

FINCHAMPSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FINCHAMPSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL HELD
AT 7.30 PM ON THURSDAY 20 MAY 2010
AT THE WAVERLEY ROOM, FBCENTRE, GORSE RIDE,
FINCHAMPSTEAD, BERKSHIRE

PRESENT: Cllrs R Cundy, G Markham, R Black, S Bromley, W Chapman, E Cox,
Cllrs Mrs C Driver, Mrs N Jennings Frisby, Mrs L Newcombe,
Cllrs J May, Macey, K Mayne, A Pearce, R Rampton, G Veitch, R Woof

Mrs Jane Holloway, Clerk

183/2010 - APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Weeks

184/2010 - ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF FINCHAMPSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

The Clerk asked for nominations for Chairman of the Parish Council

Cllr Roland Cundy was proposed as Chairman by Cllr Markham and seconded by Cllr Chapman. Cllr Cundy was elected unanimously to serve for a further year.

The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was duly signed.

Cllr Cundy thanked the members for their continued support and for all their hard work during the past year and wished the minutes to show that he is very appreciative of all the pro-active and innovative work undertaken by a good team. Cllr Cundy also thanked Mrs Clerk and her assistant, Mrs Kent for their hard work in the office. Cllr Rampton, as the newly elected member, was welcomed to the Council.

185/2010 - ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN OF FINCHAMPSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Cllr Markham was proposed as Chairman by Cllr Cundy and seconded by Cllr Pearce. Cllr Markham was elected unanimously to serve for a further year.

The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was duly signed.

186/2010- MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Main Council meeting on 15 April 2010 were amended on page 50 to complete the ROADS & ROAD SAFETY title and then signed as a true record.

187/2010 - CHAIRMAN'S REPORT ON THE MINUTES

123/2010 - Finchampstead Sports Club - Leas Field - Public Right of Way

- It was noted that a representative from the Hellenic League is due to inspect the Leas Field for its suitability for the League's requirements for football matches. To be carried forward - Cllr Markham advised that the FPMC are progressing this matter.
- The Clerk has been handed DMMO forms and has asked Cllr Weeks to advise on the next part of the procedure.

123/2010 - Playbuilders Funding - Gorse Ride Playing Fields

Complaint received re works stopped football team playing on Sunday 16 May - Clerk contacted Nick Christo and Cllr Mrs Newcombe advised she raised the matter at today's Playbuilders' Funding meeting. Cllr Rampton asked why there are fewer football pitches than before and the football team losing the facilities. Cllr Cundy advised that now that these pitches are managed by WBC, alternative facilities at the Waverley pitches have been made available to the Sunday team. It was noted that the younger teams have moved to the Eversley facilities.

123/2010 - Allotment Working Group Report

The Clerk wrote to both Cemex and WBC to formally request release of the identified land. Cemex are willing to enter into a lease for the identified land but this is dependent on discussions with WBC on use of the Old Nursery Land to be used for access and parking. Cllr Markham will discuss with Cllr Weeks and then arrange a meeting of the Working Group.

123/2010 - Proposal that the FPC donate the sum of £4000 to the Blackwater Valley Countryside Park in 2010-11

This year's funding was recommended by the Finance Committee to be £4000 and the cheque is shown on the Cheque List. AGREED.

123/2010 - Proposal to Agree To Sign the Rental Agreement with the FBC for the New Parish Office

Our Solicitor advises that he is still to receive acceptance of the final lease from the FBC solicitors.

124/2010 - Election of Parish Councillor - 27 May 2010

Richard Rampton, was elected unopposed as no other nominations were received for the election due to be held on 27th May 2010. Upon signing the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and Register of Interests, Cllr Rampton will now serve until the next scheduled Election (May 2012).

128/2010 - Purchase of Two Street Lights on Footway between Drake Close and Arnett Avenue. Revised Costs Submitted As £2752 for Supply and an Estimated Annual Maintenance Cost for 2 Additional Lights of £260.00

Order placed with SEC and work to commence at end of May 2010

130/2010 - Forum -California Association Hall - Funding Application

The Clerk sent a letter of support to the Association.

130/2010 - Forum - Village Shop & Post Office

The Clerk sent a thank you letter to Ian Adnams and Diane Gillespie for their many years' service to the Village.

130/2010 - Forum - Missing Sponsorship sign on Roundabout (Finchampstead Rd/Barkham Ride

Cllr Mrs Driver asked the Clerk to contact WBC about the missing Sponsor sign on the Finchampstead/Barkham Ride roundabout - The Clerk was advised that such sponsorship is currently under review by WBC.

188/2010 - COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING - Cllr Veitch reported on the meeting held on 21 April and Cllr Mrs Newcombe reported on last night's meeting - Minutes to be distributed.

