

**FINCHAMPSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD AT 8.00PM ON**  
**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2009 IN THE CALIFORNIA RATEPAYERS HALL,**  
**FINCHAMPSTEAD RD, FINCHAMPSTEAD, BERKS**

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**PRESENT:** Cllr Mrs L Newcombe - Chairman  
Cllrs Mr Bromley, Mr Chapman, Mr Cundy, Mr Gordon, Mr Pearce,  
Mr G Veitch, Mrs A Kent – Assistant Clerk  
Ms J Jackson- WBC  
1 Member of the public

Discussion with Ms Jeni Jackson - WBC, notes attached, meeting opened at 8.30pm.

**41/2009 - APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Cllrs Mrs Driver, Mr Black.

**42/2009 - MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes of 5<sup>th</sup> January 2009 were signed as a true record of the meeting.

**43/2009 - MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**63/2008 - CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS- Travis Perkins, Park Lane**

Land Clearing taking place close to Travis Perkins on Park Lane, close to Hogwood Trading Estate. A site visit was carried out on Fri 4<sup>th</sup> April with Cllr W Chapman, WBC have written to the owners of the site which is called Moor Farm. Spoke to J Steepe on 6<sup>th</sup> 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. A letter was sent to Ms J Jackson at WBC asking for an update, she promised on 23.9.08 to respond within 10 working days. Ms Jackson wrote to FPC on 22.10.08 the site is actively being cleared, Mr Steepe has visited the site and work is continuing. Progress on clearing the site is slow. Ms Jackson gave an update and an Enforcement Officer has been in contact with the owner again.

**160/2008 - CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS- The Stables/Jovike**

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 20<sup>th</sup> a meeting is being held on 24<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> July, Mr Mann is waiting for police to contact him to organise a joint operation. Ms Jackson has advised that she will update us on this matter within 10 days from 23.9.08. Mr Mann was on leave at the time of WBC's reply on 21.10.08 – no further update. Cllr Pearce will take the matter up with the community police and liaise with Mr Mann at WBC. Cllr Pearce has spoken to Tim Wolford, and police assistance will be given to Mr Mann email in correspondence, no further update. Asst Clerk will email WBC to register our disappointment, that even with our involvement no further action has been taken, email was sent. Photos of the site were shown to the committee. Action – letter to CEO detailing the length of time since this was flagged to WBC, and concerns about the message being given to offenders of this kind that no action is taken and the parish council is toothless – deferred sending until meeting with Jeni Jackson. Subsequently it was agreed that sending the letter would be delayed until the end of February to see if any action had taken place as promised.

#### 457/2008 - CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS – 166 NMR

Email sent to J Jackson re planning application F/2008/2353 – 166 NMR and the possibility that someone is living in one of the caravans on site. No update. A site visit has been made and other irregularities found, which will result in action being taken.

#### 494/2009 - CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS -Substation Barkham Ride

Substation on Barkham Ride, car aerials are being dumped at the site. Phone number would be obtained in order to report this. Cllr Pearce has been in direct contact with Southern Electric to try to resolve the matter.

#### 495/2009 Core Strategy Examination in Public

The meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> January was to discuss the social infrastructure matrix. FPC main interest is roads. Comments are due by 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 09, Cllr Mrs Newcombe will pursue with Cllr Mr Mayne. Comments approved at Main Council on 15<sup>th</sup> January and sent to Mr M Cupit at WBC by the Clerk.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm for a member of the public to discuss a planning application. Re-opened at 9 pm.

**44/2009 - CONSIDERATION OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS** As at Appendix A.

**45/2009 – DECISIONS** Decisions were reported as at Appendix B

#### **46/2009 Appeals – New**

None

#### **Appeal Decisions**

None

#### **47/2009 – TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS**

##### TPO/1989 369 Finchampstead Rd

WBC refuses permission to fell Scots Pine – T1 to ground level, as tree is healthy and sound.

##### TPO1265/2008 land at 20 and 21 Heather Close

TPO has been confirmed with modification to the plan, which was labelled incorrectly.

#### **48/2009 STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING –**

None

#### **49/2009 - CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS**

1. WBC Planning Applications Lists . Noted
2. Planning Committee Agenda. Noted
3. 9 Letters of objection to planning application F/2008/2773, The Paddock, Longwater Lane
4. Notification of withdrawal of application F/2008/2589 Rorkes Drift, Drift Lane
5. Notification of withdrawal of application F/2008/2659 Hunters Wood, The Ridges,
6. Response from WBC on Greenacres, Lower Sandhurst Rd,
7. Notice of informal hearing, The New Mill Restuarant on 17<sup>th</sup> Feb, Shute End at 10am.
8. Draft Wokingham Town Centre Dev Guide Supplementary Planning Guidance.

#### **50/2008 DATE OF NEXT MEETING –**

Next meeting is on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2009 at 8pm California Ratepayers Hall. The meeting closed at 10.25pm.

## **Notes from Meeting with Ms J Jackson WBC**

### **Item A**

Brief on New Permitted Development Planning Regulations, sheet made things clearer.

### **Item B**

#### **Jovike**

No further progress made, Cllr Pearce will email Ms Jackson with PC Wolford's details.

#### **Travis Perkins/ Moor Farm**

Owners have been contacted.

#### **Land adjacent, 166 NMR**

Significant issues have been uncovered during site visit, and the matter is in hand.

#### **Greenacres Lower Sandhurst Rd,**

Building works have commenced without planning permission, WBC staff have visited the site.

#### **Rubec Cottage, Wick Hill**

In hand.

#### **Pinecopse, Nine Mile Ride**

WBC investigating caravans on site.

### **Item C**

Most of the enforcement issues in the borough are in Finchampstead and there are over 100 outstanding issues. Mr Steepe carries out the investigative work, and planning officers carry out enforcement work. As new planning applications are currently down in number, it is hoped that the backlog may be cleared in this quiet period.

Change in procedure in that if a retrospective application is refused, the refusal notice and enforcement notice will now be served at the same time.

### **Item D**

#### **Monitoring Gypsy site in Commonfield Lane**

Occupants submitted a site plan which was not acceptable. WBC recognise the site will need careful monitoring

### **Item E**

Ms Jackson goes on maternity leave from May-Sept, Emy Circuit will deputise. Another visit to Planning Meeting scheduled for October time.