

FINCHAMPSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINCHAMPSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL HELD
AT 7.30 PM ON THURSDAY 17 JUNE 2010
AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, THE VILLAGE,
FINCHAMPSTEAD, BERKSHIRE

PRESENT: Cllrs R Cundy, Chairman
Cllrs S Bromley, W Chapman, Cllrs Mrs C Driver, Mrs N Jennings Frisby,
Cllrs Mrs L Newcombe, J May, K Mayne, A Pearce, R Rampton, G Veitch
Cllrs S Weeks, R Woof
Mrs Jane Holloway, Clerk

Ms Lisa Blackwood and Mr Ian Pittock, candidates for co-option

234/2010 - APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr G Markham, R Black, E Cox

Before opening the meeting for official business, Cllr Cundy read out Cllr Black's letter of resignation and wished it to be show on the Minutes that the Parish Council are very appreciative of his commitment and involvement with the Council and sorry to lose such a valuable member. All wished Roger Black and his wife a happy retirement.

235/2010- MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Main Council meeting on 20 May 2010 were signed as a true record.

236/2010 - CHAIRMAN'S REPORT ON THE MINUTES

187/2010 - Finchampstead Sports Club - Leas Field - Public Right of Way

- It was noted that a representative from the Hellenic League is still due to inspect the Leas Field for its suitability for the League's requirements for football matches. To be carried forward.
- The DMMO forms were passed to the Footpaths Committee which agreed that photocopies should be held at the Parish Office and the originals passed to Ms R Walkley at the Countryside Service for WBC action.

187/2010 - Playbuilders Funding - Gorse Ride Playing Fields

Nick Christo leaving WBC, Wendy Crosson-Smith invited to Amenities on 22 June for update

187/2010 - Allotment Working Group Report

To be discussed at next Amenities meeting.

187/2010 - Proposal that the FPC donate the sum of £4000 to the Blackwater Valley Countryside Park in 2010-11

The Clerk sent the donation and advised that Cllr Woof is the nominated FPC representative.

187/2010 - 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.
- The office move will go ahead now that the BT work is completed and Cllr Bromley will transfer the Telephone and IT equipment to FBCentre on 19 June, office to officially open on Monday 21st June.

187/2010 - 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 has started.

190/2010 - Approval of Audit of Accounts

The auditor signed the Audit Return which has been posted to Mazars, the External Auditor. The official Notices have been placed on the Noticeboards as required.

193/2010 - Borough/Parish Conference - 27 October 2010

FPC question 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

To be discussed at Amenities on 22 June - volunteers needed for the day.

196/2010 - FPC boundary path

Cllr Weeks advised this is not a Public Right of Way. Cllr Mayne reported this route is being considered as part of the 'Walking Route to School' project.

196/2010 - South Central Ambulance Trust

The Clerk wrote to the Trust to commend the excellent professionalism of the Paramedic team as a whole and for the prompt attention to Cllr Cox.

The meeting was closed at 7.45pm to allow the co-option candidates to address the members in turn.

The meeting re-opened at 8.05pm and Cllr Cundy thanked both candidates for attending and that the result had been extremely close. Lisa Blackwood was selected to become a Parish Councillor and Cllr Cundy advised Mr Pittock that the new vacancy will be filled at the July Meeting following Mr Black's resignation.

237/2010 - COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING - Cllr Mrs Newcombe reported on the meeting held on 16 June - minutes yet to be distributed. The committee noted that, due to the change of Government, there will likely be substantial changes to Planning procedures including 'back garden development' and local authorities' powers to define housing density of small developments.

Enforcement Actions -

No further progress to report.

