

# FINCHINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL



## REPRESENTING FINCHINGFIELD AND CORNISH HALL END.

Members of the Parish Council are hereby summoned to attend the Parish Council Meeting to be held at **Cornish Hall End Village Hall, Cornish Hall End, Braintree, CM7 4HD** on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2023 commencing at 7:30pm**, for the purpose of transacting the following business:

The meeting will be open to the public unless the Council directs otherwise.

## AGENDA

**144/23 Vice Chairman to welcome everyone to the meeting.**

**145/23 To accept the resignation of Cllr Johnny Martin Smith as Chairman of Finchingfield Parish Council with immediate effect but to remain as a Councillor on Finchingfield Parish Council.**

**146/23 To elect a new Chairman for the remainder of the year until the next AGM in May 2024.**

**147/23 To elect a Vice Chairman (if appropriate) for the remainder of the year until the next AGM in May 2024.**

**148/23 Apologies for absence**

**149/23 Co-option:** To consider co-opting a candidate onto Finchingfield Parish Council to fill the vacancy in the Cornish Hall End Ward.

**150/23 To receive member's declarations of interest and dispensations in items on the agenda.** Dispensations should be requested from the Clerk up to the day before the meeting.

**151/23 Minutes:**

Acceptance of the minutes from the Finchingfield Parish Council meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023.

**152/23 Public participation session** with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest or local concern: 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.

**153/23 To receive a report from the District and/or County Councillors.**

**154/23 Finance**

- 1) To receive the Bank reconciliations as at 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023
- 2) To receive the comparison of Actual against Budget 2023/24
- 3) To approve the payment of Accounts for November & subsequent payments for December 2023 and to agree a transfer of funds to meet the Parish Council financial requirements.

**155/23 Budget for 2024/2025**

Councillors to finalise the budget & precept for 2024/2025.

**156/23 Parish Council Website**

Councillors to finalise a decision on the Parish Councils website.

**157/23 Wethersfield Asylum Centre**

Councillors to discuss the recent funding sent from the Home Office to BDC (25% capacity reached- 450 Asylum Seekers x £3,500 per bed = £1,575,000.)  
Councillors to also discuss & consider sending a letter to the Home Secretary regarding the current use & potential use of the site.

**158/23 Open Spaces Plan**

Councillors to review the Open Spaces plan – add & remove projects/items. Open Spaces plan sent to Councillors before the meeting.

**159/23 Section 106 Funding**

Marfleet Site Brent Hall Road - Councillors to discuss open spaces projects following section 106 funding from this development, currently section 106 money stands at £18,043.00 to be available once 4 dwellings are occupied.

**160/23 Pump Track**

Working group to provide an update.

**161/23 Finchingfield Pond & Sluice Gates**

Councillors to provide an update following a recent meeting with the Environmental Agency & discussions on phase 2 of the fencing around the pond. Councillors to also discuss the repairs/replacement needed for the Sluice Gates & the way forward.

**162/23 Finchingfield Bridge**

Council to discuss ETRO (Experimental Traffic Regulation Order) monitoring system over an 18month period, also, further discussions regarding any update on the bridge.

**163/23 Community Planting Working Group**

Working group to provide an update following the recent purchase of a Tulip tree.

**164/23 Finchingfield Christmas Tree**

Councillors to provide an update.

**165/23 CHE Specific**

To receive an update on the Community Orchard & Play equipment.

**166/23 Neighbourhood Plan**

Councillors to provide an update.

**167/23 Finchingfield Village Hall/Community Centre**

Appoint a sub committee or working group to move forward with a new Village Hall/Community Centre, discuss terms of reference & finance.

**168/23 Planning - To agree a response to the following applications;**

**Reference: 23/02583/OHL**

Proposal: Installation of GRP substation, LV and HV underground and overground cables, poles and stays.  
Location: Street Record, Spains Hall Road, Finchingfield

**169/23 Closure of the meeting.**

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

*K. Raymond*

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Parish Clerk  
Finchingfield Parish Council

22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023