

FINCHAMPSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD AT 8.00PM ON Thursday 11th September 2008 IN THE CALIFORNIA RATEPAYERS HALL, FINCHAMPSTEAD RD, FINCHAMPSTEAD, BERKS

PRESENT: Cllr Mrs L Newcombe - Chairman
Cllr Mrs Driver, Cllr Mrs N Jennings-Frisby, Mr Black, Mr S Bromley,
Cllr Mr Gordon (left meeting at 9pm), Mr Pearce, Mr Veitch
Mrs A Kent – Assistant Clerk

352/2008 - APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Cllrs Mr Chapman, Cllrs Mr Cundy

353/2008 - MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of 13th August 2008 were signed as a true record of the meeting.

Cllr Mr Gordon was co-opted onto the committee and was given a copy of the guidelines and a copy will be given to Mrs Jennings-Frisby.

354/2008 - MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

63/2008 - CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS

Land Clearing taking place close to Travis Perkins on Park Lane, close to Hogwood Trading Estate. A site visit was carried out on Fri 4th April with Cllr W Chapman, WBC have written to the owners of the site which is called Moor Farm. Spoke to J Steepe on 6th May, land owned by 3 people, fly-tipping evident on land, WBC is meeting with a representative of the owners, and an enforcement notice, or clean-up notice will be served. Mr Steepe has written to the owners asking that the land be cleared: they have until the end of August 08. No clearing has commenced on the site, no further updates

128/2008 - CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS

Summer House Greenacres, Nine Mile Ride, registered with Enforcement at WBC on April 4th. Additionally check whether the mobile home has planning permission. WBC informed FPC that the mobile home issue was resolved in 2007. Summer House still waiting to hear from WBC. Asst Clerk will contact WBC to ask how matter was resolved and for copy of relevant documents. WBC responded that the mobile home is ancillary to the use of the house as written to by Mr R Lettin. The matter of the summer house is still being looked into. Asst Clerk will ask for a copy of Mr Lettin's letter. Mr Steepe wrote to us saying that he is unable to give us a copy of the letter. Noted.

160/2008 - CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS

Letter from a resident Re The Stables, Jovike, Wokingham Rd. Response sent to resident and Asst Clerk has spoken to Mr Mann, WBC, who is dealing with this. Mr Mann has been in telephone contact with the resident, and plans a site visit, which he will update us on. Spoke with Mr Mann on 20th a meeting is being held on 24th June with Enforcement, Legal and Head of Dev Control at WBC, no site visit has taken place. Cllr Black has spoken to resident and seen the situation, other Cllrs at WBC have been informed, it is possible that activities are causing land contamination. Update on 16th July, Mr Mann is waiting for police to contact him to organise a joint operation. No further update, Asst Clerk to follow up with WBC.

283/2008 - CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS

Comments on WBC 20 year Core Strategy plan are in due by Oct 08. A draft copy has been issued, councillors are requested to read it and come with their views to main council on 18th Sept.

/2008 - CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS

Email from Swallowfield asking about our comments on Blackcroft Farm (F/2008/1378).
Asst Clerk replied 14/8/08 that we had had no objections.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm, residents spoke of their objection to application number O/2008/1722, 409 Finchampstead Rd . The meeting re-opened at 8.20 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm for residents to speak in favour of application F/2008/1789 The Paddock, Longwater Lane. The meeting re-opened at 8.40 pm.

355/2008 - CONSIDERATION OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS As at Appendix A.

356/2008 – DECISIONS Decisions were reported as at Appendix B

**357/2008 Appeals – New
None**

Appeal Decision.

1. Finchampstead Baptist Church, The Village, F/2007/2422. Parish Council had supported. Appeal allowed
2. Meadowside, Park Lane, Finchampstead, (F/2007/2131), proposed 2 bedroom dwelling. Parish Council had objected. Appeal dismissed development would be contrary to local plan policy to restrain development in the countryside, harmful loss of a site suitable to accommodate gypsies.

358/2008 – TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS

TPO No 293/1997 269a Finchampstead Rd. WBC consents to the following work being carried out:

T1 English Oak – selectively prune by crown raising to 6m above ground level by pruning only secondary branches.

T2 English Oak – as above

G1 – Lawson Cypress & Laurels selectively prune by reducing the height of the group to 5m above ground level.

TPO 1205/2007 - 77 Kiln Ride

WBC refuses consent to the following work being carried out.

T1 – Common Beech – fell to ground

T4 Silver Birch – fell to ground.

Permission refused as at time of inspection the trees appear healthy and sound.

However WBC gives consent to the following work being carried out.

T2 – Silver Birch fell to the ground

T3 – Sycamore – fell to the ground

T5 - English Oak – selectively prune lateral branches that extend towards the bungalow only, by reducing 4 x branches by 30% ensuring the retention of natural canopy flow.

**359/2008 STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING –
None**

360/2008 - CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS

1. WBC Planning Applications Lists . Noted
2. Planning Permission C/2008/1599, Submission of details to comply with conditions. noted
3. Planning Permission F/2003/9439 Submission of details to comply with conditions. Noted.
4. Letter from WBC re Application AG/2008/1715 Agricultural prior determination for the erection of storage feed barn, is permitted development. Noted

5. Letter from Washbourne Greenwood Dev Planning, re Application for replacement dwelling at New Place , The Ridges. Noted
6. Letter from WBC inviting us to a Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment Workshop on Tues 23rd September 2008, Cllr Mrs Newcombe is attending.. **Noted**
7. Letter from WBC Planning policy update briefing for parish and town councils on 17th September 2008, Cllrs Mrs. Newcombe and Mr. Pearce are attending. Noted
8. Emails on Misting Meadows from planning enforcement. Mrs. Newcombe reported that she had seen the caravan and that it appeared to be required while development was taking place on the chalet bungalow.
9. Submission of Wokingham Core Strategy plan to Secretary of State. Noted
10. The Secretary of State's proposed changes to the draft regional spatial strategy for the south east. Noted

361/2008 DATE OF NEXT MEETING –

Next meeting is on Wednesday 8th October 2008 at 8pm California Ratepayers Hall.
The meeting closed at 9.53pm