

**FINCHAMPSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE FINCHAMPSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL HELD
AT 7.30 PM ON THURSDAY 19th NOVEMBER 2009
AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, THE VILLAGE
FINCHAMPSTEAD, BERKSHIRE**

PRESENT: Cllr R Cundy, Chairman, Cllr G Markham, Vice Chairman
Cllrs Mrs Driver, Mrs Jennings-Frisby, Mrs Newcombe
Cllrs S Bromley, E Cox, W Chapman, I Gordon
Cllrs J May, M Macey, A Pearce, S Weeks, R Woof

Borough Councillor Rob Stanton
Claire Denham, Community Support, Gorse Ride (arrived 7.40 pm)

3 residents

Mrs Jane Holloway, Clerk.

387/2009 - APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs K Mayne, G Veitch, R Black

388/2009- MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Main Council meeting on 15th October 2009 were signed as a true record.

389/2009 - CHAIRMAN'S REPORT ON THE MINUTES

347/2009 - Correspondence - Flooding Park Lane/Reading Road

Flooding issues in the Borough were discussed at the Borough Parish Conference and the Report has been distributed.

347/2009 - Thames Water Pumping Station, Longwater Road - fly tipping

The Clerk has been advised that Thames Water will install a barrier on this site by the end of November 2009.

347/2009 - Finchampstead Sports Club - Leas Field - Public Right of Way

The Clerk has yet to receive a response to the letter sent to the Sports Club in July.

Following the decision at the Footpaths Committee meeting on 11 November, the Clerk contacted FIDO to request they liaise with those residents wanting to re-instate the public right of way across Leas Field. Cllr Weeks handed a copy of the 'Public Way Evidence Form' to the Clerk to be copied and distributed.

347/2009 - Memorial Park - new benches

The Clerk will purchase more suitable oil for John Fruin to complete the maintenance of benches and noticeboards.

347/2009 - New Baptist Community Centre - New Parish Office

Draft Agreement received from FB Church and a meeting is to be arranged between Police, Church, Cllr Cundy and the Clerk. Cllr Bromley confirmed that the Centre will have full fibre optic broadband and telephone available for the whole building and charges to the Parish Council will be included in the monthly Service Charge.

347/2009 - Correspondence List - Becoming a Better Councillor

Cllrs Bromley & Gordon attended this Workshop on 5 November 2009.

350/2009 - FPC Response To Master Plan Options For Arborfield Area

The 'Additional Written Statement to Examination in Public by FPC in relation to CP19' - prepared by Cllr Mayne, was submitted as the Parish Council's official response to the Consultation.

351/2009 - Playbuilders Funding - Gorse Ride & California Park

See main agenda item

352/2009 - WBC - Sustainable Community Strategy 2010-2020

Councillors discussed the parish council's response by email and by a meeting on 11 November 2009. The AGREED response was submitted to WBC on 18 November 2009 as required.

352/2009 - Veteran Tree Association - BBC Tree O'Clock Initiative Sat 5th December

Matter discussed at Footpaths meeting on 11 November and agreed that, due to lack of time and a suitable site, there would be no further action.

353/2009 - Remembrance Day Service - Sunday 8th November 2009

Cllr Cundy reported that the Service was very well attended and the Service had been excellent and thanked Cllr Cox for laying the wreath on behalf of the Parish Council. Cllr Mrs Driver advised that residents had remarked on the efforts made to tidy the War Memorial in readiness for the Service. Thanks were due to Cllr Cundy for this and for planting new daffodil bulbs around the Memorial.

ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The meeting was closed for Public Adjournment to allow residents to petition the members regarding the application by Finchampstead Road Surgery to open an onsite 100 hour pharmacy.

The members questioned Mr Jay about his concerns and his petition for a supporting letter to be sent to the PCT was voted on. 7 votes in favour, the remaining members abstained. The Clerk and Cllr Cundy will prepare a draft letter which will be circulated to members.

