



FINGRINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING – 16th JUNE 2026

A meeting of the Council took place at Fingringhoe Village Hall, Chapel Road, Fingringhoe, Colchester, Essex
CO5 7BH on 16th June 2026 at 7pm.

Councillors present: Gerald Ketley – Chairman
Sharron Law – Vice Chairman
Derek Henderson
Emma Dixon
Jonathan Martin
Petra Palfreyman – Parish Clerk

Also in attendance Essex County Councillor Chris Perera, Colchester City Councillors Robert Davidson and Dr Martin Parsons and 3 members of the public.

- 082/26 Apologies for absence – Cllr Chamberlain
083/26 To record declarations of interest – none
084/26 Public Questions – none
085/26 To receive reports from our Essex County and Colchester City Councillors

Cllr Robert Davidson

Cllr Davidson confirmed that he had been re-elected in May and was pleased to continue to serve as a City Council member. Fingringhoe is now part of the Mersea and Tiptree Ward as the boundaries have changed. The new Colchester City Councillor Leader is Paul Dundas and a conservative/liberal coalition has been agreed. The new head of CCC Planning is James Ryan. The new bin service continues to be rolled out. Cllr Davidson congratulated the village on a very successful Classic Car show at the weekend.

Cllr Chris Perera

Cllr Perera introduced himself to the Council and advised he was on a steep learning curve in this new role, but at the meeting to hear our concerns. The recent success in stopping

libraries charging for reservation fees was mentioned and the current emphasis will be on potholes. Cllr Perera was advised about the issues with the village VAS and parking around the school at drop off and pick up times.

086/26 To approve minutes of the meeting on 19th May 2026 and any matters arising - the minutes as previously circulated were approved for signing. There were no matters arising

087/26 To consider planning applications received

260901 Mr and Mrs Button Clay Pightle, Abberton Road, Fingringhoe Essex CO5 7AT Application to vary condition 2 (drawings) of planning permission 240895 – retrospective Expiry date: 12 June 2026, extended to 17th June 2026

General comment - Fingringhoe Parish Council would like reassurance that the development will not significantly and adversely affect the public footpath and that any matters raised by other parties are reviewed, such as wall heights, obscure glass and opening windows.

088/26 FINANCE

a) Accounts payable 31 May 2026 -the following payments were noted and agreed

Payment date	Payee	Purpose	Method	Total Amount £	VAT
21.05.26	John Watson	Internal Audit	Bacs	206.00	
21.05.26	P Palfreyman	Defib pads & mouse	Bacs	142.74	23.79
21.05.26	Page Computers	Microsoft 365	Bacs	85.00	
26.05.26	Adrian Watson	Church Gn benches & bin	Bacs	1500.00	
26.05.26	Dines Agri	Grass cutting	Bacs	336.00	
29.05.26	HMRC	Clerks PAYE	Bacs	213.72	
29.05.26	P Palfreyman	May wages	Bacs	454.82	
31.05.26	Unity Trust Bank	Service charge	Bacs	7.00	
Total				2945.28	23.79

Payments to IC Maintenance of £140.00 for purchasing and planting a new tree on Church Green and a deposit of £918.00 for the Fingringhoe Common boundary survey were also approved.

b) To note the bank reconciliation to 31 May 2026 - noted and agreed

089/26 To review three quotes for a tree survey for the Council owned/managed trees – the clerk confirmed three quotes have been received, two for £600 and one for £415 + VAT. The Council approved the quote for £415 + VAT

090/26 To receive reports from Parish representatives

- Footpaths – the foot path between Geedon Marshes and Fingringhoe Ranges, running parallel just south of South Green Road is impassible due to standing water/wet mud and will be reported by the clerk

- Village Pond – the weed is returning but the last clean out was limited as a duck was nesting
- Recreation Ground – the grass will be cut this week for the school sports day.
- Transport – nothing to report
- Fingringhoe School – nothing to report

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Updates about ongoing issues

- Common land – the boundary survey has been booked
- Boardwalk quotes and funding – 3 quotes have now been received, and the grant application can be submitted
- Village name stone – the delivery will be on Wednesday 24th June
- Swings seats in play area – replacements have been ordered
- Vehicle activated sign (VAS) – not working since February 2025. Reported to ECC, direct to ECC Highways officer and to Telent. Cllr Perera will look into it.
- Anglina Water – the clerk requested an update to their email response of 3 months ago where they promised that the Complex Investigations Team would investigate the numerous issues arising in the village
- Football clubs – Rowhedge Juniors requested to continue using the pitches on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings – approved by the Council to continue

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Date of the next meeting – TUESDAY 7th JULY 2026 at 7pm at Fingringhoe Village Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.20pm