

FINCHAMPSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD AT 8.00PM ON
Monday 23rd March 2009 IN THE CALIFORNIA RATEPAYERS HALL, FINCHAMPSTEAD
RD, FINCHAMPSTEAD, BERKS

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

111/2009 - APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

R Black, S Bromley

112/2009 - MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of 25th February 2009 were signed as a true record of the meeting.

113/2009 - 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. No further update

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. Have emailed Jeni no further update received.

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. Planning refused

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. No response received from WBC. Assistant clerk will ask WBC again for the information.

49/2009 - CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS

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. No update as Cllr Black was unable to attend this meeting.

114/2009 - CONSIDERATION OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS As at Appendix A.

115/2009 – DECISIONS Decisions were reported as at Appendix B

116/2009 Appeals – New None

Appeal Decisions

22 Priors Wood, Crowthorne F/2008/0435 – The Parish Council had no objections. Appeal allowed

117/2009 – TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS

TPO 1271/2008 126 Barkham Ride

Relating to tree on land to the front of 126 Barkham Ride has been confirmed without modification.

118/2009 STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING –

1. New Place will change its name to Dell House, The Ridges
2. Request from WBC for suggested names for new development at 61-67 Kiln Ride.
The committee suggest the name Kiln Close, the Asst Clerk will forward this to WBC.

119/2009 - CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS

1. WBC Planning Applications Lists . Noted
2. Planning Committee Agenda. Noted
3. Notification of receipt of details to discharge conditions on C/2009/0173 Finch C of E Primary School. Noted.
4. Note from WBC re Hogwood Meadows. Noted
5. Joint Strategic Planning Unit pre- hearing meeting 28th April. Noted
6. Street Trading Consent, Mobile Ice Cream Van – throughout Wokingham Borough. Noted
7. Inform Ms Jackson WBC that a new roof has been erected at Silverstock Farm.
8. It was agreed that a new laptop should be purchased for Planning meetings as the current one was struggling to cope.

120/2008 DATE OF NEXT MEETING –

Next meeting is on Wednesday 22nd April 2009 at 8pm California Ratepayers Hall. The meeting closed at 8.53pm