

**FINCHAMPSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD AT 8pm**  
**ON Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2010 at California Ratepayers Hall, FINCHAMPSTEAD, BERKS**

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**PRESENT:** Cllrs Mrs L Newcombe – Chairman,  
Cllr Mr S Bromley , W Chapman, I Gordon,  
Mrs Anna Kent, Asst Clerk

**1/2010 - APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Cllrs Mrs Driver, Mrs Jennings-Frisby , Mr Cundy, Mr Pearce, Mr Veitch

**2/2010 - MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes of 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2009 were signed as a true record of the meeting.

**3/2010 - 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, update from J Steepe, that only one section of land has not been cleared properly and WBC will be contacting them. No further development

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 Enquiry on a date to be advised. The Clerk will send objections to the Inspector and apologise for late submission. A Public Inquiry will be held on December 15<sup>th</sup>, at 10am in Shute End. Cllr Mrs Newcombe attended the meeting and informed the committee the enforcement notice was upheld and the appellants will have to pay costs.

#### 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. The site was visited and SEB reported Sign has been replaced, rubbish has been dumped there. Cllr Pearce visited the site and reported a fence is down and there is rubbish on the site, SEB has been informed.

#### 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 attended the meeting and updated the planning committee. Action – To be added to January's 2010 agenda. This item was removed from the agenda.

#### 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. Asked for update, the matter is with Ms Jackson. Action request an update from WBC.

#### 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. WBC reported the matter is under investigation.

#### 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, 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. WBC reported on 5<sup>th</sup> Oct the owners have been informed and they will be doing the necessary works in the near future, planning application has been submitted and was withdrawn on Nov 25<sup>th</sup> 09.

#### **4/2010 - CONSIDERATION OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS** As at Appendix A.

#### **5/2010 – DECISIONS** Decisions were reported as at Appendix B

#### **6/2010 - APPEALS – NEW**

Tintagel Farm, Sandhurst Rd CLE/2007/0229 – Application for a certificate of lawful existing use for the siting of mobile home as living accommodation.

The council refused the certificate as there was insufficient evidence to demonstrate that the development applied for had been carried on for a ten year period. Comments to the inspectorate by 26<sup>th</sup> January. FPC had no objections to this application.

#### Appeal Decisions

369 Finchampstead Rd - F/2008/2763, The development proposed is a new detached double garage and 2 new dormers.

The appeal is dismissed as the proposal would have a harmful effect on the character and appearance of the surrounding area. Parish Council had objected.

Meadowside, Park Lane – VAR/2008/2376, the application sought planning permission for a permanent gypsy site without complying with a condition attached to planning permission granted on appeal May 2007

The appeal is allowed and planning permission is granted subject to 6 conditions. Parish Council had objected.

Little Heath, Roman Ride - CLP/2009/0482 , Certificate of lawful use is sought for the erection of a single storey outbuilding for use as a garage/gym/studio/sauna.

Appeal allowed. No comments from Parish Council.

#### **7/2010 – TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS**

TPO 250/1983 on Land East of Finchampstead Rd and to the Rear of 20 Kiln Ride

WBC refuses consent to the following works being carried out

7 x Birch fell to the ground

WBC considers that any pre-emptive application to fell healthy, protected trees in advance of them going into decline is premature and not acceptable

#### **8/2010 STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING –**

Erection of 4 dwellings on 85 & 87 Kiln Ride and erection of a dwelling on land r/o 89 Kiln Ride will be called 1-5 Alexander Close.

#### **9/2010 - CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS**

1. WBC Planning Applications Lists. Noted
2. WBC Planning Committee Meetings. Noted
3. Action Inform planning enforcement team, that stables have been built at Hogwood Meadows with no planning permission, and there is a bungalow close to Meadowside where land is being cleared to the front of the property.
4. Action – Request date from WBC, when Meadowside have to comply to condition on caravan as mentioned out in the appeal document.

#### **10/2010 - DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting is on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2010 at 8pm California Ratepayers Hall. The meeting closed at 9.12pm.