

Fincham Parish Council

Extraordinary Meeting

Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12, paragraph 9

Meeting of the Parish Council Agenda

Date of Notice: Wednesday, 28th October 2026

Date of Meeting: Wednesday, 4th November 2026

Time and Place: 7:30 pm at Fincham Memorial Hall, High Street, King's Lynn, PE33 9EJ

Councillors are summoned to attend, and the public is given notice of an Extraordinary Meeting of the Full Fincham Parish Council for the purpose of transacting the business set out in the attached agenda.

Members of the public and press are welcome to attend this Parish Council meeting.

Signed: Rob Shaw PSLCC, Clerk & RFO to Fincham Parish Council

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BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED.

In accordance with LGA 1972, schedule 12, 10(2) (b), which states that business must be specified.

**26. F 111 Welcome from the Chair and to receive Apologies for Absence.
(LGA 1972 s 85(1))**

26. F 112 To Invite application for Co-Option to Fincham Parish Council – To Discuss – Vote and resolve.

26. F 113

To Receive Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda and consider any requests for dispensation. (Localism Act 2011 s 31 s33)

Purpose of the meeting: To consider the proposed Longmarsh Green Energy development and its potential implications for Fincham and the surrounding communities, and to determine the Parish Council's response and next steps.

Agenda Items

26. F 114 - Background to the Longmarsh Green Energy proposals

To consider the information currently available regarding the proposed development, including its anticipated scale, location and associated infrastructure.

The proposals include solar energy generation, battery storage and a data centre campus, with the Eastern Site located in Fincham and the surrounding area.

26. F 114a - The Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) and Development Consent Order (DCO) process

To consider the significance of the project being promoted through the DCO process, including:

- The opportunities available for Fincham Parish Council and residents to submit representations.
- The need to ensure that the interests of Fincham and neighbouring communities are properly represented throughout the process.

26. F 114b - Public participation

To invite members of the public to raise questions and share their views on the proposed development, subject to the Council's public participation arrangements.

Note: Public participation does not itself constitute a formal decision-making item. Any decisions required of the Parish Council should be taken under the appropriate agenda item.

26. F114c - Potential impacts on Fincham and the surrounding area

To identify and discuss the potential effects of the proposals, including, but not limited to:

- Traffic and highways** – construction traffic, HGV movements, access routes, road safety and the condition of local roads.
- Landscape and visual impact** – the effect on the rural character, countryside views and setting of Fincham.
- Residential amenity** – potential noise, lighting, disturbance and other effects on residents.
- Environment and biodiversity** – wildlife, habitats, drainage, flooding and the wider natural environment.
- Public rights of way and recreation** – potential effects on footpaths, walking routes and access to the countryside.
- Heritage and local character** – potential effects on heritage assets and the historic character of the village and surrounding area.
- Construction and operation** – the anticipated duration, scale and cumulative effects of the development and associated infrastructure.

26.F 114d - Information required from the developer

To identify areas where further clarification, evidence or technical information is required from Longmarsh Green Energy, including:

- Detailed site layouts and the extent of the proposed development.
- Construction programmes, access arrangements and traffic management proposals.
- Environmental assessments and proposed mitigation measures.
- The potential cumulative effects of the development and associated infrastructure on local communities.
- Measures proposed to protect residents, local roads, wildlife and the rural environment.

26.F 114e - Public consultation and community engagement

To consider how Fincham Parish Council can support residents in understanding the proposals and participating in the consultation process.

To discuss the importance of ensuring that residents' concerns are recorded, communicated and considered by the developer and relevant authorities.

The developer's current consultation is scheduled to close at **11.59 pm on 26 November 2026**. Councillors should consider how best to publicise this deadline and encourage residents to submit their views.

26.F 114f - Communication with relevant authorities and representatives

To consider whether further representations or requests for assistance should be made to:

- King's Lynn and West Norfolk Borough Council.
- Norfolk County Council.
- The relevant Borough and County Councillors.
- The Planning Inspectorate.
- Other appropriate statutory bodies or organisations.

To consider requesting assistance in obtaining independent technical advice where necessary.

26.F 114g - Fincham Parish Council's response and agreed actions

To consider and resolve upon the next steps for the Parish Council, including:

- a. What will be the formal response to the current consultation.
- b. The principal concerns and issues that should be raised on behalf of Fincham.
- c. Whether to submit further questions or requests for information to the developer.
- d. Whether to request further meetings with the developer and relevant authorities.
- e. The arrangements for gathering and recording residents' views.
- f. The preparation of a timetable for further action, taking account of consultation deadlines and subsequent stages of the DCO process.

26. F 115 - Close of meeting: -

Any business to be considered at a Parish Council meeting must be delivered to the clerk for inclusion in accordance with Standing Order 9. Please use the "Agenda Item Request Form" and include as much information as possible including any proposal.