

The Parish Council of Fingringhoe

Colchester, Essex

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL

For the year ending 31st March 2009

Submitted to the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

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At the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held in May 2008 Councillor Emma Dixon was re-elected Chairman of the Council. Councillor Michael Seton was re-elected Vice-Chairman.

Mrs Jennifer Henderson was re-elected to undertake the duties of Footpath Liaison Officer. During the year Mrs Jackie Dollar kept areas for which the Council is responsible free of litter and Mr Paul Dollar kept a watchful eye on the places which are vulnerable to unlawful pursuits including the dumping of rubbish. Sadly both Jackie and Paul Dollar retired from their roles at the end of March and the council is very grateful for all the time and effort they have devoted to the roles over the years. A new person(s) is being sought to take on this important role in the community. Mrs Kim Appleby, Mr Bob Bush and Mr Jim Bourne represent the Council on the United Charities for the Poor in Fingringhoe.

Councillor Seton is responsible for the role of Parish Emergency Planning Officer and his deputy is Councillor Neil Gordon. Councillor Seton also represents the Council on the Colchester 2020 Community Strategy Group.

Councillor Seton has continued his work in liaison with Mrs Lennon to monitor and keep the pond on Church Green in good order and clear of weed. Councillor Seton has spent a great deal of time overseeing works to strengthen the banks of the pond which had been weakened by tree roots and liaising with contractors. The works were successfully completed early in 2009 and plants are already beginning to re-establish on the newly strengthened banks. The Council has been granted Byelaws for Church Green which prohibit camping, the lighting of fires and excessive noise in this area. This should help combat some antisocial behaviour by a minority of visitors to this area. If there are any problems please contact PC Lawrie Parker telephone 762212 or email lawrie.parker@essex.pnn.police.uk.

Councillor Clarke continues to act as Manager of the Recreation Ground and in addition to his regular inspections, the equipment is inspected twice a year by a professional firm, Anglian Inspection Services Limited, to ensure it is safe and in good order. A grant is being sought to cover the cost of replacing the baby cradle swings in the play area together with the two play rockers which have become worn with age. The Council is indebted to Mrs Lennon for continuing to allow the Council to use her land for recreational purposes.

Councillor Ketley represents the Council on the Colchester Association of Local Councils and at Essex Wildlife Trust meetings. Councillor Dixon is the Parish Transport Representative and represents the Council on the Neighbourhood Action Panel.

The Parish Council will maintain pressure to try to reduce vehicle speeds through the village and improve pedestrian safety. The Parish Council met recently with

Highways Officers and walked the length of the village to check the condition of the roads and mark pot holes for repair.

A project is underway to voluntarily register all the parish land interests with the Land Registry to protect them for the future

The Council has continued to devote much time to planning applications and consultation documents. In addition to the notice boards around the village, notices of meetings are also placed in the Post Office with a copy of the minutes. The Parish Council does have a website hosted free of charge by Essex County Council at www.essexinfo.net/Fingringhoe where the minutes of meetings and other information are available.

Once again the Council records its thanks to the editors of News & Views for the coverage given to the work of the Council. They have also assisted the Council in publishing the Annual Report which has been circulated with the magazine. Thanks are also due to the local correspondent of the Essex County Standard for reporting on Council Meetings.

For and on behalf of the Parish Council



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