Meeting held on 21 April 2010

162a&164 Nine Mile Ride

Cllr Veitch advised that the meeting was attended by several neighbouring property owners who wanted to comment on the application for land behind 162a&164 Nine Mile Ride - for 1 4 bed detached dwelling. The committee objected on the grounds: 'Thames Basin Heath, overdevelopment of site, backland development, increase of traffic issues on a busy junction, and setting a precedent'

Bracknell Forest BC SADP - Ambarrow Lane

The committee had not been sent the original documents but submitted comments to object strongly to the proposal for an additional 1000 houses to be built on this site.

Meeting held on 19 May 2010

Cllr Mrs Newcombe advised that Jeni Jackson, WBC Planning Officer attended the meeting primarily to speak about outstanding Enforcement issues.

Enforcement Actions -

Discussed with Ms Jackson

Applications -

- Park Lane, Hogwood Meadows - Objections on grounds of over development of countryside and Thames Basin Heath
- 303 NMR - objection to garage in front of the building line and possibility of overlooking neighbouring property from first floor
- The Village, land West of Thatched Cottage - land currently has permission to be used as a Builders' Yard. Application for change of use to residential for erection of 2 detached dwellings and residential curtilage. Objections on change of use; outside the village envelope and Thames Basin Heath. Cllr Weeks advised the committee that several residents were in favour of the application as being the least worst option. It was noted that no residents attended the Planning meeting. Cllr Cundy confirmed that the Planning Committee must follow the WBC Planning Guidelines and the site had a history of previous applications, all of which were declined.
- Woodlands, Lwr Wokingham Road - objection to garage in front of the building line

WBC Decisions

The committee noted there were several disagreements with WBC decisions.

New Appeals

F/2009/2609, 19 Nine Mile Ride – Erection of replacement dwelling (demolition of existing)

FPC had no objections to this application, no action required.

F/2010/0159, Birchlands, Wick Hill Lane – Proposed erection of two storey side extension with front and rear dormer extensions to include Juliet balcony to dwelling.

FPC had no objections to this application, no action required.

Appeal Decisions

None received

Other Matters

Notification from WBC of Appeal on Land known as Twin Oaks, Longwater Lane, scheduled for 11th June. Letter of objection sent 4th May

FINANCE

Cllr Markham reported on the meeting is on Tuesday 27 April, 7.30pm - Minutes distributed. The committee had to review the Expenditure and Donations for 2010-11 and revise the total from £50K to £35K and this was achieved by being able to remove the Skate Park provision of £10K as it is being fully funded elsewhere and be a further £5K by delaying consideration of an Outdoor Games area.

Recommendations from Finance Committee

- £50K transfer from Clydesdale current account to 6 month Notice Account - AGREED
- 2010 Fuel Allotment to be distributed by WRVS Meals on Wheels who will help identify qualifying Finchampstead residents - AGREED
- A donation of £2500 to the 1st Finchampstead Scouts towards the costs of replacing camping equipment - AGREED
- A grant to FinchNag for £250 - AGREED
- The 2nd year agreement for Council Insurance (including increased cover for the Data Logger and Hanging Baskets) amounts to £1304.63 - AGREED

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

- CLYDESDALE BANK £130875.61
- CHEQUE LIST - MAY/2010 APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

AMENITIES - Cllr Markham reported on matters since the last meeting.

- Flowering Baskets order placed with Windowflowers and baskets due to be in place week beginning 7 June - to be invoiced quarterly
- Welcome Packs Welcome Packs for Finchampstead Road surgery - Cllr Pearce will deliver the packs for the attention of Dr Mellows.

Next meeting 22 June 2010, 7.30pm California Association Hall

FOOTPATHS - Cllr Chapman reported on matters since the last meeting.

- Footpath 29 - the stile has been replaced
- Footpath 8 - two trees reported fallen have been removed
- Footpath 6 - the hedge needs cutting back and the owner has been informed.

ROADS & ROAD SAFETY

Cllr Mayne reported on meeting held on 4th May - Minutes distributed

Data Logger

Cllr Mayne wished to thank Cllrs Bromley and Chapman for their work which produces valuable data for the Council. AGREED. The list of sites with associated surveys will be submitted to WBC for their approval and a working group will be formed by the R&RS Committee.

Flooding Problems

List of sites was sent to Eddie Napper at WBC and he has advised on works progress. Cllr Chapman will meet Mr Napper to discuss other sites.

Road Surface Problems

The Clerk sent WBC a list of sites and the response has been satisfactory with most sites to be repaired in the next few months.

189/2010 - OTHER REPORTS

FPMC - AGM 19th April 2010 - Cllr Markham will remain as the nominated FPC representative.

Playbuilders' Funding - California Park

Cllr Mrs Newcombe attended a meeting at WBC and advised that there is £45K plus matched funding available for the project. A full review of possibilities will be undertaken and a Public Consultation will take place mid July with building completed for Spring 2011.