Applications -

The committee submitted objections to the following applications:-

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| 145 Nash Grove Lane | - change of use from Greenfield site |
| Ridgeways, Wellingtonia Avenue | - style of pillars out of keeping |
| Ardwell Lodge, Ardwell Close | - Thames Basin Heath restrictions |
| 414 Finchampstead Road | - Garage in front of building line, potential loss of light to 414a, size, bulk, mass, out of keeping. |
| 9 Radical Ride | - proposed design would make the property a semi detached rather than link detached. |
| Belscot, Reading Road | - Traffic concerns and further industrialization |
| 91&97 Kiln Ride | - Overdevelopment of site and TBH |

WBC Decisions - Most WBC decisions were in line with Parish Council objections except for 76 Barkham Ride where no objections were lodged but refused as a '*contrived design, overwhelms original dwelling and potential loss of light to neighbouring property.*'

New Appeals

Groves, Wick Hill, F/2010/0307

Proposed two storey front/side extension plus single storey side extension to create link to main dwelling. FPC had no objections, but not to be sold as a separate dwelling. Action send letter to the Inspectorate by 14th July.

Appeal Decisions

None received

Other Matters - Bracknell Forest BC – SAPD

SAPD relating to Ambarrow site has been withdrawn from the Options List. Cllr Weeks advised that as BFBC in error had not consulted Finchampstead PC as a neighbouring authority at the proper time their consultation was incomplete. Our objections had been lodged even though the deadline had passed.

FINANCE

Cllr Woof reported in Cllr Markham's absence.

- £50K transferred to 6 month Deposit Account at Clydesdale - acknowledgement received.
- Two donations received from Claire Denham at the Community House which require approval prior to July.
 - Performing Arts Group Trip - £200 for 15 young people. AGREED
 - Gorse Ride in Bloom Competition - £250 prize money. AGREED
Weds 21 July at 4pm - Cllr Mrs Jennings Frisby to be a judge

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

- CLYDESDALE BANK £69084.91 (+£50,000.00 on deposit)
- CHEQUE LIST - JUN/2010 APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Next meeting 7.30 pm Tuesday 27th July at the FBCentre

AMENITIES - Cllr Mrs Driver reported in Cllr Markham's absence

- Flowering Baskets baskets now in place
- Welcome Packs Cllr Mrs Jennings Frisby will check to see that the packs are on display.
- Playbuilders Funded playground will be open mid July

Next meeting 22 June 2010, 7.30pm California Association Hall

FOOTPATHS - Cllr Chapman reported on meeting held on 9th June - minutes to be distributed.

Following the Risk Assessment Working Group's report Cllr Chapman and the Clerk have discussed the insurance implications for the Warden undertaking council work on the footpaths. The Clerk has received confirmation from the Insurer that all cover is in place under the terms of the policy providing that the any work undertaken is on the instructions of the Council. The original Letter of Contract will be reviewed and will include and instruction to undertake extra duties as and when required.

Cllr Chapman proposed £8.25 per hour for any such additional work - AGREED

Cllr Chapman has verified that of the four items of council owned equipment, two are unused and stored at Mr Alexander's home in a locked garage (Hayter mower and long reach hedge pruner). It was AGREED these items should be serviced every two years. The Clerk and Cllr Woof will update the Asset Register in the August Recess.

ROADS & ROAD SAFETY

Cllr Cundy wished to apologise profusely to Cllr Mayne and the R&RS Committee for his remarks that were reported in the last issue of the Wokingham Times. Cllr Mayne accepted the apology but the report on the Data Logger was in advance of receiving official approval from WBC.

Cllr Mayne reported on matters since the last meeting.

Data Logger

The test data is proving very useful and the final list of sites and risk report agreed by the R&RS Committee will be submitted to WBC this week. Cllr Bromley has placed an order with CA Traffic for more brackets and batteries.

Lamp Columns

SEC reported a leaning column and Cllr Woof will check to see if remedial work is required.

Utility Companies Road Works

It was AGREED that more co-operation between the Utility Companies and WBC would be very beneficial to alleviate traffic disruptions. It was also AGREED that some roads and footways are poorly re-instated to the detriment of pedestrians and road traffic. Cllr Weeks will raise this issue with Mark Moon at WBC.

Local Transport Plan

WBC has made no progress with the Plan and it was noted that the change in Government will probably have an impact on it.

Dell Road & The Ridges junction

WBC scheme is now complete and its success in reducing traffic accidents monitored.

Cllr Cundy thanked the committee for all its hard work and commitment.

