

FINCHAMPSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD
8pm Wednesday 24th March 2010
California Ratepayers Hall, FINCHAMPSTEAD, BERKS

PRESENT: Cllrs Mrs L Newcombe – Chairman
Cllr Mrs C Driver, Mrs Jennings-Frisby, S. Bromley, W Chapman, R Cundy
Mr A Pearce, Mrs Anna Kent, Asst Clerk

102/2010 - APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

None.

103/2010 - MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of 24th Feb 2010 were signed as a true record of the meeting.

104/2010 - 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 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. On 11th 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

For more background information see February 2010 minutes

Cllr Mrs Newcombe attended the Public Inquiry on 15th December 1009 and informed the committee the enforcement notice had been upheld and the appellants will have to pay costs. Ask WBC for an update in six months time.

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. WBC updated in January 2010 the matter is still being dealt with.

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 12th 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 5th 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 25th 09. Action – ask WBC to check the site, as none of the works have been done. Action – inform enforcement team at WBC.

9/2010 - CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS

Planning enforcement team at WBC informed, 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. Reply from WBC on 13th Jan, enforcement action is being considered.

43/2010 - CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS

Obtain an update from WBC on Larchwood, White Horse Lane, WBC have written to the owners in Jan 10 asking for the mobile home to be removed. Action – Inform Enforcement team at WBC there are 2 caravans on the site.

78/2010 - CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS

Caravans parked by Park Lane Fisheries, Cllr Chapman will contact WBC.

105/2010 - CONSIDERATION OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS As at Appendix A.

106/2010 – DECISIONS Decisions were reported as at Appendix B

107/2010 - APPEALS – NEW

Landmark, Jubilee Rd, F/2009/1445 proposed erection of new stable block and machinery store. Demolition of existing stables.

Comments to the Inspectorate by 13th April. FPC had no objections. Action – Will add to FPC enforcement database as reminder that existing stables should be demolished.

Decisions

Tintagel Farm, Sandhurst Rd CLE/2007/0229 – The development relates to siting of mobile home as living accommodation

Appeal dismissed because there is little evidence of the mobile home being a dwelling house. The appellant has not established that there has been a breach of control for a continuous period of 10 years.

108/2010 – TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS

TPO 1119/2006 on land to the rear of 6 Kiln Close

Consent given to the following:

T1 Silver Birch- Tree has broken top so can be felled to the ground, WBC will not enforce replacement planting due to proximity of adjacent trees.

TPO 587/1993 Trees on land to the rear of 2 Tintagel Farm Close

Consent to the revised work schedule.

T4 T5 T6 Oaks – Undertake a crown clean by removing any dead, dying, dangerous or crossing and rubbing branches from the tree canopy.

Crown-lift small lower branches to nearest pruning points to give 5m clearance from ground level.

T4 Oak – Remove lowest branch growing south-southwest over garden of 2 Tintagel Close, back to suitable growth point.

Reduce branch tips growing west over property boundary of 1 Tintagel Farm Close and south towards 2 Tintagel Farm Close by 2-3m using a drop crotch technique so as to leave a natural looking outline to the tree and discourage dense regenerative growth.

109/2010 STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING –

None

110/2010 - CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS

1. WBC Planning Applications Lists. Noted.
2. WBC Planning Cttee meeting on 3rd March 2010
3. Action – Request date from WBC, when Meadowside have to comply to condition on caravans, as mentioned in the appeal document. No response
4. 12 Notifications of Enforcement investigations.
5. Possible enforcement issue at 140 Barkham Ride, response from WBC. PCSOs have been informed.
6. Update from WBC re Little Moor Park Lane
7. Annual Monitoring Report 2009, Wokingham Local Development Framework. Noted.
8. Application for Goods Vehicle Licence Tintagel Farm, Sandhurst Rd, comments by 30th March. Noted.
9. Letter from WBC re planning application F/2010/0336 NMR Primary School, meeting to be held on 31st March. FPC had had no objections.
10. Notification of Minor Variation to premises licence. Finch Memorial Hall. Comments by 7th April. Noted.
11. It was reported that someone may be living in a caravan on land opposite Moor Green House. Action report to WBC.
12. Invite Mrs J Jackson, WBC, to May 2010 meeting.

111/2010 - DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting is on Wednesday 21st April 2010 at 8pm California Ratepayers Hall. The meeting closed at 9.04pm. Cllr Mr Veitch will be chairing April's meeting.