



FINGRINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING – 6 MAY 2025

The Annual meeting of the Council took place at Fingringhoe Village Hall, Chapel Road, Fingringhoe, Colchester, Essex CO5 7BH on 6th May 2025 at 7pm.

Councillors present: Gerald Ketley – Chairman

Ian Chamberlain

Michael Clarke

Neil Gordon

Jonathan Martin

Petra Palfreyman – Parish Clerk

Also in attendance – and Colchester City Councillors Carl Powling and Robert Davidson and 3 members of the public.

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| 053/25 | Election of chairman for the coming year – Cllr Ketley was nominated and unanimously elected |
| 054/25 | Election of vice chairman for the coming year – Cllr Law was nominated and unanimously elected |
| 055/25 | Apologies for absence – Cllr Dixon, Cllr Law and ECC Cllr Kevin Bentley |
| 056/25 | To record declarations of interest – none |
| 057/25 | Public Questions – a member of the public mentioned the rave that has been held at the quarry over the last two years late May bank holiday. The clerk confirmed that she had already been in touch with Environmental Protection at CCC and so far, no application has been made. The Council agreed to work with the member of the public to write a post for the local Facebook page, advising how to contact CCC in advance of the event to oppose it taking place. |
| 058/25 | To receive reports from our Colchester City Councillors |

Robert Davidson

The Essex County Council leader Cllr Kevin Bentley is having monthly meetings about the local government reform. There are no further details available at present, but the final submission must be submitted by September 2025.

There have been elections all over the country apart from Essex.

Carl Powling

There will be a Local Plan meeting tomorrow which may overturn the previous decision made, to wait for the infrastructure plan. If the majority of councillors support it, it will go to consultation. The local issues with the water supply and sewage are known.

Wolverhampton cabs are operating in the area as the licences are cheaper to obtain there. If a complaint arises it must be sent to Wolverhampton council to review it. CCC are aware of this.

059/25 To approve minutes of the meeting on 1 APRIL 2025 and any matters arising - the minutes as previously circulated were approved for signing. There were no matters arising

060/25 To consider planning applications received

250811 Mr Conrad Staines The Hedges, Haye Lane, Fingringhoe Essex CO5 7AD
Application for variation of condition 1 following grant of planning permission 230557
Expiry date: 21 May 2025. No comment

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

250624 April Cottage, Ferry Road, Fingringhoe Colchester CO5 7BY Construction of
ground floor rear extension to replace existing conservatory Expiry date: 18/04/25
Discussed by email under delegated powers – No comment

061/25 FINANCE

a) Accounts payable April/May 2025 – noted and agreed

Payment date	Payee	Purpose	Method	Total Amount £	VAT
01.04.25	Clear Insurance Management Ltd	Annual fee	Bacs	601.34	
01.04.25	Petra Palfreyman	Printer ink	Bacs	17.84	2.97
01.04.25	Petra Palfreyman	March wages and office allowance	Bacs	543.80	
01.04.25	HMRC	Clerks PAYE	Bacs	68.80	14.00
02.04.25	RCCE	Annual subscription	Bacs		
02.04.25	Ian Chamberlain	Pond bridge and bridleway bench	Bacs		
28.04.25	EALC	Annual subscription	Bacs	286.26	

28.04.25	P Palfreyman	Cycle signs	Bacs	13.88	2.32
28.04.25	Colchester City Council	Bin contract and play area inspection contract	Bacs	671.95	
28.04.25	John Watson	Internal Audit	Bacs	200.00	
28.04.25	Dines Agri	Grass cutting	Bacs	276.00	
30.04.25	P Palfreyman	April wages	Bacs	493.00	
30.04.25	HMRC	Tax and eers NI	Bacs	90.29	
30.04.25	Unity Trust Bank	Service charge	Bacs	6.00	
Total				3463.16	19.29

- b) To note the bank reconciliation to 30 April 2025 – noted and agreed
- c) To note the Annual Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2025 – noted and agreed
- d) To note the report from the Internal Auditor – noted and agreed. The Certificate of Exemption was also approved and signed
- e) To approve and sign the Annual Governance Statement (Section 1) – noted and signed
- f) To approve and sign the Annual Governance Statement (Section 2) – noted and signed
- g) To advise the dates for the Exercise of Public Rights – noted and agreed

062/25 To review and agree the following polices and documents. All noted and agreed

Standing Orders	Financial Regulations
Freedom of Information	Co-option policy
Date Breach policy	Strategic Risk assessment
Code of Conduct	Model Councillor/Officer protocol

063/25 To review and agree the asset register – noted and agreed

064/25 To discuss the location of the new village sign – following discussion it was agreed to defer the decision until the sign is received, in ten to twelve weeks' time.

065/25 To receive an update about the VE DAY 80 beacon lighting on Thursday 8th May 2025 at 9.30pm. The beacon will be lit at 9.30pm at the bottom of Ferry Road. Free parking is available at Picketts Farm.

066/25 To consider a request for donation from the Wivenhoe, Rowhedge and Fingringhoe Ferry, to purchase a new ferry in 2026 – following discussion it was agreed to defer the decision until next month when the full council were available

067/25 To receive reports from Parish representatives

- Footpaths – nothing to report
- Village Pond – nothing to report
- Recreation Ground – nothing to report

- Transport – nothing to report
- Fingringhoe School – nothing to report

068/25

To receive an update about the following:

- Boardwalk at pond – the clerk has contacted Community Payback to see if they can repair the boardwalk
- Surface water/village pond – reported to ECC and under investigation
- Barnfields – the clerk/Chairman is having a meeting with the site manager next week
- Cycling signs – will be put up along the John Brunning Way shortly
- Common land – the clerk is still making enquiries
- Play area – some tidying up to be carried out before summer

CLlr Michael Clarke

CLlr Ketley advised that this was Mike' last official meeting as he has resigned from the Council after many years of service. Mike has been an asset to the village and the Council and we will miss him and appreciate all that he has done.

CLlrs Jowers, Davidson, Powling and Bentley also passed on their thanks.

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Date of the next meeting – TUESDAY 3rd JUNE 2025 at 7pm at Fingringhoe Village Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.25pm