



FINGRINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING – 6th OCTOBER 2026

A meeting of the Council took place at Fingringhoe Village Hall, Chapel Road, Fingringhoe, Colchester, Essex CO5 7BH on 6TH October 2026 at 7pm.

Councillors present: Gerald Ketley – Chairman
Derek Henderson
Emma Dixon
Ian Chamberlain
Jameson Smith
Jonathan Martin
Petra Palfreyman – Parish Clerk

Also in attendance Colchester City Councillor Carl Powling and 2 members of the public.

118/26 Apologies for absence – Cllr Robert Davidson, Cllr Martin Parsons and Cllr Sharron Law

119/26 To record declarations of interest – none

120/26 Public Questions – none

121/26 To receive reports from our Colchester City Councillor
Cllr Powling

Cllr Powling advised he is looking into the school parking with Cllr Perera, who is no longer with Reform and is an independent candidate. The new wheelie bins will be delivered to Fingringhoe on 12 October. The Local Plan consultation ends on 13 October Areas of concern to report could include sewage issues, water supply, infrastructure and GP availability. The Hythe is flooding again and enquiries will be made. A grant from the Locality Budget of £250 will be made towards the planters in the village.

122/26 To approve minutes of the meeting on 1st September 2026 and any matters arising - the minutes as previously circulated were approved for signing. There were no matters arising

123/26 To consider planning applications received

261733 Spindles, Chapel Road, Fingringhoe Colchester CO5 7BH Proposed front extension with a first-floor roof terrace above, two- storey side extension, internal alterations, and alterations to the front boundary to create one additional parking space Expiry Date: 19 October 2026. No comments

124/26 To receive planning notification decision

260560 Fridays, Abberton Road, Fingringhoe Colchester CO5 7AW The erection of a residential annex outbuilding to be associated with the existing dwelling Decision: Approve Conditional.

261416 Viewlands, Ferry Road, Fingringhoe Colchester CO5 7BX Retrospective approval of single storey side extension to existing single garage Decision: Approve Conditional.

125/26 FINANCE

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

Payment date	Payee	Purpose	Method	Total Amount £	VAT
02.09.26	M J Grabs	Pond weed clearance	Bacs	180.00	
25.09.26	CouncilWise	Annual Subs	Bacs	75.00	
25.09.26	Adrian Watson	Pigs Foot Green post and Church Green bench	Bacs	200.00	
30.09.26	P Palfreyman	September wages and back pay	Bacs	556.00	
30.09.26	P Palfreyman	Office allowance - 6 mths	Bacs	78.00	
30.09.26	HMRC	Clerks PAYE	Bacs	180.47	
30.09.26	Unity Trust Bank	Service Charge	Bacs	7.00	
Total				1276.47	

b) To review the budget for 30 September – noted and agreed. Expenditure is over budget at the half year point but the first half of the year has more expenditure, such as insurance costs, grass cutting, subscriptions and costs relating to the new village name stones, than the second half. Expenditure for the following months to March will be monitored.

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

- 126/26 To discuss requesting average speed cameras for the village, from Essex County Council – following discussion the Council agreed to make enquiries to Essex County Council, via Cllr Chris Perera, to find out what process required is.
- 127/26 To receive an update about the pontoon, funding and design – Cllr Jameson met with local suppliers who provided two quotes. For a modular system, fully installed £28300 + vat and for a hard deck surface £45000 + vat. These costs of prohibitive without grant funding but there might be a possibility of a second-hand pontoon which will be looked in to.
- 128/27 To note the latest play area inspection and consider any actions needed – all items inspected were either very low or low risk apart from part of the fencing, which will be regularly checked. .Cllr Henderson regularly weeds the area and litter picks.
- 129/26 To consider a donation of £250 for flower planters around the village. This grant will be awarded by Cllr Powling, from his Locality Budget.
- 130/26 To receive reports from Parish representatives
- Footpaths – ECC have advised that FP13 has been repaired
 - Village Pond – the picnic bench has been moved on to the boardwalk and will be moved back to the grass area
 - Recreation Ground – nothing to report
 - Transport – Stevensons have been using minibuses at the weekends which is much more suitable for the village
 - Fingringhoe School – nothing to report
- 131/26 Updates about ongoing issues
- Boardwalk – the grant decision from the National Lottery Community Fund should be advised very soon
 - Local Plan consultation closing date – 13th October 2026
 - Common Land update – the area has been staked, and a map will be produced
 - Poppy Wreath – a donation of £50 for the Poppy Wreath will be made
 - Pigs Foot Green – a new oak post to replace the damaged post has been installed
 - Bulbs Church Green – Cllr Chamberlain agreed to plant bulbs on Church Green
- 132/26 Date of the next meeting – TUESDAY 3rd November 2026 at 7pm at Fingringhoe Village Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.25 hrs