



FINGRINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING – 1st JULY 2025

A meeting of the Council took place at Fingringhoe Village Hall, Chapel Road, Fingringhoe, Colchester, Essex
CO5 7BH on 1st July 2025 at 7pm.

Councillors present: Sharron Law – Vice Chairman

Derek Henderson

Ian Chamberlain

Jonathan Martin

Petra Palfreyman – Parish Clerk

Also in attendance – Colchester City Councillor Dr Martin Parsons and 1 members of the public.

- 088/25 Apologies for absence – Cllr Gerald Ketley, Cllr Emma Dixon, Cllr Neil Gordon, Cllr Carl Powling, Cllr Robert Davidson and Cllr Kevin Bentley
- 089/25 To record declarations of interest – none
- 090/25 Co-option of a new member – the Council voted unanimously to co-opt Derek Henderson. Cllr Henderson signed the Acceptance of Office and joined the councillors for the rest of the meeting
- 091/25 Public Questions – none
- 092/25 To receive reports from Colchester City Councillor Dr Martin Parsons
- Cllr Parsons advised that when the last Local Plan was developed Colchester City Council and Tendring District Council agreed to a garden community on their borders with 7500 houses. The intention was to have a low traffic neighbourhood and a link road to the A133 and A120 and a rapid transport scheme, funded by the government. This has been part built but the government funding has been withdrawn and the promised infrastructure before the build has not happened.
- Chief Inspector Michelle Sparks is the new District Commander of the Colchester District of Essex Police, and is keen to engage with local councils.
- 093/25 To approve minutes of the meeting on 3RD June 2025 and any matters arising - the minutes as previously circulated were approved for signing. There were no matters arising

094/25 To receive planning notification decisions

250624 Ms Gemma Dudley April Cottage, Ferry Road, Fingringhoe Colchester
CO5 7BY Construction of ground floor rear extension to replace existing conservatory
Decision type: Approve Conditional

250811 Mr Conrad Staines The Hedges, Haye Lane, Fingringhoe Essex CO5 7AD
Application for variation of condition 1 following grant of planning permission 230557
Decision type: Approve Conditional

095/25 FINANCE

a) Accounts payable June 2025 -the following payments were noted and agreed

Payment date	Payee	Purpose	Method	Total Amount £	VAT
06.06.25	Ferry trustees	Donation for new ferry	Bacs	500.00	
06.06.25	Roman River Trees	Willow tree – Church Green	Bacs	1020.00	170.00
06.06.25	P Palfreyman	Sympathy card	Bacs	2.25	
10.06.25	Dines Agri	Grass cutting	Bacs	276.00	
30.06.25	Unity Trust Bank	Service charge	Bacs	6.00	
Total				1804.25	170.00

b) To review the budget to 30 June 2025 – noted and agreed

c) To note the bank reconciliation to 30 June 2025 – noted and agreed

d) To agree a new bank signatory – Cllr Henderson agreed to become a new bank signatory

096/25 To consider a quote of £210.00 from Colchester City Council for maintenance to equipment at the play area – following discussion the quote was agreed by the Council

097/25 To consider adding commemorative plaques to the beacon for each event it is lit for - following discussion it was agreed to add plaques to the beacon for each celebration. The clerk will organise backdated plaques for the events that have taken place

098/25 To consider a quote for repairs to the pond boardwalk (details not available at time of publishing) – the quote was not available and the decision will be deferred until the next meeting

099/25 To consider quotes for a replacement bench outside the play area, funded by S106 monies, (costs approx. £650 plus removal of old bench and fitting new bench) – following discussion it was agreed to leave the existing bench in place and put another bench on the recreation ground, location to be agreed.

- 100/95 To discuss sending a letter to Colchester City Council regarding the draft local plan village envelope - the clerk has contacted Abberton & Langenhoe Parish Council, as the other Parish affected by the draft local plan, and agreed to send the same letter as them to the City Council to address the Councils concerns
- 101/95 To confirm the new date for the September meeting as Tuesday 16th September – this date was confirmed to accommodate the clerks annual leave and councillors absences
- 102/95 To receive reports from Parish representatives
- Footpaths – nothing to report
 - Village Pond – the weed has recently been cleared
 - Recreation Ground – Cllr Gordon reported to the clerk that he had cleared up rubbish and weeded the play area. One post in the car park is rotten and it was discussed whether this was due to strimming and if weedkiller would be a better option, with the consensus being to continue strimming. There is rubbish in the adjacent copse which will be reported to the owner
 - Transport – nothing to report
 - Fingringhoe School – nothing to report
- 103/95 Updates about ongoing issues
- Common Land – agreed to engage professional help
 - Tree works applications – work in progress for the autumn works
 - Barnfields – in discussion with English Rural
 - Pond kerb subsidence – no update received from ECC
 - Tree Preservation Order – the recent application for a TPO on the old oak on Church Green has been rejected by Colchester City Council as it is already protected by being in a conservation area
 - Village name stone – now completed and the clerk to arrange delivery
 - Salt Bag Partnership – more road salt will be requested
 - Football clubs – another local team has requested to play on Wednesday evenings. The Council agreed this on an informal basis
 - Ferry Road bin – a replacement rubbish bin (that dog waste can also be put in) will be provided by CCC
 - Recreation gates – these are opened and closed by volunteers
- 104/25 Date of the next meeting – Tuesday 16 September 2025 at 7pm at Fingringhoe Village Hall. Note this is a new date to the date earlier advertised and is the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.10hrs