

FINCHAMPSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD AT 8.00PM ON Wednesday
20th May 2009 IN THE CALIFORNIA RATEPAYERS HALL, FINCHAMPSTEAD RD,
FINCHAMPSTEAD, BERKS

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

165/2009 - APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Cllrs Mrs Driver, Mr Veitch

166/2009 - MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of 22ND April 2009 were signed as a true record of the meeting.

167/2009 - 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.

Email received from Ms Jackson on 18th May, works are continuing to clear the site and Mr Steepe is regularly monitoring the situation and visited the site a few weeks ago.

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.

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, letters have been sent to residents. It was noted that the properties may be up for sale.

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.

Update received May 09, the matter is being progressed through enforcement.

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. Assistant clerk will ask WBC again for the information, no update received. Action – email Cllr Pearce for an update. Cllr Pearce reported visiting the site and seeing no aerials or children's toys being stored there. The fence is down to the front and side of the substation, and the signage has not been replaced. Action – Write to SEB informing them this is a safety issue, as access is still available.

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, emailed 23th April. Action – check this is on Amenities Agenda.

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. New application has been received, along with a letter of objection from a resident.

151/2009 - CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS

Cllr Cox's document re S106 monies was forwarded to Cllr Newcombe. Action: invite Mr M Cupit to one of our planning meetings.

151/2009 - CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS

Notification of application for variation of premises licence, Blubeckers/Tally Ho, Fleet Hill comments by 14th May. Revised details received. No action required on this or on the application for The Greyhound.

Rubec Cottage, Owners have until end of May to demolish. Action – follow up with WBC.

168/2009 - CONSIDERATION OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS As at Appendix A.

169/2009 – DECISIONS Decisions were reported as at Appendix B

170/2009 Appeals – New

Land adjacent 166 Nine Mile Ride, F/2008/2353. Proposed change of use for the siting of two mobile homes for residential use and change of use of the existing store room for use as day room for residential purposes. Comments to the Planning Inspectorate by 10th June 09. FPC objected to this application on the grounds of development in the countryside, inappropriate development. Concern about the trees, backland development, not designated site for travellers, and there are other sites in the area. TBH.

Appeals – Decisions

140 Nash Grove Lane F/2008/1382 – development proposed is the conversion of the existing double into granny annexe and the construction of a new attached double garage. Appeal dismissed because of the impact the development would have on the character and appearance of the area, and on the occupiers of 138a Nash Grove Lane. FPC objected on the grounds that the development would be in front of the building line, and overdevelopment.

171/2009 – TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS

Group 1 of TPO 25/1973 on Land to the rear of 19 Cambrian Way

Permission to remove silver birch.

TPO 1280/2008 on the public space to the rear of 63-76 Jerrymoor Hill

TPO has been confirmed without modification.

TPO on land at Warren Lodge, Warren Lane

New TPO in response to a planning application at Warren Lodge ref F/2009/0680.

Planning proposals include new parking spaces to be constructed in close proximity to many trees on the property, which may be detrimental to their health.

The trees included in this Order are healthy specimens which make a significant contribution to the visual amenity.

TPO No 325/1987, 26 Little Fryth

WBC refuses consent to the following work being carried out

T10 Scots Pine – Fell to the ground

Permission refused as the tree appeared healthy and sound.

TPO on land at 118 and 120 Reading Road – New TPO

New TPO on mature trees in this designated green route.

**172/2009 STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING –
None**

173/2009 - CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS

1. WBC Planning Applications Lists. Noted
2. Planning Committee Agenda. Noted
3. Notification there will be a public hearing about application F/2008/2353
Land adj 166 Nine Mile Ride, date and venue not known yet.
4. Notification from WBC that application F/2008/2773, The Paddock, Longwater Lane was due to be discussed on 29th April, was withdrawn from the committee agenda.

5. Letter of objection from local resident re application number F/2009/0525 Silverstock Farm
6. Notification that application number F/2009/0484 Moor Farm has been withdrawn.
7. Letter from Hart District Council Re Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment, forwarded to Cllr Mrs Newcombe.
8. Invitation from WBC to attend New Housing event on 20th June, following on from the Core Strategy. Action – Discuss at Main Council.
9. Land in The Village opposite Finchampstead School, it was reported that the owner/builder is proposing to build 4-6 houses on the site, the area is outside the village envelope. No application yet received.
10. Cllr Black is resigning from the planning committee because of other commitments, Cllr Newcombe thanked him for his hard work.

174/2009 DATE OF NEXT MEETING –

Next meeting is on Monday 15th June 2009 at 8pm California Ratepayers Hall. The meeting closed at 9.13pm.