Borough Cllr Stanton then addressed the Council on the new Children's Services at the Community Centre and for Claire Denham spoke about the Community House, Kidz Club and Gorse Ride Estate play parks. Cllr Cundy thanked both for attending and keeping the members updated on current issues.

The meeting re-opened at 8.30 pm.

390 /2009 - COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING - Cllr Mrs Newcombe reported on the meeting held on 5th November - minutes to be distributed. The meeting venue was changed at late notice to accommodate a large group of residents who wished to lodge their objections to the Planning Application for the land to the West of The Field House, Longwater Lane. The committee listened to their objections and their comments are noted below.

Enforcement Actions

The committee continues to monitor outstanding actions but has no progress to report.

Applications

Ten applications were considered and the committee had no comments apart from

Land to west of The Field House

Cllr Cundy abstained from the vote. The committee agreed that there are very strong objections to the application, namely,

1. The site is within a Wildlife Heritage Site.
2. The site is located within the Thames Basin Heath SPA.
3. Development in the countryside.
4. No provision of adequate services particularly the foul sewer.
5. Tree Preservation Order being contravened - Oak tree at site entrance
6. Biodiversity issues
7. The site is within an ancient woodland site.
8. Highways issue - additional vehicle movement

Land at junction of The Ridges and Dell Road

No objection except for the access which is on a blind bend.

WBC Decisions.

Fleet Hill, Bannisters - the committee objected due to concerns on road safety issues and the new proposed access to the property. WBC Refused on the grounds on absence of adequate tree survey and adverse effect on character of the Listed Building.

81 Kiln Ride - committee objected on grounds of Thames Basin Heath, Refused as unacceptable in countryside setting and a piecemeal approach to housing development.

117 Nash Grove Lane - committee objected as inappropriate development and out of keeping with street scene, Refused as roof alterations would detract from character of host dwelling, balcony would overlook neighbouring property.

Hansom Cab Inn, Lower Wokingham Road - the committee had objected on over development of site, proposal approved by WBC.

67 NMR - the committee had objected as over urbanising impact on rural area, proposal approved by WBC.

23 Manor Park Drive - the committee had objected as out of keeping to site, proposal approved by WBC.

9 Windsor Ride - the committee had no objections, Refused by WBC due to inappropriate bulk on character of dwelling area.

Unit 5, Coleshill Farm, 9a, NMR- the committee had no objections, Refused by WBC due to unacceptability of variation of personal occupancy condition, road safety concerns.

Appeal Decisions

Alpaca Farm, Longwater Lane - The Inspector approved the application but with the condition the temporary house will be allowed for two years only. Cllr Weeks advised the Inspector's decision sets no precedent for any future travellers' applications.

New Appeals

31 Pine Drive - retrospective application of detached garage - Appeal to be handled by Householder Appeals Service which does not offer an opportunity for FPC to comment in person but all representations made at the time will be forwarded to the Inspectorate.

Middle Earth, Lower Wokingham Road - erection of 2 storey rear extension - Appeal to be handled by Householder Appeals Service - FPC had no objections at the time of application.

FINANCE

Cllr Markham reported that the Finance Committee met on 21 October and the minutes have been distributed. Cllr Weeks said he was not in possession of the Finance Minutes and Cllr Cundy apologised on behalf of the Clerk who will check that committee minutes are distributed to all members.

Documents to enable Electronic Payments have been received from Clydesdale Bank and it was AGREED these be signed by Cllrs Cundy and Markham as duly authorised signatories.

From the last Finance meeting the committee recommended that donations be made as shown in the Minutes. AGREED UNANIMOUSLY

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

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| • CLYDESDALE BANK (at 6th Nov) | £49284.34 |
| • HALIFAX ASSET RESERVE | £83716.14 |
| • CHEQUE LIST - NOV/09 | APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY |

AMENITIES - Cllr Markham reported matters arising since last meeting

- Allotments. The Clerk has been advised by the Wyevale Garden Centre Manager that no special arrangement can be made with the FPC. Anyone on the Allotment List can contact them directly to apply for an allotment and the Clerk will inform the applicants. The Clerk will also chase Cemex for progress on the Longwater Road site in time for the next Amenities meeting.

