



FINGRINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING – 7th JULY 2026

A meeting of the Council took place at Fingringhoe Village Hall, Chapel Road, Fingringhoe, Colchester, Essex CO5 7BH on 7th July 2026 at 7pm.

Councillors present: Sharron Law – Vice Chairman
Derek Henderson
Emma Dixon
Ian Chamberlain
Jameson Smith
Petra Palfreyman – Parish Clerk

Also in attendance, Colchester City Councillors Carl Powling and Dr Martin Parsons and no members of the public.

093/26 Apologies for absence – City Cllr Robert Davidon and Cllr Gerald Ketley and Cllr Jonathan Martin

094/26 To consider the co-option of a new member – Jameson Smith put himself forward to be co-opted as a councillor, was duly appointed and signed the declaration of Acceptance of Office

095/26 To record declarations of interest – none

096/26 Public Questions – none

097/26 To receive reports from our Colchester City Councillors

Dr Martin Parsons – there is a deadline to get the Local Plan through in the next six months as new rules for Local Plans will come in to force. The Local Plan committee is likely to put the plan through in August ready for a public consultation in September or October

Carl Powling – bin collections will be from 6am during the warm weather. Cllr Powling has submitted some highways issues, including the school parking problems to Essex County Councillor Chris Perera

098/26 To approve minutes of the meeting on 16th June 2026 and any matters arising - the minutes as previously circulated were approved for signing. There were no matters arising

099/26 To receive planning notification decision

260827 Mr Kevin Jordan 2 Woodside Cottages, Haye Lane, Fingringhoe
Colchester CO5 7AE Two storey side extension Decision Type: Refuse

100/26 FINANCE

a) Accounts payable 30 June 2026 -the following payments were noted and agreed

Payment date	Payee	Purpose	Method	Total Amount £	VAT
11.06.26	Colchester Assoc. of Local Councils	Annual subscription	Bacs	35.00	
11.06.26	Haysom	2 nd village name stone	Bacs	1610.00	322.00
18.06.26	EAP Envoy Ltd	Common ground survey	Bacs	918.00	153.00
18.06.26	IC Maintenance	Liquid Amber tree	Bacs	140.00	
29.06.26	Colchester City Council	Election fees	Bacs	74.00	
30.06.26	HMRC	Clerks PAYE	Bacs	140.19	
30.06.26	Petra Palfreyman	June wages	Bacs	463.80	
30.06.26	Unity Bank	Service Charge	Bacs	7.00	
Total				3709.99	475.00

Payments to A Ketley £250, Dines Agri £336 and D Monks £450 were also approved.

b) To review the budget for 30 June 2026 – noted and agreed

c) To note the bank reconciliation to 30 June 2026 - noted and agreed

d) To note that the External Auditor has acknowledged receipt of the Certificate of Exemption with no matters arising and the Notice of Completion of Audit has been displayed - noted

101/26 To receive reports from Parish representatives

- Footpaths – the footpath between Geedon Marshes and Fingringhoe Ranges, running parallel just south of South Green Road has been reported to the MOD who have confirmed this is ECC land and have reported the job. ECC stated this could take up to three months to repair. Ferry Road footpath has also been strimmed.
- Village Pond – the weed will be dragged up, and Cllr Chamberlain will arrange for it to be taken away
- Recreation Ground – Cllr Henderson advised he is locking the gates. The trees on the boundary of the Recreation Ground will be cut once the badger survey and licence has been completed

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

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Updates about ongoing issues

- Village name stone – the 2nd stone on the corner of Haye Lane has been installed and has been well received by residents
- Common ground survey – the survey will be carried out once some of the brambles have been cut back, in order for the surveyor to stake the boundary lines
- Tree survey - the bi-annual tree survey has been carried out, and the report will be sent soon
- Footpath officers – East Donyland Parish Council asked if we would consider footpath officers who would check and the carry out any work needed on the footpaths, on a voluntary basis. The Council agreed they did not want to pursue this idea
- Boardwalk grant – the clerk has submitted an application to The Lottery Community Fund
- Ferry – the ferry volunteers confirmed they would still stop at Fingringhoe if the tide and conditions were suitable, but it was becoming more difficult due to the silt. The Council agreed to discuss supporting fund raising for a jetty to be built
- Football club – a further request has been received to use the pitches on the recreation ground for a youth football team. The Council agreed that three clubs using the site for training was enough, as the open space should also be available for residents to use

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Date of the next meeting – TUESDAY 1st SEPTEMBER 2026 at 7pm at Fingringhoe Village Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.00hrs