

FINCHAMPSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD AT 8.00PM ON Wednesday
22nd April 2009 IN THE CALIFORNIA RATEPAYERS HALL, FINCHAMPSTEAD RD,
FINCHAMPSTEAD, BERKS

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

143/2009 - APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Cllrs Mrs Newcombe, Mr Black, Mr Cundy, Mr Pearce

144/2009 - MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of 23rd March 2009 were signed as a true record of the meeting.

145/2009 - MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

63/2008 - CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS- Moor Farm, 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 and 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. Update on March 3rd the site has been visited and the issue of the dropped kerb has been passed to the relevant officer in the highways team. No further update..

Action - Asst Clerk will email Ms Jackson for a further update, and report that land has still not been cleared.

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.

Email from WBC on 22nd April and expediency report has been completed which concludes that it is in the public interest to take enforcement action against the storage of caravans on the site (B8) and also the unauthorised use of land for the siting of mobile home for residential purposes.

Enforcement notice has been served and comes into effect on 24th May 09 with a six month compliance period. Asst Clerk will write to the residents who have written to FPC updating them on this.

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, No further update. Action – Asst Clerk will write asking what plans WBC have to resolve the issues at the site.

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. Got in touch with WBC no update received. Action – email Cllr Pearce for an update, and put item on May agenda.

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. Action pass this item to Amenities, email Cllr Markham and the Clerk.

119/2009 - CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS

It was agreed that a new laptop should be purchased for Planning meetings as the current one was struggling to cope. The clerk's laptop has now been allocated for planning use

119/2009 - CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS

WBC were informed of a new roof being built at Silverstock Farm. WBC wrote saying the applicant has made a revised application that is not currently valid, Once the application is validated than FPC will receive usual notification.

146/2009 - CONSIDERATION OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS As at Appendix A.

147/2009 – DECISIONS Decisions were reported as at Appendix B

148/2009 Appeals – New

331 Nine Mile Ride, F/2008/1749

Proposed erection of first floor extension over existing garage to dwelling. Comments to inspectorate by 29th April 09. Finchampsstead Planning Committee had no objection to this application.

Rhododendrons, Warren Lane F/2008/2579

Proposed demolition of existing single storey rear extension and erection of single storey rear extension to create an orangery plus single storey front extension to porch, erection of first floor extension to create habitable accommodation and new pitched roof over garage. Comments to inspectorate by 8th May 09. Finchampstead Planning Committee had no objection to this application.

Appeal Decisions

New Mill Restaurant, New Mill Eversley F/2007/2932

Proposed retention of raised timber platform and erection of a semi- permanent functions marquee. Appeal dismissed, marquee disproportionate in size to the listed building. Timber base and portable toilets harm the character and appearance of the setting.

149/2009 – TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS

TPO 883/1997 Twany Hollow, Warren Lane

Consent refused to the following work being carried out.

T1 – English Oak – crown raise heavier lower branches up to a height of 6m. Refused as there appears to be no visual sign of recent movement.

TPO 1278/2008 on land at 412a Finchampstead Rd

TPO has been confirmed without modification.

150/2009 STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING –

1. 14 dwellings at Kiln Ride will be 1-9 and 2-18 Kiln Close.

151/2009 - CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS

1. WBC Planning Applications Lists . Noted
2. Planning Committee Agenda. Noted
- 3 Notification that application No F/2009/0261 The Hansom Cab Inn, has been withdrawn. Noted
4. Notification of application for variation of premises licence, Blubeckers/Tally Ho, Fleet Hill comments by 14th May. Action – ask WBC for the revised details.
- 5 Email from J Jackson with enforcement updates. Noted
- 6 Notification from Dev Control WBC that planning application F/2008/2773, The Paddock, Longwater Lane will be discussed on 29th April, meeting starts at 7pm. Action – email Cllr Newcombe, copy Cllr Cundy, asking whether she would like to represent planning committee at the meeting.
7. Forward the Cllr Cox's document re S106 monies to Cllr Newcombe.

152/2009 DATE OF NEXT MEETING –

Next meeting is on Wednesday 20th May 2009 at 8pm California Ratepayers Hall. The meeting closed at 9.15pm