



Finchampstead
Parish Council

Annual Gathering

8 March 2023

Amenities Committee

**Projects to enhance the local environment
and to support and promote local services**



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Committee members

Councillor Sylvia McDonald, Chair
Councillor Steve Bowers, Vice Chair
Cllrs Becky Eytle; Sally Gurney;
Andy Pearce & Gordon Veitch

Our partners

- **Finchampstead Baptist Church**
- **Finchampstead Allotments Association**
- **Finchampstead and California Parochial Church Council**
- **Wokingham Borough Council**
- **Wokingham District Veteran Tree Association**

Litter



- Our part time Litter Wardens collected over 330 sacks of litter from our roadsides

- We have over 45 'Adopt a Street' volunteers covering nearly 50 roads



- 2023 Finchampstead community litter pick is on 26 March

Finchampstead Allotments



**A popular site with
nearly 100 tenants and
a waiting list**

**We set up the site – opened in 2012 - and work closely with
the Allotment Association over its management**

Defibrillators



- **5 community accessible defibrillators provided at:**

- California Crossroads
- California Ratepayers Hall
- FBC Centre
- Memorial Hall
- St James' Church Centre

- **First aid / defibrillator training session held in October 2022 – another session being planned for April 2023**



Trees and floral displays



- We have planted more trees at Burnmoor Meadow – registered under the 'Queen's Green Canopy' Scheme
- We provide floral displays at the California Crossroads



The Platinum Jubilee

- Support for the Picnic in the Park and Beacon lighting on 2 June
- Trees planted at Burnmoor Meadow for the Queen's Green Canopy scheme
- Support for Barkham Hookers crochet group to create bunting and decorations
- Finchampstead Platinum Jubilee Awards



Remembrance 2022



- Parade and Service at the newly relocated War Memorial by the Memorial Park
- Worked with the PCC, the Park Management Committee and the uniformed groups
- Barkham Hookers crochet group created poppies and displays for the California Crossroads



Planning Committee

**Aims to safeguard the local environment
Considers and comments on all planning
applications and related matters**



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Councillor Roger Marshallsay, Vice Chair

Councillor Steve Bromley
Councillor David Cornish
Councillor Andy Pearce
Councillor Gordon Veitch

Our Work This Year



- **Considered over 200 development applications**
- **One or more new homes to garage or barn conversions**
- **Applications in adjoining Parishes which could impact Finchampstead**
- **Enforcement**
- **Tree Preservation Orders**



Applications of Concern



- **Land off Johnson Drive**
- **Land North of Nine Mile Ride**

WOKINGHAM BOROUGH

LOCAL PLAN
'Shaping our Future'

Liaison with WBC
over the Local Plan
Update

Responded to the
Government
consultation on
housing



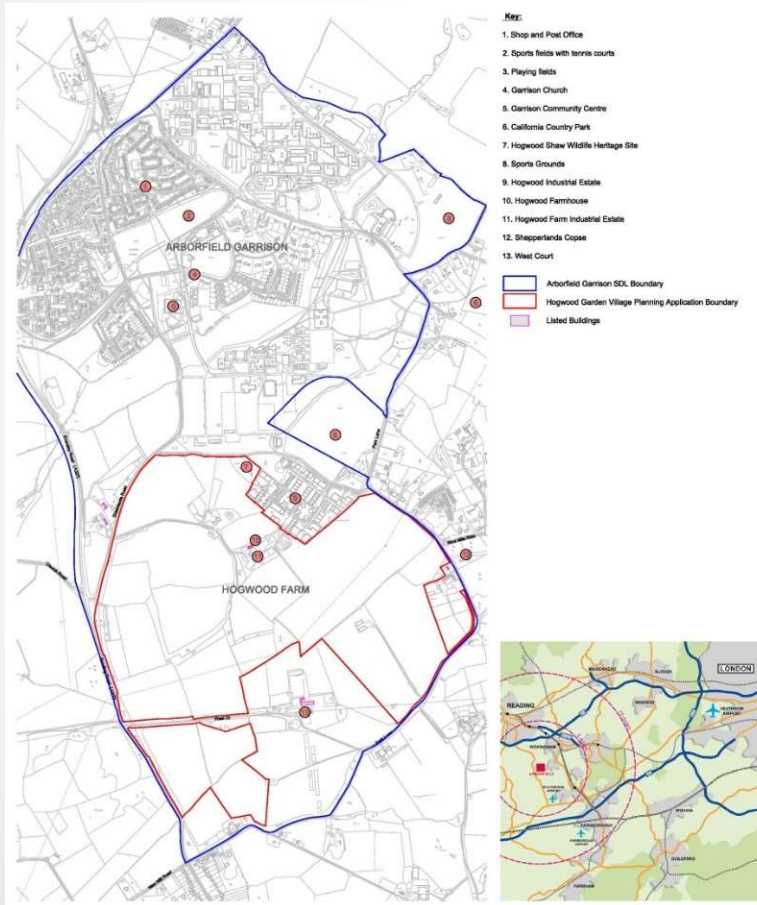
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Gorse Ride regeneration

- Phase 1 completed 2021 – 46 homes on Arnett Avenue
- Phase 2 – work commenced on Phase 2A autumn 2022.
Completion of Phase 2 – 249 homes in total – expected 2027
- High level of affordable / social housing
- Flagship development – sustainability



Arborfield Green and Finchwood Park



- Homes occupied to date at Arborfield Green include around 350 in Finchampstead
- Finchwood Park – eventually 1500 homes plus community facilities including a school and allotments
- Around 100 homes occupied so far

Rights of Way Committee

Aims to ensure that the local network of footpaths and bridleways is kept in good condition, well signed and as accessible as possible.



