



FINGRINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 3rd DECEMBER 2024

A meeting of the Council took place at Fingringhoe Village Hall, Chapel Road, Fingringhoe, Colchester, Essex CO5 7BH on Tuesday 3rd December 2024 at 7pm.

Councillors present: Gerald Ketley – Chairman

Ian Chamberlain

Michael Clarke

Emma Dixon

Jonathan Martin

Petra Palfreyman – Parish Clerk

Also in attendance – Colchester City Councillor Dr Martin Parsons and 3 members of the public.

147/24 Apologies for absence – Cllr Neil Gordon, Cllr Sharron Law, Colchester City Cllr Carl Powling, Colchester City Cllr Robert Davidson and Essex County Cllr Kevin Bentley

148/24 To record declarations of interest – Cllr Martin declared an interest in planning application 242122, as this refers to his own property.

149/24 Public Questions – a member of the public commented against planning application no 242347.

Hannah Coyle the school head requested use of Church Green for the pupils to carry out orienteering activities. This will allow the pupils to hunt for moveable items using a map, to help them improve their skills. The Council agreed to allow this. Hannah also mentioned that several school staff now regularly park in the village hall car park, although this time of year they find it too dark to walk back and forth on the unlit roads. Traffic wardens have also been in the school area and issued tickets. Now the John Brunning pathway is better, the parents and pupils will be starting a walking bus from Rowhedge soon.

150/24 To receive reports from Colchester City Councillors - Dr Martin Parsons advised the NPF (National Policy Framework) may change at the end of December 2024. A White Paper will be published mid-December about the local government reorganisation.

0151/24 To approve minutes of the meeting on 5 November 2024 and any matters arising - the minutes as previously circulated were approved for signing. There were no matters arising.

152/24

To consider planning applications received.

242347 Mr & Mrs Keegan Salmons Cottage, South Green Road, Fingringhoe Essex CO5 7DW Annexe/garage building to replace existing garage. Expiry date: 11/12/2024 This application is considered over- development. The original footprint has been extended and will overlook neighbouring property. Neighbours views should be taken in to consideration.

242122 Mr and Mrs Jonathan & Victoria Martin South House Farm, South Green Road, Fingringhoe Essex CO5 7DP Side and rear extension to existing outhouse building and internal reconfiguration Expiry date: 12/12/2024 – no comments

242341 Dr Tareen 6 The Dingle, Ballast Quay Road, Fingringhoe Essex CO5 7DB Demolition of existing conservatory and construction of a single storey side extension. Construction of a two-storey side/rear extension. Expiry date: 13/12/2024 – no comments

153/24

To receive planning notification decision - none.

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FINANCE

a) Accounts payable November 2024 -the following payments were noted and agreed

Payment date	Payee	Purpose	Method	Total Amount £	VAT
28.11.24	M J Grabs	Pond weed removal	Bacs	75.00	
28.11.24	HMRC	Clerks PAYE	Bacs	94.60	
28.11.24	Essex Wildlife Trust	Council annual membership	Bacs	40.00	6.67
28.11.24	P Palfreyman	Stationery	Bacs	6.98	1.17
29.11.24	P Palfreyman	Office allowance (8 months)	Bacs	105.00	
29.11.24	P Palfreyman	November wages (inc. back pay to April 24)	Bacs	597.20	
30.11.24	Unity Bank	Service Charge	Bacs	6.00	
Total				924.78	7.84

b) To review the budget to 30 November 2024 – noted and agreed

c) To note the bank reconciliation to 30 November 2024 – noted and agreed

d) To agree the annual budget for 2025/2026

155/24

To agree the new NALC Model Financial Regulations – the Council agreed to adopt the new financial regulations.

156/24 Housing Needs Survey – to receive an update about the call for sites. The Council agreed to defer any decision about how to progress this until the next meeting.

157/24 To receive an update about the village sign and agree the way forward – the Clerk is still obtaining prices for a large immovable stone village sign.

158/24 To receive reports from Parish representatives.

- Footpaths – Cllr Martin has asked the MOD about the footbridge and will follow this up.
- Village Pond – the pond has recently been cleared of weed.
- Recreation Ground – nothing to report.
- Transport – nothing to report.
- Fingringhoe School – nothing to report.

159/24 Updates about ongoing issues

- Barnfields – the site still looks untidy and the promised works carried out by English Rural has not been completed. The clerk will make further contact with English Rural management.
- Common Land – the clerk is still pursuing this with land registry
- 20 mph speed limit – the Council agreed that if the speed limit cannot be started before the Whalebone, it would not be any help to the village. Essex County Council will be advised.
- Container – the school PTA are having a look to see if anything useful to them is in there, and if so, the Council agreed they could take it.
- Broken Bench, bridle path Holmwood Farm – the clerk will request a quote for repairs.
- Fingringhoe Historical Recorders book – a copy has kindly been donated for the Council to retain.

160/24 Date of the next meeting – TUESDAY 7th JANUARY 2024 at 7pm at Fingringhoe Village Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 21.00pm.