238/2010 - OTHER REPORTS

FBC Advisory Board

Cllrs Cundy and Weeks attended the inaugural meeting that discussed the Terms of Reference. So far the Centre is proving successful and it is hoped the café hours will be extended to include Saturday mornings (at the moment the café is open 10-4 Monday-Friday)

FPMC - none to report

MAG Report - Cllr Mrs Jennings Frisby's report was distributed

FinchNag - Cllr Pearce reported that Louise Morris, Youth Worker attended the last meeting to confirm the attendance had greatly increased following the opening of the new FBCentre - around an average attendance of 35 weekly. Younger siblings are also going so it is hoped to set up additional groups for this age group. The AGM will be on 18th October 2010 at the Gorse Ride Junior School. Dates for SID sessions will only be monthly at the moment - Cllr Weeks will check PCSO Tony Smith. The police have suggested CCTV installation at Hogwood Industrial Estate following a spate of burglaries. The Co-op at California Crossroads has been burgled.

Village Youth Report - Louise Morris' report distributed

Police Liaison Meeting - Tuesday 15th June

Cllr Woof attended and advised there had been good attendance with Inspector Denise Blackburn from Thames Valley Police. Inspector Blackburn confirmed that police can and do enforce 20 mph speed areas providing they are legally signed and lit etc. Violent crime was up Operation Lioncub aims to get PCSOs to hot spots quickly; Neighbourhood teams are at strength; the NAGs were commended but now under review for Best Practice. Cllr Woof will email his full notes to members.

Clerks' Report

- Cllr Woof and the Clerk will complete the outstanding Risk Assessment issues during the August recess.

239/2010 - CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR - Ms Lisa Blackwood

Cllr Ms Blackwood signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was handed other documents to be signed and returned to the Clerk in due course.

240/2010 - CORE STRATEGY WORKING GROUP

Cllr Mayne reported that the several meetings of the Southern Parishes Planning Group have been very useful and constructive. Their subsequent meeting with WBC Officers and Borough Councillors had made the political side very aware of the lack of proper consideration of Parish comments and opinions by the officers.

Due to the change in Government, the WBC Executive Meeting to discuss SDLs scheduled for 24th June has been cancelled. The Southern Parishes Planning Group will meet on Saturday 19th June to decide a revised strategy but would need an indicative plan for the Arborfield site together with a contingency plan.

Cllr Weeks advised the current situation was confused and uncertain but that the likelihood was that Local Government would have more control on planning for development areas. WBC is more likely to approve housing in hundreds rather than thousands.

PUBLIC ADJOURNMENT

241/2010 - CORRESPONDENCE LIST - 17 JUNE 2010 MEETING

- **St James' Church Service – Sunday 18 July 2010**
All councillors are invited to attend this special service to recognise all those who have helped the church through the Restoration process. Cllr Cundy apologised that he will be unable to attend.
- **WBC - Addition of a facility for Parish/Town Member Questions at the Standards Committee - noted**
- **WBC - 'Alleged Statutory Nuisance from Noise' at the Memorial Hall, Finchampstead**
Clerk ascertained from FPMC Chairman, Mrs Napper, that at the time in question (Weds 2nd June between 8pm - 9.05pm) only a Dog Training class uses the hall. The Clerk suggested the Environmental Health dept address the letter to the Sports Club who may have had an event that evening.
- **4 tickets for Crowthorne Choral Concert - 'Mass in Blue' 7.30pm Sunday 20 June 2010**

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 Weeks advised the Barkham SANG (Rook's Nest) will be going ahead for April 2011
- Cllr Weeks advised the new MP Dr Philip Lee made his maiden speech to Parliament and the new FBCentre was mentioned.
- Cllr Mrs Driver advised she has seen an advertisement of a plot of land originally purchased from UKLI
- Cllr Mrs Jennings Frisby asked for volunteers for the California Association Garden Party on 24th July 11-3.30
- Cllr Ms Blackwood thanked the members for selecting her to be the co-opted councillor and looked forward to being involved.

242/2010 - DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Main Council Meeting 7.30 pm Thursday 15 July 2010 at **FBCentre, Gorse Ride North** and will be chaired by Cllr Markham.

Meeting closed at 9.45 pm.