Cllr Mrs Driver will chair the meeting on Wednesday 9 December 2009 in Cllr Markham's absence.

FOOTPATHS - Cllr Chapman reported on the meeting held on 11 November 2009 - minutes distributed.

Footpath 10 - the warden will undertake reparations to alleviate flooding

Reports of a tree fallen across Footpath 33 will be investigated

The committee discussed the WBC's Review of Public Rights of Way (ROWIP 2009) and the Clerk has emailed the documents to all councillors. Any comments to be sent to Cllr Weeks, copied to Clerk.

It was noted that vehicular access is allowed on the PROW network if landowners need to access their land.

ROADS & ROAD SAFETY Cllr Mayne's report is distributed and Cllr Macey further reported:-

Inconsiderate Parking in Gorse Ride - action by the police resulted in illegally parked cars being booked. It is hoped this will act as a deterrent for the future.

The proposal to approve purchase of SID/VAS unit for Finchampstead (on tonight's Agenda) will be carried forward until after the next Roads Meeting - Wednesday 25 November 2009, to allow more time for research on the 3M unit proposed by WBC.

391/2009 - OTHER REPORTS

FPMC - next meeting 16 December 2009

WDALC Conference - Cllr Cox's report distributed.

Borough/Parish Conference - 22 October 2009

Cllrs Cox, Macey and Woof attended the Conference and their notes have been distributed. Cllr Woof highlighted the issue of Flooding in the Borough and it was AGREED that the subject is fully discussed at next month's Main Council meeting as an Agenda item - 'How concerns on flooding can be addressed'

Gorse Ride Residents Assoc. / MAG Report - Cllr Mrs Jennings-Frisby's report distributed.

FinchNag - Cllr Pearce's report distributed. Cllr Pearce also advised that the FinchNag are trying to involve younger people and hope to recruit 2 pupils from the Junior Schools and 2 from Emmbrook.

Clerk's Report

- Freedom of Information request received from Fair Play for Children requiring information on the expenditure of Parish Councils on the funding of play in the parish. The Clerk consulted Cllrs Cundy and Markham and provided the necessary information.

Cllr Cundy wished to express thanks again to all councillors who attend other meetings on behalf of the FPC.

392/2009 - PLAYBUILDERS FUNDING - GORSE RIDE PLAYING FIELDS

The Public Consultation was held on Saturday 7th November at NMR School and the Clerk has asked for its results to be sent as soon as available.

Cllr Weeks confirmed he received one complaint from a resident on the proposed Skate Park and has advised the resident that the Multi Games Area as originally planned, does not currently have funding. The funding available is for a replacement play park aimed at 8-13 year olds and the possibility of an additional Skate Park is under discussion. It was noted that the two play areas in Gorse Ride are intended for under 8s.

393/2009 - WBC TOWN/PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE ONTO BOROUGH'S STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

Any FPC nomination to be submitted by 4 January 2010 - to be carried forward to the December meeting.

394/2009 - PARISH COUNCIL DECISION ON THE PROPOSAL TO CONSIDER A REGULAR CONTRIBUTION TO THE BLACKWATER VALLEY COUNTRYSIDE PARK IN THEIR WORK. SUCH DONATION TO BE REVIEWED ANNUALLY AT THE FPC PRECEPT MEETING

Cllr Weeks discussed this matter at Footpaths Committee meeting and it was agreed at that committee this be put before Main Council.

Cllr Weeks advised that the original set up of the BVCP included WBC, Bracknell Forest, and Hants CC who each provided funding. For the last 2 years, BFBC has not provided funding but several Town/Parish Councils have started to provide funds annually e.g. Sandhurst and Yateley.

