

FINNINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Notice of Meeting

*A meeting of Finningham Parish Council will be held on
Monday 13th October 2025,
in St. Bartholomew's Church, Finningham, starting at 7.30pm.*

All council Members are duly summoned to attend.

AGENDA

1. Chair's welcome and to consider and approve apologies for absence
2. District and County Councillor reports
3. Footpath Warden's report
4. Public participation session
5. To receive any pecuniary or non-pecuniary declarations of interest on agenda items, and any Gifts of Hospitality
6. To consider requests for dispensations on agenda items
7. To approve minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 11th August 2025 and 14th July 2025
8. Chairman's Report
9. Clerk's Report
10. Planning process and new housing requirements
11. Consideration of Finningham White Horse public house as a community asset
12. Westthorpe Road safety concern
13. Consideration of Friends of Finningham's request to use Parish Council's strimmer
14. Consideration of Friends of Finningham's request to use Parish Council's electricity connection for village Christmas tree lights
15. Churchyard maintenance responsibility update
16. Consideration of quotations for tree work and cemetery hedge
17. Hedge on Station Road obscuring VAS device
18. Pride in your Place application for village improvements
19. To consider donation request received from Bacton Primary School
20. Correspondence received
21. Parish Council insurance renewal
22. Electricity supply renewal
23. Finance
 - RFO's Report (bank balance, receipts, and payments)
 - Requests for payments presented and to review matters coming forth
24. **Planning**

To consider applications:

 - **DC/25/04398** - Notification of Works to Trees in a Conservation Area - Remove to ground level one very unbalanced oak. Martins, Church Lane, Finningham, Stowmarket, Suffolk, IP14 4JB.
 - **DC/25/04288** - Notification of Works to Trees in a Conservation Area - Walnut (T1) trim and reshape; Walnut (T2) trim and reshape by 3 metre. Orchard House, Gislingham Road, Finningham, Stowmarket, Suffolk, IP14 4HT.
 - **DC/25/04121** - Householder application - Replacement windows, replacement / refurbishment of fascias and soffits, re-cladding of dormer window. Lautrec, Gislingham Road, Finningham, Stowmarket, Suffolk, IP14 4HY.

- **DC/25/03856** - Householder Application - Erection of a detached double garage. Riverside, Gislingham Road, Finningham, Stowmarket, Suffolk, IP14 4HY.

Decisions and to consider planning matters coming forth:

- **DC/25/02974** - Application to determine if Prior Approval is required for a proposed Change of Use of Agricultural Buildings to Dwellinghouses (C3) and for building operations reasonably necessary for conversion. Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 as amended Schedule 2, Part 3, Class Q - Change of use of 3 no. agricultural buildings and land within their curtilage to 3 no. dwellinghouses, together with the building operations reasonably necessary to convert the buildings to dwellinghouses. Chapel Farm, Walsham Road, Finningham, IP14 4JG.
- **DC/25/02190** Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for an Existing Use or Operation or Activity including those in breach of a Planning Condition. Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) - For existing use of static caravan come lodge annex as this has been used since the 1990s to date as you will see from past planning records and addresses to and old council tax record. Caravan at Green Lane Farm, Green Lane, Finningham, Stowmarket, Suffolk, IP14 4TJ.
- **DC/25/03900** - Notification of works to trees in a Conservation Area - The oak tree (T1) 1. Remove dead wood, including a large hung-up limb which is currently detached from the tree but not in danger of falling (in the tree surgeon's opinion). 2. Raise the canopy by removing some of the lower branches that are hanging onto adjacent shrubs and garden outbuildings. The Paddocks, Walsham Road, Finningham, Stowmarket, Suffolk, IP14 4JE.
- **DC/25/03652** - Application for Listed Building Consent - Restore lath lime plaster panel. Drivers Farm, Gislingham Road, Finningham, Stowmarket, Suffolk, IP14 4JA.
- **DC/25/03843** - Application for works to trees in a conservation area - T1 Ash tree close to the boundary - remove 25 to 30% of tree height. Reduce overhanging limbs to a suitable growth point. Remove left hand limb back to the branch collar. As per advice from Lee Garwood, tree surgeon. Fairstead House, Church Green, Finningham, Stowmarket, Suffolk, IP14 4HU.

25. **New Parish Councillor co-option**
26. **To discuss date of the next meeting**
27. **Agenda items for the next meeting**

All members of the public are cordially invited to attend, but are respectfully asked not to contribute during the meeting outside of the public participation session, unless invited to do so by the Chairman.

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8th October 2025