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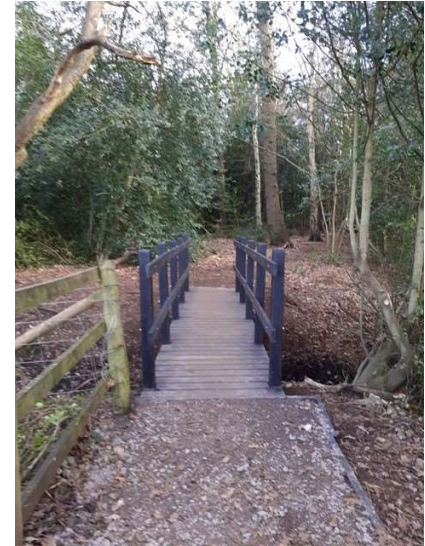
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Councillor Sally Gurney
Councillor Chris Mortimer
Councillor Simon Weeks
Councillor Roger Woof

Path improvements

- Access to Rooks Nest Woods
- Drainage works on bridleway 26 (Heath Ride to Goose Green)



Accessibility



- Working with Loddon Valley Ramblers and landowners to improve access by replacing stiles with kissing gates
- 3 gates installed this year, part funded by the Parish Council



Resolving problems



- Damaged or missing gates or signs – we work with landowners or WBC to sort out problems

- We ask our Footpath Warden
- Or we take it on ourselves!



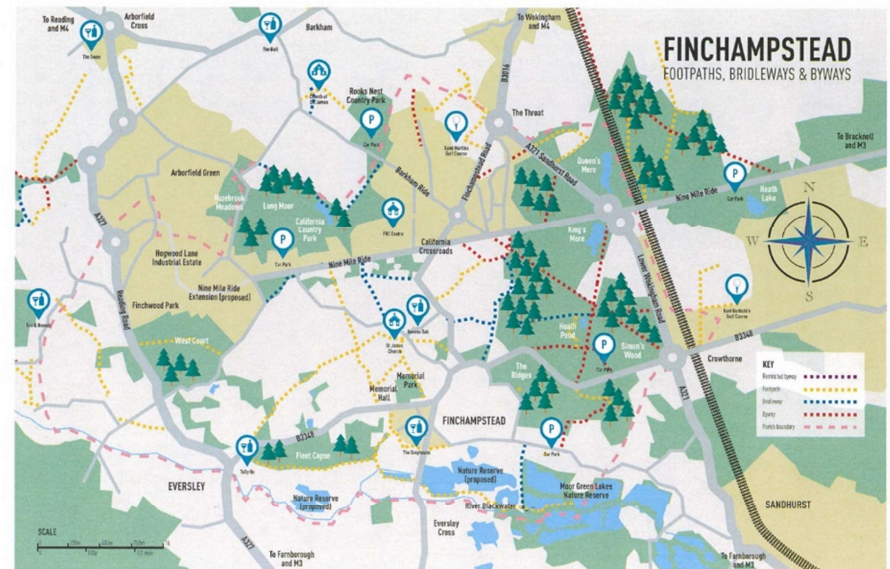
Cemex Restoration



- **Completion of the nature reserves at Fleet Hill and Manor Farm is long overdue**
- **Liaising with WBC over completion, public access and legal designation of Rights of Way**



