



FINGRINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING – 7th OCTOBER 2025

A meeting of the Council took place at Fingringhoe Village Hall, Chapel Road, Fingringhoe, Colchester, Essex
CO5 7BH on Tuesday 7th October 2025 at 7pm.

Councillors present: Gerald Ketley – Chairman

Derek Henderson

Emma Dixon

Neil Gordon

Jonathan Martin

Ian Chamberlain

Petra Palfreyman – Parish Clerk

Also in attendance – and Colchester City Councillor Dr Martin Parsons and 2 members of the public.

122/25 Apologies for absence – Cllr Law, Cllr Davidson, Cllr Bentley and Cllr Powling

123/25 To record declarations of interest – none

124/25 Public Questions – none

125/25 To receive reports from our Colchester City Councillor

Dr Martin Parsons

Flexible plastics can now be recycled in the clear plastic sack with other plastics.

Local Plan – if the City Council do not approve enough new sites the government will increase the existing target and developers will be given approval for further developments.

The Local Plan committee will vote next month and the results will be advised in March 2026. There will be a public consultation, which might only be online.

Neighbourhood delivery committees will give councillors more powers to make local decisions.

126/25 To approve minutes of the meeting on 16th September 2025 and any matters arising - the minutes as previously circulated were approved for signing. There were no matters arising

127/25 FINANCE

a) Accounts payable 30 September 2025 -the following payments were noted and agreed

Payment date	Payee	Purpose	Method	Total Amount £	VAT
17.09.25	P Palfreyman	Postage to Essex Records Office	Bacs	10.79	
18.09.25	Suffolk Cloud	Website domain and support	Bacs	120.00	
30.09.25	P Palfreyman	September wages, including back pay and wages	Bacs	579.20	
30.09.25	HMRC	Clerks PAYE	Bacs	128.29	
30.09.25	Unity Trust Bank	Service charge	Bacs	6.00	
Total				844.28	

A payment of £95.00 for the beacon plaque was also agreed.

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

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

128/25 To agree the size, cost, materials and location for No Cycling signs for the John Brunning Walk. Following discussion, it was agreed to order two more signs the same as the existing ones. Also to ask East Donyland Parish Council to put some at their end of the path

129/25 To note the latest play area inspection and consider any actions required – the clerk confirmed that the City Council inspector had advised that the report was up to date and showed that the items had been actioned. No further action is required as all risks were noted as Very Low Risk or Low Risk apart from the fence line, which has been strengthened from the other side.

130/25 To receive reports from Parish representatives

- Footpaths – FP 12 is quite overgrown and will be reported
- Village Pond – some weed has recently been cleared away
- Recreation Ground – another grass cut is needed. The Birch tree near the play area is leaning and will be inspected.
- Transport – the new bus consultation does not affect the Fingringhoe buses.
- Fingringhoe School – the Council agreed to some laminated signs around the boardwalk on Church Green to remind visitors to take away their litter and fishing debris

131/25 Updates on ongoing issues

- Replacement Willow tree on Church Green - ongoing
- Beacon plaque – the new plaque marking the VE Day celebrations will be put up shortly
- Boardwalk replacement – still obtaining quotes
- Common Land – awaiting further information
- Village name stone – will be erected in the next few months
- Classic car show – proposed date 13th June 2026 but in the early stages of planning
- Village envelope letter – a reply has been received but no further action needed until the public consultation
- VAS – the clerk has been advised it was repaired but is still not working

132/25 Date of the next meeting – TUESDAY 4th NOVEMBER 2025 at 7pm at Fingringhoe Village Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.50hrs