Fingringhoe Parish Council, Emily Bourne, who sadly passed away last month.

072/23	Apologies for absence – Cllr Gerald Ketley and Cllr Neil Gordon
073/23	To record declarations of interest - none
074/23	Public Questions – none
075/23	To approve minutes of the meeting on 2 MAY 2023 and any matters arising - the minutes as previously circulated were approved for signing. There were no matters arising.
076/23	To receive reports from our Essex County and Colchester Borough Councillors Kevin Bentley – Due to better weather the roads are now being repaired all over the county and there are twelve extra gangs to carry out this work, using funds saved from other areas. The 20mph speed limit is only suitable in areas such as a cul-de-sac, for example Rowhedge is a cul-de-sac village. The limit is not permitted on a bus route or a main road and the areas will be determined by ECC. All objections will be looked at. The CIF fund has opened and is managed by the EALC, with a closing date of 18 August 2023. Cllr Bentley also has a ECC budget of £5000. Afgan re-settlers that are currently at Marks Tey hotel must leave by the end of August and will need to find their own accommodation. Colchester already has a big waiting list for housing so it is uncertain where they will go and how their education needs will be affected. There will also be 1700 refugees going to Wethersfield airbase.

	<p>Robert Davidson</p> <p>The cabinet members are now agreed. There will be a charge for garden waste from April 2024, with a charge of £30 for a wheelie bin and £55 for collections. You can opt out and still take your rubbish to the recycling centre. The boundary review will be published on 1 July 2023 and there is likely to be another review in 2026. There will be a public consultation for this. There is £500 000 in the Rural Prosperity Fund and City Councillors each have a new budget of £2000.</p> <p>Cllr Powling is on the licensing committee and undertaking various training courses as he is new to the role.</p>
077/23	<p>To consider planning applications received</p> <p>230970 Mr Matthew Dunlop Fenders, Ferry Road, Fingringhoe Essex CO5 7BX. Replacement roof and raise height to provide accommodation with 2no. dormers to rear. Expiry date: 25 May 2023 extended to 7 June 2023. No comments.</p> <p>231083 Mr & Mrs T Reeve Chapel House, Chapel Road, Fingringhoe Colchester CO5 7AU Change of use from methodist chapel to residential dwelling Expiry date: 5 June 2023 extended to 7 June 2023. No comments.</p>
078/23	<p>To receive planning notification decisions</p> <p>230557 Mr Conrad Staines The Hedges, Haye Lane, Fingringhoe Essex CO5 7AD. Locating a mobile home in the garden. Providing a leveled 3.4 m wide path of crushed concrete between and existing road gate onto Haye Lane and the location of the mobile home. Decision type: Approve conditional.</p> <p>230704 Mr & Mrs Edwards Ballast Quay Farm, Ballast Quay Road, Fingringhoe Colchester CO5 7DB Proposed first floor extension over existing single storey. Decision type: Approve conditional.</p> <p>230790 Mr and Mrs Asioli Haye Cottage, Upper Haye Lane, Fingringhoe Colchester CO5 7AB Single storey extension and entrance canopy to replace existing porch Decision type: Approve conditional</p>
079/23	<p>To discuss the event at the sand works over the bank holiday weekend.</p> <p>Over the bank holiday weekend, a 4-day music and camping event took place at the sand works. That weekend the Council received seven emails complaining about the noise until 4.30am and the environmental effects of the event. Colchester City Council also received five complaints. The Council were not informed of this event, but residents feel they should have been advised and that more could have been done to prevent the sound travelling, such as hay bales as sound barriers. Environmental Protection at CCC have noted these concerns should a future licence be applied for. The manager of the sand works</p>

	<p>was also informed, and the Council were advised a similar previous event had taken place without complaint.</p>
080/23	<p>FINANCE</p> <p>a) Accounts payable May/June 2023 -the following payments were noted and agreed</p> <p>b) To note the bank reconciliation to 31 May 2023 – noted and agreed</p> <p>c) To note the Annual Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2023 – noted and agreed</p> <p>d) To note the report from the Internal Auditor -noted and agreed. Thanks were given to the clerk for well-presented accounts and reports</p> <p>e) To approve and sign the Annual Governance Statement (Section 1) – noted and approved</p> <p>f) To approve and sign the Annual Governance Statement (Section 2) – noted and approved</p> <p>g) To advise the dates for the Exercise of Public Rights – from 7 June 2023 to 18 July 2023. A notice will be displayed on the notice boards and website.</p>
081/23	<p>Play area</p> <p>a) To note the removal of the cradle swings and consider the next actions – the Council agreed to get a quote for repairs and also look at grants available to replace them</p> <p>b) To note the damage to the Daisy slide and agree the cost of the repairs – the repairs were completed yesterday, and the invoice is awaited</p> <p>c) To note extended Locality Budget funding for the cantilever swing surface and reconsider the works – the Council agreed not to pursue the Locality budget</p>
082/23	<p>To discuss the works to repair/replace the broken bench on the bridle path at Holmwood Farm – a quote to replace the bench is £300/£350. Cllr Chamberlain will obtain a further quote.</p>
083/23	<p>To consider No Camping/litter signage on the verges at the sand works – following discussion it was agreed to purchase four signs stating no Overnight Parking, By Order Fingringhoe Parish Council to be placed on the verges in Furneaux Lane</p>
084/23	<p>To resolve to adopt the General Power of Competence until the next Annual meeting, as defined in the Localism Act 2011 and SI 965 the Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012, having met all the conditions of eligibility, being;</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • at least two thirds of the council must hold office as a result of being declared elected (i.e., not co-opted). • the Clerk must hold a recognised professional qualification (e.g., Certificate in Local Council Administration, Certificate of Higher Education in Local Policy) and have passed the 2012 CiLCA module relating to the general power of competence. <p>This item was not discussed as the Council are not eligible as two thirds of the councillors were not elected.</p>
085/23	To review and adopt the new Colchester Borough Council model Code of Conduct – noted and agreed
086/23	<p>To receive reports from Parish representatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Footpaths Fan Hill footpath is overgrown. • Village Pond – the working part met last week. A muck away lorry is needed next time to remove the weed • Recreation Ground – the grass will be cut before the school sports day • Transport – nothing to report • Fingringhoe School – the school sports day is 23 June 2023
087/23	<p>Updates about ongoing issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal posts at Recreation Grounds – two posts have been painted and there is two more to paint • Coronation plaque – the plaque will be delivered next week • Ferry Road boat – notice has been served on the boat to remove it • Play area gate – now repaired and paid for. The weeds around the edges of the play area will be reported to the contractor • John Brunning walk surface – EDCP have agreed in principle to help with the costs to improve the surface
088/23	Date of the next meeting – TUESDAY 4 JULY 2023 at 7pm at Fingringhoe Village Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.30pm