

## Finchampstead Society Meeting 14-9-21 Planning & Environment Report

### Planning Developments

- **Relocation of the War Memorial**: The relocation of the War Memorial has been subject to public consultation on the Parish Council proposal, which closed on July 31st. There was a huge response and the Parish Council appreciated the interest shown by residents. Results of the consultation will be published shortly. The Parish Council have agreed that landscape consultants should be appointed to manage the project through all the stages.
- **Neighbourhood Development Plan**: Following the WBC decision not to proceed with the development of a new 'garden village' of 15,000 dwellings near Grazeley, the NDP Group is in consultation with WBC to discuss further potential sites for housing development in Finchampstead. The NDP will be amended and will be subject to further public consultation.

**Cemex/RSPB Nature Reserve**: No progress to report

### Greyhound Pub & Restaurant

- The Greyhound has reopened and now incorporates the pub, a café and a shop.

### Housing Developments:

- **150 Dwellings in Sandhurst**: Because the location of the development borders onto Finchampstead the Parish Council has submitted objections to Bracknell Forest Council, as the controlling Authority, under the following broad headings: large scale development in a rural area, increased traffic on narrow roads, access to/from the development onto a busy main road. the development is outside the village envelope.

**32 Dwellings adjacent to Nine Mile Ride**: This development will be to the rear of No. 240 Nine Mile Ride and will involve the demolition of two properties. The Parish Council has submitted objections to WBC under the following broad headings: the development doesn't comply with the local NDP, narrow access/exit onto a busy stretch of Nine Mile Ride near to California Crossroads, potential impact on the Crossroads, impact on adjacent right of way, woodland location with a significant number of trees at risk, lack of support for safe cycling.

### New Country Park

- A new country park has been created at West Court, Finchwood Park. The main feature is an English Oak which is thought to be over 450 years old and is being named the Finchampstead Oak.

### Blackwater Valley Path

The Parish Council and Loddon Valley Ramblers worked together from May to July to ensure that the Blackwater Valley path through Finchampstead is now stile-free. Four stiles were replaced with new kissing gates on a short stretch of footpath near Greenacres Farm. These gates were jointly funded by the Ramblers and the Parish Council and were installed by a team of volunteers from the Ramblers.