

FINCHAMPSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ROADS & ROAD SAFETY COMMITTEE
HELD ON TUESDAY 20TH JULY 2010 AT 7.30 PM,
FB CENTRE, GORSE RIDE,
FINCHAMPSTEAD, BERKSHIRE**

PRESENT: Cllr K Mayne, Chairman (arr. 7.50pm)
Cllr S Bromley, Vice Chairman, chairing the meeting until Cllr Mayne arrived.
Cllrs W Chapman, J May
Cllr I Pittock, attending the meeting.
Steve Bowers, resident

The Clerk – Mrs Jane Holloway

276/2010 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs E Cox, R Cundy

277/2010 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meetings held on 4TH May 2010 & 20th May 2010 were signed as a true record.

278/2010 – MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

156/2010 – WBC Core Strategy

Now a Main Council item

156/2010 – VAS Partnership with WBC

WBC recently conducted trials of the new 3M SID unit on the London Road, Wokingham and the committee will wait for the results. Item to be carried forward.

156/2010 – War Memorial – Kerbing & Signage

The Clerk has been told that the contractor has the stones for the remaining corners on order and the work is due to be completed soon.

156/2010 – NMR Primary School – New fencing and impact on Car Park

Cllr May advised that the proposal for new access to the kitchens is being reviewed and currently on hold. As a Governor, he will ascertain the current situation and provide an update.

158/2010 – WBC Consultations - Traffic Regulation Order – Kiln Ride/NMR

- WBC Correspondence advised a revised proposal for Waiting Restrictions for 70m from Kiln Ride junction with NMR, double yellow lines on the West side and a 'No Waiting' period Mon-Sat 08.15-09.15 & 14.45-18.00 hrs on the East side. Residents complained to WBC of the parking problems and potential Road Safety issues at this site. Comments and objections to WBC by 13 August 2010.
- Cllr Bromley visited the barbershop which could be affected by the proposed restrictions to discuss this with the owner. The Committee agreed that the length of 70m proposed seems excessive and Cllr Bromley will return to the site to review and visit the business owner again. In view of the deadline, the committee agreed email discussion to confirm comments will then be passed to the Clerk for official notification to WBC.

164/2010 – Risk Assessment – Lamp Columns

Cllr Woof and the Clerk will finalise outstanding issues during the August recess and the Clerk will check with SEC if any council action is required for the posts that are banded.

165/2010 – Correspondence & Forum - Major Works Meeting at Shute End

Cllr Bromley advised the committee that the SE Water water main renewal scheme will affect much of Finchampstead Road from the end of July to beginning of September; this work means the gas repairs in Barkham Ride will cease during this period but re-commence in September.

279/2010 – FINCH NAG REPORT

Cllr Pearce's report will be distributed and the Clerk noted that the FinchNag wanted to obtain the Data Logger information for their next meeting in August. The Clerk will advise that as Cllr Bromley is away he will attend the September meeting to discuss.

280/2010 – GORSE RIDE SAFETY ZONE PROJECT

Cllr Mayne advised new members that this project, as part of the Healthy Streets Initiative, had started 18 months ago. Gorse Ride area was chosen as the pilot project due to the building of the new FBCentre and its impact on the surroundings. Progress made is as follows:-

Street Lights – Drake Close

- Job completed as advised at Main Council and residents are pleased with improvements.

GR School Travel Plan update

- Cllr Mayne has helped the GR schools update their Travel Plan; new road markings are due to be completed as Road Safety audits required changes to school entrances and crossings; the school has applied for funding for cycle racks; a parental awareness Road Safety campaign planned for the Autumn.

Walking Routes

- The local map has been colour coded to illustrate potential Routes to the area schools. Gorse Ride has been selected as the pilot project as being the easiest to achieve as the catchment area is more contained. North/south (from the Waverley developments) and West/east routes (Gorse Ride) have been identified. The aim of the project is to make walking to school more popular and user-friendly and the first stage will be to develop the N/S route. WBC has no walking to school strategy so the Parish Council can take the opportunity at minimal expenditure – signage etc.
- The next action is to formally approach the schools to gain their involvement and the WBC to discuss signage etc.
- The committee also agreed that the Amenities Committee, who are due to organise an update of the Street Map, should incorporate a larger scale map to show the Walking Routes. Cllr May and Bromley, also members of that committee, will liaise between the two. Cllr Mayne will request further copies of the WBC Street Map

281/2010 – DATA LOGGER

On behalf of the Parish Council, Cllr Mayne wanted to reiterate the members' thanks to Cllrs Bromley and Chapman for all their hard work in undertaking the preliminary testing. The data has proved very informative and now that the PC can proceed with WBC approval the project can move forward.

Further supplies of brackets and batteries will make the job of changing locations easier and it was therefore essential to devise a future strategy for the future. It was agreed that Cllrs Mayne, May, Pittock and Rampton will be instructed on the procedures during August. A rota will then be arranged for the following year to arrange regular visits to the thirteen of the preferred locations (some will not provide useful data during the proposed road works).

