



FINGRINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING – 3rd MARCH 2026

A meeting of the Council took place at Fingringhoe Village Hall, Chapel Road, Fingringhoe, Colchester, Essex
CO5 7BH on 3rd March 2026 at 7pm.

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

Also in attendance Colchester City Councillor Dr Martin Parson and 0 members of the public.

036/26 Apologies for absence – Cllr Gordon

037/26 To record declarations of interest – none

038/26 Public Questions – none

039/26 To receive reports from our Essex County and Colchester City Councillors

Cllr Martin Parsons

The Colchester City Council budget has been agreed, including the Parish Council precept of £14500. The City Council have bridged the gap between income and expenditure by selling some property and getting a loan. Black wheelie bins are being slowly introduced around Colchester to properties that have adequate access. There is no date for Fingringhoe yet.

040/26 To approve minutes of the meeting on 3rd February 2026 and any matters arising - the minutes as previously circulated were approved for signing. There were no matters arising

041/26 To receive planning notification decision

252620 Mr & Mrs Chamberlain Antrim, Ferry Road, Fingringhoe Colchester
 CO5 7BY Two storey rear extension Decision Type: Approve Conditional

042/26 FINANCE

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

Payment date	Payee	Purpose	Method	Total Amount £	VAT
28.02.26	Unity Trust Bank	Service charge	Bacs	6.00	
Total				6.00	

b) To review the budget to 28 February 2026 – noted and agreed

c) To note the bank reconciliation to 28 February 2026 - noted and agreed

Payments to Glasdon £365.03, RCCE £85.50, Open Spaces Society £45.00, IC Maintenance 530.00, R J Playle £240.00, Colchester Trophies, £15.00, David Monks £450.00 were also agreed. The subscription for the CPRE was not agreed for 2026/27.

043/26 To discuss the new quote for the boardwalk – the clerk recently had a meeting for a further quote which has not yet been received. The funding application will be made shortly

044/26 To review the costs of a picnic bench and discuss purchase and installation of it. Prices range from £295 to £1020 – following discussion it was agreed to purchase a wheelchair accessible bench from Glasdon for £690.00 + vat.

045/26 To agree the meeting dates for the rest of 2026 - meeting dates were agreed and will be added to the website

046/26 To receive reports from Parish representatives

- Footpaths – nothing to report
- Village Pond – a new tree called Liquid Amber will be planted to replace the dead Willow that was removed last year
- Recreation Ground – nothing to report
- Transport – nothing to report
- Fingringhoe School – nothing to report

047/26 Updates about ongoing issues

- The new village name stone – the new name stone has been well received and enquiries will be made for the costs of another for the junction at Haye Lane

- Church Green works – a new bin has been ordered and the benches will be cleaned up when the weather is drier
- Play bark – the bark has been ordered and will be put down when the weather is good enough for the lorry to drive near the play area
- Fan Hill hedge – the hedge has been cut all the way along the footpath
- John Brunning Walk bridge/cycle barriers/ECC reply – ECC will not supply or install and restrictions to prevent bicycles
- Letter to Anglian Water Authority - the clerk has sent a letter to Anglian Water Authority about concerns for the water supply for the village and how the sewer copes
- Fishing lake – CAPs have taken over the lake off Brook Hall Road (now called Upsher Lake)
- Common Land – the clerk will liaise with the Open Spaces Society for further help
- Tree survey quotes – two quotes have been received for the tree survey, and another is pending
- Barnfields – English Rural have applied to have works carried out to the large tree at the front of the development
- Bridge John Brunning Walk – the broken bridge has been reported to East Donyland Parish Council

048/26

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

To note that this meeting is the Annual Parish meeting, followed immediately by the full Council meeting.

Also to note that the May and June meetings will be on the 3rd Tuesday of the month

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.40hrs