

**FINCHAMPSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD AT 8.00PM**  
**ON WEDNESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> September 2009 AT THE CALIFORNIA RATEPAYERS,**  
**FINCHAMPSTEAD, BERKS**

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**PRESENT:** Cllrs Mr G Veitch – Chairman,  
Cllrs Mrs Driver, Mrs N Jennings Frisby,, S Bromley, W Chapman , A Pearce  
Mrs Anna Kent, Asst Clerk & 2 members of the public, left meeting 8.30pm.

**316/2009 - APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Cllr Mrs Newcombe, Mr Gordon

**317/2009 - MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes of 12<sup>th</sup> August 2009 were signed as a true record of the meeting.

**318/2009 - 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> May, works are continuing to clear the site and Mr Steepe is regularly monitoring the situation and visited the site a few weeks ago. On 11<sup>th</sup> Aug Mr Steepe informed FPC that much of the land has now been cleared, however it has 4 owners and one party has not done any clearing of their land, WBC will be writing to that party.

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.

An appeal against the enforcement notice has been lodged and will be dealt with by Public Inquiry on a date to be advised. The Clerk will send objections to the Inspector and apologise for late submission. Letter sent 14<sup>th</sup> July.

#### 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.

#### 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, email sent. SEB wrote to say they will visit the site.

No further update has been received from SEB and the Assistant Clerk will write to SEB again, and to Ms Crosson-Smith at WBC.

#### 151/2009 - CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS – S106 MONIES

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.

It was decided by the committee via email not to send the letter as Cllrs Veitch and Pearce are due to attend the S106 meeting at WBC on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August. The meeting was postponed until 21<sup>st</sup> September, Cllrs Pearce and Veitch are attending the meeting.

#### 173/2009 - CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS – RUBEC COTTAGE

Rubec Cottage, Owners have until end of May to demolish. Action – ask WBC for an update - received 15<sup>th</sup> June reporting that owner has advised that the house will be demolished within three months. Action - Cllr Mrs Newcombe will write to Mr Steepe. The Assistant Clerk emailed J Steepe on 7<sup>th</sup> July who advised that WBC will try to resolve the matter without Enforcement Action. This will be kept under review by the committee.. It was reported demolition of the property has started during September.

229/2009 - CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS – HIGH FENCE, 434 FINCHAMPSTEAD ROAD

Email from a resident about a high fence at 434 Finchampstead Rd, no reply from WBC, Action follow-up with WBC. John Steepe reported that the Highways Department have inspected the fence. Highways have looked at the fence, and written to the owners requesting they reduce the height.

229/2009 - CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS – WHEATLANDS FARM

Report to WBC that Wheatlands Farm on Whitehorse Lane, is not being built in accordance with the approved plans. Update on 12<sup>th</sup> August, J Steepe has not visited the site yet. It was reported that building on the site has stopped

229/2009 - CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS – DUMPING SOIL

Dell House – demolition and rebuilding. Cllr Veitch asked for clarification that the developers have permission to dump soil into scrub woodland on the other side of Dell Road. Cllr Weeks asked WBC to inspect and the committee will continue to monitor activities. The Assistant Clerk will ask WBC if permission was granted. Reply from J Steepe attached, the owners have been asked to remove the earth and return the ditching and boundary fence. Asst Clerk will update Cllr Veitch. There has been no further progress. Assistant Clerk will follow up with WBC.

**319/2009 - CONSIDERATION OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS** As at Appendix A.

The meeting closed at 8.15 and re-opened at 8.25pm

**320/2009 – DECISIONS** Decisions were reported as at Appendix B

**321/2009 - APPEALS – NEW**

369 Finchampstead Rd – F/2008/2763. Proposed erection of 2 no side dormer extensions to dwelling and detached double garage.

FPC on the grounds garage in front of building line, and possible overlooking on both side. Comments to the Inspectorate by 24<sup>th</sup> Sept. Assistant Clerk to action.

Meadowside Park Lane – VAR 2008/2376. Proposed variation to condition 4 of consent VAR/2005/6482 to allow an additional mobile home to be stationed on Plot 2 retrospective. Cllr Gordon is attending the hearing on 10.9.09 at Shute End.

Public Inquiry – Land Adjacent 166 Nine Mile Ride. 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 a day room for residential purposes.

Cllr Mrs Newcombe attended the meeting on Aug 18<sup>th</sup>, and summarised that the additional mobile homes were needed so family members could live on site, and assist in looking after Mr Read who is recovering from an illness.

The site is a registered Caravan Club site, and has a licence for 5 touring caravans.

**APPEALS DECISIONS**

None

### **322/2009 – TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS**

#### TPO 561/1992 on land at the front of 6 Springdale

WBC consents to the following works being undertaken to T1 Oak – Crown lift to 5.4m over highway.

Remove epicormic growth on main trunk up to first major branch, prune to give 2m clearance of roof line.

#### TPO 180/1980 Trees on land at Ashdown House, Warren Lane

WBC consents to the following work being undertaken

T1 Oak prune to give 1m clearance to property

T2 Oak crown lift over the driveway to give 4m clearance

T3 Silver birch remove one low branch crossing main stem to prevent further damage to main stem

### **323/2009 STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING –**

**None**

### **324/2009 - CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS**

1. WBC Planning Applications Lists. Noted
2. Note from WBC, The Greyhound planning application number F/2009/1493 has been temporarily withdrawn. Noted
3. WBC Design Supplementary Planning Document consultation period to Oct 7<sup>th</sup>. This should be put on MC agenda for 17<sup>th</sup> Sept and sub-committee should be formed.
4. Application for goods vehicle operators licence- All Tanks Ltd. Noted
- 5 WBC note on alleged breach, land clearing on land between the Finches and Honeysuckle Lodge Commonfield Lane . Noted
- 6 WBC, Note of postponement of planning appeal, The Paddock, Longwater Lane has been postponed until October. Date TBA. Noted
- 7 Letter from resident ref Silverstock Farm. Noted

### **325/2009 - DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting is on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October 09 at 8pm California Ratepayers Hall. The meeting closed at 9.05pm.