Preferred Site Locations (the following list of sites has been approved by WBC)

- 1 *Barkham Ride (near no. 73) – Lamp Post 21*
- 2 *Finchampstead Road (near no. 361)- Lamp Post 24*
- 3 *Finchampstead Road (nr. Warren Close) - Lamp Post 52*
- 4 *Finchampstead Road (nr. Warren Lane) - Lamp Post 61*
- 5 *Longwater Road (nr. Burnmoor Meadows)- Lamp Post 1*
- 6 *Lower Wokingham Road (nr. Bramley Grove)- Lamp Post 24*
- 7 *Nine Mile Ride (East of Cal.Crossroads, near no.240a)- Lamp Post 54*
- 8 *Nine Mile Ride (East of Cal.Crossroads, near no.287b)- Lamp Post 34*
- 9 *Nine Mile Ride (Park Lane to Cal.Crossroads, Nr Greenacres) – Lamp Post 9*
- 10 *Park Lane (NMR to Barkham) – LH turn ahead sign*
- 11 *Park Lane (NMR to Reading Road – flashing give way sign*
- 12 *Reading Road/Park Lane junction (outside 125 Oak View) – crossroads sign*
- 13 *The Ridges (nr. Dell Road nr. Springwood House) – on RH bend sign*
- 14 *Sandhurst Road (nr Silverstock Farm) – Lamp Post 19*
- 15 *The Village, Finchampstead - flashing 20mph School sign*

Special Request Locations

Other sites can be allocated for specific sites or projects.

282/2010 – FLOODING IN FINCHAMPSTEAD PARISH

The list of sites that regularly flood was sent to Mr Napper at WBC and his responses discussed.

- Park Lane/Reading Road - **existing highway drainage being replaced and upsized, existing ditches being cleared.**
- Sandhurst Road – **WBC taking legal action and a court date has been arranged, the parish council will be kept informed.**
- Constant Spring, Fleet Hill – **a buried manhole located in the verge near South Court has been uncovered and cleaned; jetting of drain has cleared the problem.**
- Wellington Roundabout – **Trial holes been dug; a water main found to through the highway drain – due to be moved and pipe work re-instated.**
- Cricket Hill/Lower Sandhurst Road – **culverts have been cleared.**
- Jubilee Road/Church Lane – **water continues to flow out of BT box near Old Police House – BT requested to repair.**

Outstanding Issues – The Clerk to progress:-

- Church Lane downhill to Arden House – Cllr Chapman met Mr Napper on site to discuss the issues – the Clerk will progress response.
- NMR (beyond California Park entrance) in dip of road.
- Footpath 12 next to village garage – drain linking to highway drain is blocked.

283/2010 – ROAD SURFACE CONDITIONS - David Rixon responded to sites reported by the Clerk after the last meeting.

Wellingtonia Roundabout

should be resurfaced later this year.

Jubilee Road coming down from the Monument

The section around the bend by Wick Hill Lane to just past Church Lane should be resurfaced in this financial year, together with a section from The Dittons upto California Crossroads.

Finchampstead Road from California Crossroads up to Inchcape Roundabout

No plans to resurface this section this year, although a lot of patching work is shortly to be undertaken.

Nine Mile Ride

from Sandhurst Road to railway bridge, again no plans to resurface the carriageway this year, patching work is shortly to be undertaken.

284/2010 – INCIDENT REPORT

Reading Road/Park Lane junction

Cllr Chapman reported that a lorry ran into the back of a car waiting at the lights – caused by missing Traffic Light sign.

285/2010 – CORRESPONDENCE & FORUM

Correspondence

WBC – Grounds Maintenance

The Clerk received a letter asking if the PC is interested in taking on the Verge Maintenance contract as they are in the process of re-letting the Borough's ground maintenance contract. The committee noted that the parish council already spends £5k pa. for its own Litter Picking and £2.5K for the footpath warden. It was agreed that much more detail was required before a decision could be made. The Clerk was thanked for her work in contacting the other southern parishes to ascertain their views and it may be an opportunity to work together. The Clerk will email Neil Carr to give an 'in principle' response that the proposal will be considered upon more detailed information being given.

Forum

- Church Lane/Finchampstead Road
Cllr Rampton reported that hedging had overgrown and was obstructing the walkway for pedestrians.
- Finchampstead Road (opposite California Hall)
Footway obstructed by overgrown hedging – very difficult for wheelchair and push chair users to pass safely.

The Clerk will report these matters to WBC.

FBCentre Car Park

Mr Bowers reported the lack of provision for pedestrian and disabled access to the Centre – currently there is no pavement and accidents could occur in the car park. The FBCentre Access officer is to undertake an investigation – the committee will request the results.

286/2010 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

7.30 pm, Tuesday 26 October 2010 – Cllr Bromley will check availability in the California Room

The meeting closed at 9.35pm