

FINCHINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

REPRESENTING FINCHINGFIELD AND CORNISH HALL END



Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Finchingfield Village Hall on Tuesday 28th. May 2024 at 7.20pm

Present: Cllr J. Strange, Cllr J. Braithwaite, Cllr R. Duffin, Cllr A. Stanger, Cllr R. Stanger, Cllr J. Warner, ECC Cllr G. Butland and Kevin B Money (Parish Clerk & RFO).

There were also 18 members of the public present.

108/2024 Chairman to welcome

109/2024 **Apologies for absence** were received from BDC Cllr M. Ault and Cllr E. Hammond

110/2024 **To receive member's declarations of interest and dispensations in items on the agenda.** None declared

111/2024 Minutes

To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 23rd. April 2024. **All Agreed**

112/2024 **Public participation session** A maximum of 15 minutes shall be allowed for public question time, and it is requested each member of the public speak for a maximum of 3 minutes.

- A resident stated that Finchingfield is a village but can the village be more beautiful?
- Can a task force be set up?
- There is an organisation called "Friends of Finchingfield" who undertake projects around the village.
- Can various signs that have been up for a time be taken down?
- A group of "Mums" in the village are, in parts of the village, unable to pass parked cars which are on the pavement. This process makes the Mums pushing prams go into the road. How can the village be more considerate for users. The village is growing with families with young children.

113/2024 Councillor vacancy BDC update

The Clerk informed the meeting that the co-option notice has been withdrawn due a second Councillor resignation. BDC has been informed of the resignation and will be sending out a further Notice of vacancy this week.

Until this notice expires or an election is held the Parish Council cannot start the co-option process. I will issue and advertise the appropriate notices in due course.

114/2024 Finance

- 1) To receive the Bank reconciliations as at 30th. April 2024

Councillors noted the Bank reconciliations as at 30th. April 2024

- 2) To receive the comparison of Actual against Budget 2024/25

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- 3) To approve the payment of Accounts for May 2024 and to agree a transfer of funds to meet the

Parish Council financial requirements. **All Agreed**

115/2024 Update on dog bins and signs – update from Cllr J. Strange

All signs have been distributed but no new bins are being erected by BDC in the village at this moment.

Cllr A. Stanger said that she has a new bin in her garage that can be placed next to an existing one. This was agreed by Councillors. However, more signs are still required.

116/2024 Finchingfield Pond, Sluice Gates and working group – Cllr J. Braithwaite

The pond group working group has changed. Ex chairman Johnny Martin-Smith is on as a resident and Cllr John Warner is on to keep the three Parish Councillors on side.

The working group are looking at short term and long-term solutions. Friends of Finchingfield ("FOF") took on repairing the sluice gates. The working group can now gather more information and expert

Signed

JStrange

John Strange - Chairman

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consultants' advice giving a 2-year term. The Parish Council may have to employ a consultant. A figure of approximately £5000 to be set aside for this project. This was agreed by Councillors. The gate on the East side does not work how it should do.

117/2024 Finchingfield Bridge – Update to be discussed at June meeting

An email has been received from Cllr Tom Cunningham about the weight restriction. ECC Cllr G. Butland will support a LHP application to have this project placed on the next LHP agenda

118/2024 Finchingfield Road Sign – Cllr A. Stanger

As discussed previously

119/2024 Finchingfield planting community scheme – Cllr J. Strange

An email was received helping to re-vitalised the village with a planting scheme. Cllr J. Strange to look into the scheme further.

119/2024 CHE - Update

Ashleigh Heirs has resigned from CHE. There are patches of grass still left as orchids are growing on the field.

120/2024 Neighbourhood Plan - Update to be discussed at June meeting

Richard Sidebottom had pointed out to the Parish Council that the NP had paid for a year for surveys, so he can help us set one up if required

121/2024 Parking, noise and speed and any enforcement in the village – Cllr J. Strange

Cllr A. Stanger to find the old works schedule that has already been undertaken.
Can bollards be erected to protect the War Memorial?

122/2024 Finchingfield New Community Centre & Village Hall – Update to be discussed at June meeting. To be added to the June agenda

123/2024 War Memorial update – Cllr R. Stanger

Finally phase 1 of the restoration of the war memorial has now been completed. A good job has been done.

124/2024 Finchingfield Church clock maintenance – Cllr A. Stanger

Churches at Finchingfield and CHE can be granted money from the Parish Council. Finchingfield and CHE requires about £250 each. A grant application from each church will be submitted in the future

125/2024 King Charles portrait for CHE and Finchingfield village halls

The Parish Council agreed to erect a portrait of the King in both Finchingfield and CHE village halls.

126/2024 Planning applications

24/00849/TPOCON - 3 The Old Vicarage Vicarage Road Finchingfield

Proposal: Notice of intent to carry out works to trees in a Conservation Area: T1 Yew - Fell - T2 Yew - Crown reduction by 1m

RESOLVED: No objection to this planning application

24/00952/ELD - Finchingfield Nurseries Bardfield Road Finchingfield Essex CM7 4LL

Application for an Existing Lawful Development Certificate - Erection and use of 2No. outbuildings ancillary to Finchingfield Nurseries, and use of land as residential garden.

RESOLVED: No objection to this planning application

127/2024 Items for next agenda

Date of next Full Council meeting – 25th. June 2024 at Finchingfield Village Hall at 7.30pm

128/2024 Closure of the meeting.

To close the meeting having considered and determined all items of business.

The Chairman then closed the meeting having considered and determined all items of business at 8.10pm.