

FINCHAMPSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD AT 8.00PM ON
Wednesday 25th February 2009 IN THE CALIFORNIA RATEPAYERS HALL,
FINCHAMPSTEAD RD, FINCHAMPSTEAD, BERKS

PRESENT: Cllr Mrs L Newcombe - Chairman
Cllrs Mrs Driver, Mr Black, Mr Bromley, Mr Chapman, Mr Cundy, Mr Gordon,
Mr Pearce, Mr G Veitch, Mrs A Kent – Assistant Clerk

74/2009 - APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

None

75/2009 - MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of 28th January 2009 were signed as a true record of the meeting.

76/2009 - 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 4th April with Cllr W Chapman, WBC has 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. 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 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. 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. The site has been visited twice by enforcement officers in Feb. Evidence has been collected and WBC will be considering whether breaches of control exist, and what form of action to take. A further update is due around March 9th.

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. Cllr Pearce has been in direct contact with Southern Electric to try to resolve the matter, Cllr Pearce was asked to forward his contact at SE to Asst Clerk so another letter could be sent from the committee. Asst Clerk will also contact Wendy Crosson-Smith at WBC to find out who owns the land, and raise our concerns. It was noted that all signs on the site have been removed.

495/2009 Core Strategy Examination in Public

The meeting on 5th January was to discuss the social infrastructure matrix. FPC main interest is roads. Comments are due by 31st Jan 09, Cllr Mrs Newcombe will pursue with Cllr Mr Mayne. Comments approved at Main Council on 15th January and sent to Mr M Cupit at WBC by the Clerk. Cllr Mayne had examined the roads modelling carried out by WBC and was contacting Arborfield and Barkham PCs with a view to making a joint submission.

77/2009 - CONSIDERATION OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS As at Appendix A.

78/2009 – DECISIONS Decisions were reported as at Appendix B

79/2009 Appeals – New

140 Nashgrove Lane, F/2008/1382.

Proposed conversion of existing garage into ancillary accommodation and erection of single storey front extension to provide double garage. Comments to the inspectorate by 9th March. FPC objected on the grounds of overdevelopment, and garage would be in front of the building line. Asst Clerk will write to inspectorate.

Appeal Decisions

19, Heatherdene Ave, F/2008/1237

Proposed development of a ground floor extension to the existing detached garage with a first floor extension over all. The appeal is dismissed on the grounds that it would amount to a new dwelling on site and detrimental to the street scene. FPC had reservations about the height of the garage.

Heatherbrow, The Ridges F/2008/1643

The development proposed is the erection of a replacement dwelling and demolition of existing dwelling. Appeal dismissed, on the grounds of the effect of the proposal on bat species. FPC had no objections.

Pine Lodge, Lower Wokingham Rd, F/2008/1274

Development proposed is the erection of a detached garage.

The appeal is dismissed, on the grounds that some trees are protected by TPOs and their potential loss would adversely affect the character and appearance of the area.

FPC objected to the garage being in front of the building line.

80/2009 – TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS

TPO has been made as an ongoing commitment to protect the designated 'Green Routes'.

The trees included are mature roadside Oak trees on the Finchampstead Rd, which offer important screening for residents. The order takes effect on a provisional basis on 30th Jan.

81/2009 STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING –

Erection of one dwelling at 140 Barkham Ride, will be 140 Barkham Ride.

82/2009 - CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS

1. WBC Planning Applications Lists . Noted
2. Planning Committee Agenda. Noted
3. Letter of objection for planning application F/2009/0102. Noted
4. Notification of receipt of details to discharge conditions on C/2009/0173 Finch C of E Primary School. Noted.
5. Bracknell Forest Borough Local Dev Framework, Draft Submission. Noted
6. Minutes of Telecommunications Roll out Meeting 30th Jan 09. Noted
7. Notification of BALC Masterclass on Planning 16th April Council Chamber, Maidenhead. Noted
8. Update on Jovike, from WBC, Noted.
9. Letter from resident of Silverstock Farm stating that the site plan submitted with his plan was incorrect. Asst Clerk to respond.
10. Invitation from Crowthorne Choral Society to their forthcoming concert. Noted.
11. The committee were updated on the building works that have started at The Rides.
12. The committee were informed of a local resident who would like to store artefacts found in Finchampstead, Cllr Black will speak to him and invite him bring his collection to the annual gathering. It was also suggested that FPC consider paying for a display cabinet for the artefacts, so that in the future they can be viewed by the public.

83/2008 DATE OF NEXT MEETING –

Next meeting is on Monday 23rd March 2009 at 8pm California Ratepayers Hall. The meeting closed at 9.35pm.