



FINGRINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING – 5th NOVEMBER 2024

A meeting of the Council took place at Fingringhoe Village Hall, Chapel Road, Fingringhoe, Colchester, Essex
CO5 7BH on 5TH November 2024 at 7pm.

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

Also in attendance – Colchester City Councillors Robert Davidson and Carl Powling and one member of the public.

- 132/24 Apologies for absence – Cllr Parsons, Cllr Gordon, Cllr Clarke and Cllr Bentley
133/24 To record declarations of interest – none
134/24 Public Questions – none
135/24 To receive reports from our Essex County and Colchester City Councillors

Cllr Powling – The Local Plan is now being discussed. Following the Recycling Consultation, all households will get a black wheelie bin for general waste and a green wheelie bin for combined tins, plastic and paper. Households that cannot accommodate the bins will be offered alternatives. Roll out of the new bins will be between October 2025 and April 2026. Bottles will still be collected in the green boxes and food waste collection will be the same. There will not be any extra charges for the two wheelie bins. Essex County Council has declared they will not have any landfill sites after 2026. The incinerator being built at Rivenhall is almost finished and will burn non-recyclable waste. An extra £25M is being invested in pothole repairs on top of the £37M already budgeted.

Cllr Davidson - The strategic planners have delayed any outcomes until Spring 2025. The Labour Group are pushing for a Greater Essex which would remove Boroughs and have a Mayor of Essex.

- 136/24 To approve minutes of the meeting on 1st October 2024 and any matters arising - the minutes as previously circulated were approved for signing. There were no matters arising
- 137/24 To consider planning applications received - none
- 138/24 To receive planning notification decision

241779 Mrs Tracy Paine Barnfields, Furneaux Lane, Fingringhoe Colchester CO5 7BQ Extend the current in-use cart lodge, increasing car storage by two spaces and adding an additional door to the end bay. The proposed extension replicates the design of the existing cart lodge. Its profile is made to reflect the current cart lodge. Decision: Approve Conditional

139/24 FINANCE

a) Accounts payable 31 October 2024 – noted and agreed

Payment date	Payee	Purpose	Method	Total Amount £	VAT
03.10.24	HMRC	Clerks PAYE September	Bacs	220.80	
17.10.24	Dines Agri	Grass cutting	Bacs	276.00	
23.10.24	Impact Signs Ltd	No Climbing signs	Bacs	204.00	34.00
30.10.23	Fingringhoe Village Recorders	Donation towards book about history of the village	Bacs	300.00	
31.10.24	P Palfreyman	Clerks salary October	Bacs	478.00	
31.10.24	HMRC	Clerks PAYE October	Bacs	65.00	
31.10.24	Unity Trust	Service charge	Bacs	5.40	
Total				1549.20	

- b) To review the budget to 31 October 2024 – noted and agreed
- c) To note the bank reconciliation to 31 October 2024 – noted and agreed
- d) To note the receipt of the 2023/24 VAT refund of £3701.71 - noted
- e) To note the new bank signatory – Cllr Martin was noted as the new signatory
- f) To note the interest on the savings account and the change to the interest rate – noted
- g) To consider the clerks pay rise (as recommended by the NALC) of 62p per hour over 30 hours per month, backdated to 1 April 2024 – Following discussion the pay rise and back pay of £130.20 was agreed

140/24 Housing Needs Survey – to consider correspondence from the RCCE about non-committal site finding and any further queries to address concerns – the Council agreed to having a look at sites around the village and advertising for local landowners to come forward with potential sites.

141/24 To discuss the report from Essex Wildlife Trust regarding Fingringhoe Common and a Land Registry update – the Clerk confirmed that Colchester City Council will help with the Land Registry actions needed. A copy of the report is attached.

- 142/24 To agree Council meeting dates for 2025 – the dates were agreed for the first Tuesday of each month apart from August when there is not a meeting.
- 143/24 To note the outcome for the request for 20mph speed limits around the village and to decide the next actions - Cllr Bentley has advised that based upon speed data from an automatic traffic count (ATC), Church Road did meet the criteria for a new 20mph limit throughout, so it is suggested that the first 600m length of Church Road only (east of the crossroads) is progressed with a 20mph Speed Limit Order. However, the Council have requested that this is started further back at the bottom on Fan Hill. The remainder of Church Road is not suitable and there is also limited highway space available to install the required terminal signage for a 20mph limit. The recommendation was for a Design Only commission in Year 1, and then Implementation in Year 2. The Design Phase would include the required Cabinet Member Action and Traffic Regulation Order. The estimated cost for the Design Phase is £7,000 and is a scheme on the Colchester Local Highways Panel (LHP) Schemes Awaiting Funding List which would need a funding recommendation from the Panel to take it forward. The other roads that we put in for can only be considered if the mean speeds are equal or lower to 24 mph. As there is not any speed data for these roads, this would require further traffic counts at a cost of £368.20 per road. This would also have to go on the LHP funding list, which is based on priorities agreed by their committee. Alternatively, the Council could fund this but have agreed not to do this and let them sit on the LHP list for now.
- 144/24 To receive reports from Parish representatives
- Footpaths – nothing to report
 - Village Pond – a contractor will be engaged to grab the pond weed from the pond
 - Recreation Ground – the repairs to the deer fencing and play area fencing is complete and new No Climbing signs have been erected
 - Transport – buses are empty in the village but fill up on the way to Colchester
 - Fingringhoe School – nothing to report
- 145/24 Updates about ongoing issues
- Broken bench – Holmwood Farm - Cllr Chamberlain to look at to consider repair or replacement
 - Locality budget - £1000 has been awarded by Cllr Bentley towards the fencing repairs
 - Message from Village Recorders – gave their thanks for the £300 donation towards their new publication
 - Village name sign – the clerk suggested looking into a large stone village sign which cannot be stolen. Councillors agreed the clerk should carry out more research.
- 146/24 Date of the next meeting – TUESDAY 3rd DECEMBER 2024 at 7pm at Fingringhoe Village Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.35pm

