

## **FINCHAMPSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD AT 7pm ON 14 JUNE 2023 At the FBC Centre, Gorse Ride North, Finchampstead**

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**PRESENT:** Cllr S. Weeks, Chair. Cllr G. Jukes OBE, Vice Chair.  
Cllrs E. Allen; S. Bromley; G. Evans; B. Eytle; S. Gurney; S. McDonald;  
R. Marshallsay; R. Woof & G. Veitch.  
Clerk; K. Dagnall.

#### **78/2023 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllrs S. Bowers (leave of absence); D. Cornish; P. Grainger and C. Mortimer.

#### **79/2023 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations were received.

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**

A representative from Boyer Planning attended the meeting as an observer.

#### **80/2023 FINCHAMPSTEAD NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN (FNDP)**

The final report from the Independent Examiner made many positive and supportive comments about the Plan. The report confirmed that the Finchampstead Neighbourhood Development Plan meets all legal requirements and can proceed to referendum. This is however subject to significant amendments being made in relation to the proposed housing allocation sites, and to two areas of separation. The Examiner also recommended the removal of four of the proposed Local Green Spaces.

Discussions have taken place with Wokingham Borough Council (WBC) over the Examiners' recommendations, and advice has been sought from the Parish Council's planning consultant.

A briefing note was circulated to Councillors outlining the three options available to the Parish Council.

It was unanimously agreed that the FNDP should be amended as recommended by the Independent Examiner and then taken to referendum. The FNDP team will then be able to review and seek to amend the plan at an appropriate stage in future.

It was noted that the FNDP Steering Group and Project Group had agreed that this was the most appropriate next stage of the Plan.

The amended FNDP will now be considered by the WBC Executive on 29 June 2023 and subject to approval the referendum is likely to take place in September 2023.

#### **81/2023 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

Main Council – 29 June 2023.