Maps and circular walks



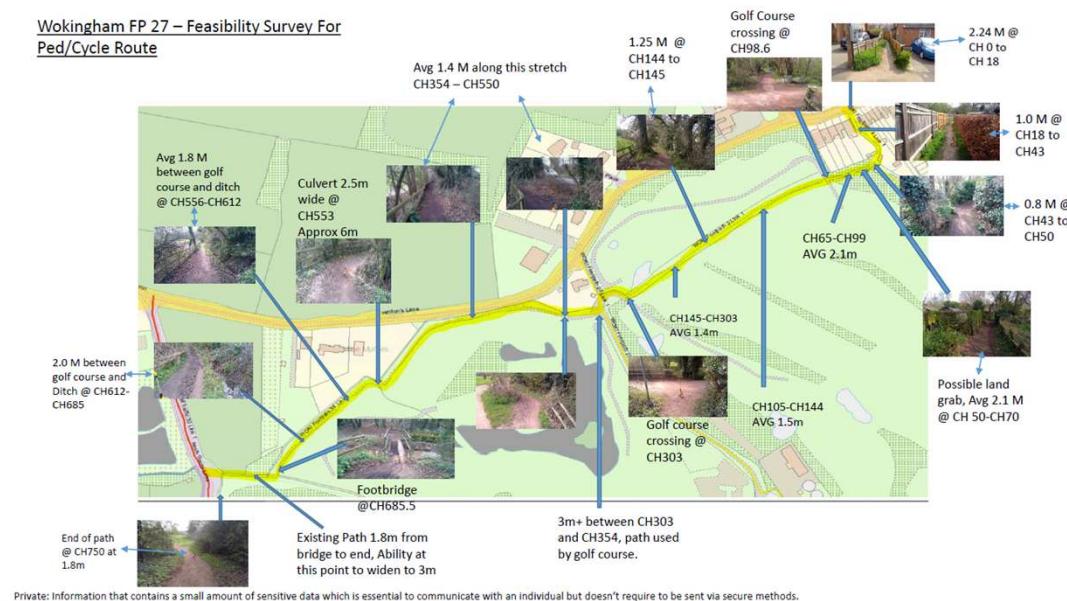
New routes and links



Cycle routes are a priority – but it's not easy



Wokingham FP 27 – Feasibility Survey For
Ped/Cycle Route



Private: Information that contains a small amount of sensitive data which is essential to communicate with an individual but doesn't require to be sent via secure methods.

Roads & Road Safety Committee

**Aims to improve the local road network and
safety for users**



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Speed watch



Roadside speedwatch sessions – almost 550 vehicles reported May 2022 to date

Working in line with new Thames Valley Police guidance and requirements



Post mounted speed indicator devices – proven to be effective

Gateways



‘Gateway’ signs now installed at all entrances to the Parish – where space permits

A reminder of the speed limit

Prominent ‘speed watch area’ signs



Signage and Road Verges



Please take a note of the location of the problem
– and take a photograph if you can

Reporting helps get Results!

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Service

[Lost dogs - report](#)

[Manhole covers - damaged - report](#)

[Missed bin collection - report](#)

[Neglect of adults - report](#)

[Noise - report](#)

[Pavement damage - report](#)

[Planning enforcement - report it](#)

[Potholes - report it](#)

[Public rights of way - report a problem](#)

[Racist incident report form for schools](#)

[Recycling - report undelivered black recycling box\(es\)](#)

[Road sign damage - report](#)

Do report your examples direct to WBC at
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Finance & General Management Committee

**Responsible for budgeting, general
management, administration, financial
arrangements and development of the
Council**



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Councillor David Cornish
Councillor Roland Cundy
Councillor George Evans
Councillor Sylvia McDonald
Councillor Gordon Veitch

Our role

- General management and strategy
- Setting the budget and precept
- Financial policy and controls
- HR and Risk Management sub committees
- Communications
- Grants



Developing the Council

- **Neighbourhood Development Plan to be the basis for our new Forward Plan or strategy**
- **Community Infrastructure Levy funds – eventually over £4million**
- **Dramatically increases opportunities**
- **Complete review of FPC activity and structure**
- **Explore new ways to engage with Parishioners**



Community Infrastructure Levy



- **£1,344,641 at the end of 2022/23**
- **Projects funded this year**
 - Path and bridlepath improvements
 - War Memorial relocation
 - Wellingtonia Avenue tree surveys
 - Cycleway feasibility study
 - Tree planting



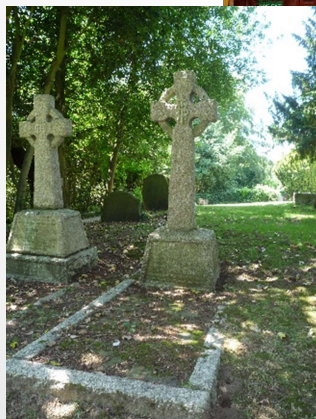
CIL – plans for 2023/24

Expecting to invest significant CIL funds in 2023/24

- Co-funding new playground equipment for the Village School
- Supporting major WBC projects
 - California Cross redevelopment
 - California Country Park improvements
 - Contributing to improving the 'war memorial junction'



Grants and Donations



- Organisations providing support and services
- Local halls, schools and churchyard
- Blackwater Valley partnership
- FBC Youth Work
- Citizens Advice Bureau
- Keep Mobile



Budget and audit

- Extraordinary economic times - inflation
- Some positive factors for FPC in 2023/24
 - Interest rates have risen
 - Tax base has increased
- 2023/24 precept £192,154
- £29.32 for the year 2023/24 for a Band D household





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**Local People.
Local Decisions.
Local Future.**



FNDP - Progress Report 8 March 2023

- Draft Plan submitted to WBC in August 2022
- Regulation 16 consultation, organised by WBC, October to November 2022
- Independent Examiner appointed by WBC December 2022
- Examination underway
- Next (and final) stage - a Referendum



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