

FINCHAMPSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD AT 8.00PM
ON MONDAY 15th June 2009 IN THE MEMORIAL HALL, FINCHAMPSTEAD, BERKS

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

221/2009 - APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Cllr Mrs Driver, Mrs Jennings Frisby, Mr Cundy

222/2009 - MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of 20th May 2009 were signed as a true record of the meeting.

223/2009 - 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 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.

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. 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. Mr Mann reported a meeting is being held on 24.6.08 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 16.7.08, 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. Cllr Pearce has spoken to Tim Wolford, and police assistance will be given to Mr Mann.

Asst Clerk emailed WBC to register our disappointment, that even with our involvement no further action has been taken. 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 09 to see if any action had taken place as promised. The site was visited twice by enforcement officers in Feb 09. Evidence has been collected and WBC to consider whether breaches of control exist, and what form of action to take.

Email from WBC on 22.4.09 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 was served and came into effect on 24.5.09 with a six month compliance period. Asst Clerk wrote to the residents who contacted FPC updating them on this. 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 and the matter is being progressed through enforcement.

Notification received there will be a public hearing, date and venue not known yet.

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

Substation on Barkham Ride, car aerals 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 aerals 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, email sent. SEB wrote to say they will visit the site.

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. WBC's reply read out to committee. Cllr Mrs Newcombe will write to Mr Cupit.

173/2009 - CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS

Letter from Hart District Council Re Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment, forwarded to Cllr Mrs Newcombe. Noted.

173/2009 - CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS

Invitation from WBC to attend New Housing event on 20th June, following on from the Core Strategy. Action – Discussed at Main Council, Cllrs Mrs Newcombe will attend the meeting.

173/2009 - CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS

Rubec Cottage, Owners have until end of May to demolish. Action – ask WBC for an update - received 15th June reporting that owner has advised that the house will be demolished within three months. Action - Cllr Mrs Newcombe will write to Mr Steepe

224/2009 - CONSIDERATION OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS As at Appendix A.

225/2009 – DECISIONS Decisions were reported as at Appendix B

226/2009 Appeals - New

The Paddock, Longwater Lane F/2008/2773. Proposed erection of temporary mobile home, erection of agricultural building after removal of timber shed and garage container and ancillary works (retrospective).

A Public Inquiry into this appeal will be held, date and venue to be agreed. FPC objected to this application, a letter of objection has been sent to Planning Inspectorate.

Appeals – Decisions

None

227/2009 – TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS

None

228/2009 STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING –

None

229/2009 - CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS

1. WBC Planning Applications Lists. Noted
2. Formal submission of partial review to the SE RSS in relation to Somewhere to Live: Planning for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople in the SE. Passed to Cllr Mrs Newcombe
3. Letter from Hart District Council re Core Strategy. Noted
4. Development Management Planning Appeal Briefing Note from WBC. Noted
5. Dell House Email. Action Find out if it is permissible to dump soil into scrub woodland.
6. Email from a resident about a high fence at 434 Finchampstead Rd, no reply from WBC, Action follow-up with WBC
7. Check with Wokingham Without about planning permission at Pine Ridge site.
8. Report to WBC that Wheatlands Farm on Whitehorse Lane, has not been built in accordance with the approved plans.
9. It was agreed to send a letter to Mr. Cupit at WBC about the proliferation of gypsy sites in the Park Lane area.

230/2009 DATE OF NEXT MEETING –

Next meeting is on Wednesday 15th July 2009 at 8pm California Ratepayers Hall. The meeting closed at 9.55pm.