MAG Report - none

FinchNag - Cllr Pearce advised on items raised at the last meeting

- Reports received concerning large groups of young people gathering and their comments noted that the new facilities at the FBCentre are too expensive. Louise Morris will attend the next meeting of FinchNag.
- Data Logger data will be welcome for comparison with police data. Cllr Mayne advised the Parish Council would be willing to share the information on the condition the unit is kept low key.
- Burglary incidents have increased from 3 to 7.
- The committee is looking for an alternative venue and is likely to be either the GR or NMR schools.

Village Youth Report

Cllr Cox advised that the Southern Parishes Committee is to be re-convened as a matter of urgency with Finchampstead, Barkham and Arborfield Parish Councils involved. Borough Cllr Mike Gore is willing to become Chairman. The main problem is one of transportation to the new FBCentre and sources of funding will be discussed.

Clerks' Report

Cllr to attend Police Liaison meeting at Shute End on Tuesday 15th June 7-9pm - Cllr Woof will advise if he is available.

190/2010 -APPROVAL OF AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS

The Clerk distributed all documents prior to the meeting and the Finance committee met just prior to Main Council and can recommend acceptance and signature by the Chairman.

AGREED UNANIMOUSLY

191/2010 - APPROVAL OF ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

Finance Committee met just prior to Main Council and can recommend acceptance and signature by the Chairman.

AGREED UNANIMOUSLY

Meeting closed at 8.40pm for Part 2 discussion on meetings with the Southern Parishes Planning Group. Meeting re-opened at 9pm

192/2010 - CORE STRATEGY WORKING GROUP

Agreed '*Collective Communication*' emailed to relevant Ward Councillors together with a complaint to Planning Officers concerning the lack of details of FPC responses posted on the website as being wholly unrepresentative of the submission.

Meeting at WBC on 25 May will be attended by Cllrs May and Mayne.

Cllrs Mrs Newcombe and May thanked Cllr Mayne for all his hard work to ensure the parish interests are fully noted and taken into consideration by WBC. AGREED

193/2010 - BOROUGH/PARISH CONFERENCE - 27 OCTOBER 2010

Ideas for agenda to be submitted by 1st June - Cllr Cox proposes:

Update on the Boroughs programme for major new road construction and major road up-dates scheduled in the next 10 years

Cllr Mayne commented that this forms part of the Core Strategy and Local Transport Plan. It was AGREED that 'Flooding and Water Management' would be a subject of wide interest to many Parish/Town Councils and the following question will be submitted.

'Flooding and Water Management Act 2010' - how do WBC propose to follow recommendations arising from the recent legislation ?

194/2010 - FINCHAMPSTEAD PARK SUMMER FETE - Saturday 10th July

Cllr Cundy advised he is unavailable for the date and the Clerk will email all councillors to ask for volunteers and the matter will be discussed at the next Amenities meeting on 22 June 2010.

195/2010 - NOMINATIONS TO COMMITTEES AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS

The Clerk distributed the New Committee List - vacancies on Finance, Planning and Roads. Cllr Rampton advised he would like to serve on the Roads Committee.

Short Committee meetings after close of business to elect Committee Chairmen & Vice Chairmen.

- Cllr Cundy advised the committee that Cllr Macey has tendered his resignation due to a family move to Wiltshire. Cllr Cundy and all other councillors expressed their thanks to Cllr Macey for his invaluable work and commitment during his term as Parish Councillor which helped in its efforts for residents. AGREED UNANIMOUSLY. Cllr Macey thanked everyone for their kind comments and that he had enjoyed the time spent in council work and wished all well for the future.

PUBLIC ADJOURNMENT

196/2010 - CORRESPONDENCE LIST - 15 APRIL 2010 MEETING

1. WBC - Executive Forward Programme - copies to be circulated to Committee Chairmen
2. WBC - Winter Service Review - passed to R&RS Committee
3. WBC - Strategic Dev. Locations - SPD Consultation - pass to Core Strategy Group
4. CAB - AGM Friday 30 July at Wokingham Baptist Church, Milton Road
5. Mid & West Berks Local Access Forum - 'Rolling out Rowips' - meeting on Weds 2 June at the Nature Discovery Centre, Muddy Lane, Thatcham. 6-9pm
6. VAWB, Ian Sexton, Chief Officer - letter advising that WBC ending the open grants process for voluntary groups, to be replaced by new commissioning based approach. - passed to Finance

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, Agendas etc.

Forum

- Cllr Pearce reported the surface of the path alongside the FBCentre boundary has become hard and rutted. The Clerk will make enquiries.
- Cllr Bromley advised there will be a 'Car Wash' Fund Raising event on Sunday 23 May from 10-11 in aid of the California Association Hall.
- Cllr Cox advised that he recently had a minor accident requiring paramedic assistance which was efficient and prompt. A letter of commendation will be sent to the South Centre Ambulance Service recommending Mr Spencer for his professionalism. Agreed.

197/2010 - DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Main Council Meeting 7.30 pm Thursday 17 June 2010 at Memorial Hall, The Village
Meeting closed at 9.30pm.