In view of the extended area of the Park, along the Blackwater River, which forms the southern boundary of Finchampstead Parish, it was agreed that the local residents receive many benefits. It was AGREED, in principle, to support a regular donation to BVCP and that Cllr Weeks will provide background data in readiness for the Finance Precept meeting on January 12th 2010 for the committee to be able to recommend the level of funding.

395/2009 - COUNCIL, ANNUAL GATHERING AND COMMITTEES - VENUES IN 2010

In view of the imminent move to the new Centre, members discussed locations for future meetings. It was AGREED that, if possible, the Annual Gathering be held on Thursday 25 March 2010 in the new Community Centre. In future, the monthly Main Council meetings will be held alternately in the Centre and the Memorial Hall. Committee meetings will be agreed after the Centre has opened and suitable rooms available.

396/2009 - CORRESPONDENCE LIST - 19th NOVEMBER MEETING

- Letters from Wokingham Without Parish Council regarding possible changes to boundary between FPC and WWPC. Cllr Mrs Newcombe researched her papers on the previous changes and advised that at that time residents across the railway line at Wellingtonia Roundabout were adamant about staying in Finchampstead Parish. It was confirmed that the proposed SDL development of concern to WWPC were not within the FPC boundary. It was therefore AGREED that there is no need for any changes to the parish boundary and the Clerk will advise WWPC accordingly.
- WBC - Schools' Carol Concert - Sunday 13 Dec at Loddon Valley Leisure Centre - **Cllr Cundy is to attend with the Head of Finchampstead Cof E School.**
- Keep Mobile - Meetings Schedule - **Passed to Cllr Mrs Driver**
- War Memorial - St James Church has supplied a list of engraved names; also the Parish Office has received a copy of detailed biographical details of men listed on the Memorial - compiled by Andy Chaloner who will provide updates following his further research. **The Clerk will retain the document**
- CCB - Action for All website - provides free community websites and network. Invitation to link our site to Action for All - **passed to Cllr Bromley**
- Bracknell Forest BC - Local Transport Plan 3 - Public Consultation until 23 November. Go to www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/ltp3 for more information - **noted.**
- WBC - Publication of Inspector's Report (Core Strategy) - **noted**
- Berkshire Blind Society - Grant Application form **pass to Finance**
- Wokingham Job Support - Grant Application form **pass to Finance**
- Relate Berkshire - Grant Application form **pass to Finance**
- TV Police Liaison meeting - 20 April 2010 - who to go?
- Crowthorne Choral Society - 6 tickets for Sat 28 November - in aid of Children in Need.

FOLDER CONTENTS - The folder is available from 7.30 pm on the night of the meeting and will be held in the Parish Office for the month following. If any councillor wishes to take an item, please advise the Clerk. Items include WBC Minutes of meetings

Forum

- Fly tipping in Church Lane has been reported to WBC for action
- Sandhurst Road - WBC proposed footway - Cllr Cox advised that WBC has agreed to extend the path to Rabbit Lane and will negotiate with the developers on alternatives for the remaining S106 funding.

- Sandhurst Road - Cllr Cox reported a deep pothole to WBC as it could cause accidents.
- Hogwood Meadows - Cllr Bromley reported more activity on site and the Clerk will inform the Enforcement Officer.
- Polling Stations - Cllr Weeks advised that he has asked for changes to sites for the Stations. Currently, NMR School has to close on Election days so using the new Community Centre would be a better solution. AGREED. Cllr Cundy asked if the California Association can be formally asked for their permission for use as a Polling Station.
- Cllr Bromley reported that BT offers an excellent Data Recovery Service available online approx. £15 per month. This will be on next month's Agenda for approval.

397/2009 - DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Main Council 7.30 pm Thursday 18 December 2009 at Memorial Hall, Finchampstead.
Cllr Cundy invited councillors' partners to join the meeting around 9pm after close of business for festive drinks and nibbles. The Clerk will also send invitations to Mrs Hughes, Miss Vaughan-Morgan, John Dewhurst and Claire Denham; the Borough Councillors have already been invited.

Meeting closed at 9.57pm