



FINGRINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING – 7th November

A meeting of the Council took place at Fingringhoe Village Hall, Chapel Road, Fingringhoe, Colchester, Essex
CO5 7BH on TUESDAY 7th NOVEMBER 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 C Powling and 5 members of the public.

041/23	Apologies for absence – Cllrs Bentley, Davidson and Martin
042/23	To record declarations of interest - none
043/23	Public Questions – the applicant of planning application number 232449 asked for support for the application.
044/23	To receive reports from our Essex County and Colchester Borough Councillors – Garden waste collections from white sacks stops in December and the new wheelie bin collection starts in January 2024. The one-off cost for a bin is £35 per bin and £55 per year, per bin for collection. A household can have up to 4 bins and households can share with neighbours. Residents can register for this from now.
045/23	To approve minutes of the meeting on 3 rd OCTOBER 2023 and any matters arising - the minutes as previously circulated were approved for signing. There were no matters arising.

052/23	To discuss and confirm the Emergency Plan – the clerk prepared a draft plan. Some additions and amendments were made by councillors. The clerk will prepare the final draft for circulation.
053/23	To discuss the next steps for the 20mph campaign – the roads to be included in petition were agreed. Copies will be made available at The Whalebone, the school, the village hall foyer, the Fingringhoe Club, the church lobby and the Post Office/Church Green Trust. Councillors will also consider door to door canvassing with the help of volunteers.
054/23	To discuss the quote of £94.93 + VAT each for the sand works No Overnight Camping signs and discuss the next actions – the Council agreed to manage the placement of 4 signs on the fence posts, subject to landowners' permission. A local donation has been offered to fund these.
055/23	To agree the purchase of paediatric pads for the defibrillator at a cost of £94.00 + VAT – the Council agreed to purchase the pads for the defibrillator located outside the village hall.
056/23	To discuss the Local Plan Review Call for Sites and consider any sites for submission – no sites were suggested by the Council. The notice will be displayed on the noticeboards.
057/23	To review the quote of £126 + VAT for a school road sign and consider next action – the Council agreed to fund and erect the sign in Ballast Quay Road.
058/23	To review the quote to supply and fit a new Welcome to Fingringhoe sign costing £155 + VAT – the Council discussed finding a new location for the sign so that it is not too easy to steal. Cllr Gordon will look at sites and report to the Council.
059/23	To consider a request from the Villagers Recorders for a grant of £250 - £300 for printing costs of a new publication about Fingringhoe – the Council agreed a grant of £300.
060/23	To receive reports from Parish representatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Footpaths – nothing to report • Village Pond – nothing to report • Recreation Ground – nothing to report • Transport – nothing to report • Fingringhoe School – a school governor came to the last meeting. The clerk to make contact for next actions
061/23	Updates about ongoing issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wilder Towns, Wilder Villages – EWT will be attending the next meeting to advise about this project

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play area refurbishment – the refurbishment has improved the site with the new cradle swings and toddler multiplay slide. The clerk will arrange for the basketball board to be cleaned, some weeds around the fence to be cleared and trees overhanging the play area cleared. • School signs – the new temporary swing signs have been well received. Cllr Chamberlain to contact to the school about leaving them out when not in use. • The clerk has established a contact with the MOD which will help with future land issues in the Parish, where the land is MOD owned. • School – the head teacher will come to the December meeting. • Some emergency work to the Oak Tree on Church Green was needed following storms. Invoice for this was £120.00 + VAT. • The clerk's annual pay increase has been agreed with the NALC and will be reviewed next meeting.
062/23	Date of the next meeting – TUESDAY 5 th DECEMBER 2023 at 7pm at Fingringhoe Village Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 21:10pm.