

FINCHAMPSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ROADS & ROAD SAFETY COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 26th OCTOBER 2010 AT 7.30 PM, FBCENTRE LIBRARY, GORSE RIDE NORTH, FINCHAMPSTEAD, BERKSHIRE

PRESENT: Cllrs K Mayne, Chairman, Cllr S Bromley, Vice Chairman
Cllrs W Chapman, R Cundy, J May, I Pittock, R Rampton, S Weeks

Mrs Holloway, Clerk

382/2010 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Cox, Steve Bowers (resident)

383/2010 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meetings held on 20th July 2010 were amended on page 108 to read California Hall (not Room). These Minutes and those for 16th September 2010 were then signed as a true record.

384/2010 – MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

278/2010 – WBC Core Strategy

Cllr Mayne's full report on the WBC Executive Meeting was previously distributed by email
Summary as follows:-

- Southern Parishes Group commitment on traffic issues recognised by WBC.
- Bracknell Forest BC's new approval of 1000 houses on the old Transport & Road Research Laboratory site, off Nine Mile Ride, has further implications on traffic movements for NMR.
- No overall vision or strategy for NMR; should the road design encourage traffic flow or focus on reduced speed; requires WBC & BFBC and adjoining Parish Councils to liaise.
- An early meeting with WBC officers is necessary to discuss NMR implications then Finchampstead Parish to liaise with local residents to discern views on possible options.
- It was agreed that early preparation should be ready for end of March 2011.

278/2010 – 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.

278/2010 – War Memorial – Kerbing & Signage

Work now completed. Item to be deleted.

278/2010 – NMR Primary School & Averys Car Park

The new school kitchen access arrangements are now complete. The parking issues were discussed and Cllr Bromley advised the school has £5k funding for a £10k project for improved school access. The requirement for siting the WBC waste bins was noted as well as changing layouts and exit/out routing.

278/2010 – WBC Consultations - Traffic Regulation Order – Kiln Ride/NMR

The Barber Shop has now painted designated parking spaces on their forecourt but no road markings have been completed by WBC. Item to be deleted.

278/2010 – Risk Assessment – Lamp Columns

The Clerk will progress with SEC, if any council action is required for the posts that are banded. The official notification to inspect for 'non standard' roots will be verified with SEC.

278/2010 – Correspondence & Forum - Major Works Meeting at Shute End

Cllr Bromley's report on the last meeting was distributed and in summary:-

Easthampstead Road, Wokingham – SE Water

- Level Crossing closed from 11th October for approx 6 weeks
- Heathlands Road to Old Wokingham Road will follow on for a further 10 weeks
- Heathlands to Honey Hill will follow on for 6 weeks

Lower Wokingham Road – Scotia Gas

- Lwr Wokingham Road last 50 m. To double mini roundabout Nine Mile Ride
- NMR, 100m from double mini roundabout – work to continue down to California Country Park – ends March 2011
- Work connecting these sites, including roundabouts scheduled for week beg 25 Oct using 4 way lights

Nine Mile Ride – Thames Water

- Between Masdar Gardens & California Caravan Park, work scheduled to start 27 Oct
- Nash Grove Lane (111-142) – Feb-March 2011

282/2010 – Flooding In Finchampstead Parish

Work on the affected sites (previously advised to WBC) has been completed by Eddie Napper.

Park Lane Flooding - Cllr Weeks advised that WBC improvements are under way but yet to be completed. Discussions with a local landowner to reduce a raised area of land will continue with Mark Moon.

285/2010 – Forum Discussion - FBCentre Car Park – Pedestrian Access - Item to be carried forward.

327/2010 - WBC – Proposed TRO for permanent closure of Nash Grove to through traffic

FPC has already lodged its reply that it is too premature to comment. WBC plan to consult more widely among local residents on its plan to permanently close the through route by barrier. The separate issue concerning the road surface will not be included and the status quo will remain. FPC will comment further when the questionnaire results are known.

385/2010 – I&E REPORT – 2010-11

The Clerk issued the half year reports which show spending on Street Lights within budget. Budgets for Road Safety Projects remain unspent but expenditure likely before March 2011. It was noted that WBC are prepared to undertake minor works at Parish Council expenditure. The possibility of purchasing a further Data Logger is also possible.

386/2010 – BUDGET FORECAST 2011-12 – FOR SUBMISSION TO FINANCE PRECEPT MEETING

It was agreed to maintain the current year's budgets with no increase.

387/2010 – FINCH NAG REPORT

Cllr Bromley will process Data Logger information to select information on hotspots of night time speeding so the police can selectively monitor at night times. It is noted that Finchampstead Road, Longwater Road and Nine Mile Ride suffer from this problem.

Fixed Penalty Notices

The latest information received from the police was noted.

388/2010 – WBC VERGE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

The maps and documentation was passed to Cllr May who will report to the next meeting whether it is viable for the Parish Council.

389/2010 – GORSE RIDE SAFETY ZONE PROJECT

Cllr Mayne reported on further progress since the last meeting.

GR School Travel Plan update

- GR School received funding and is planning to install bike racks.

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.
- It was AGREED that suitable road markings and signs will be provided at FPC cost. Cllr Mayne will progress.

390/2010 – DATA LOGGER

- Cllr Rampton has been trained and Cllrs Mayne and Pittock will receive their training during the autumn.
- It was agreed to re-instate the site near the junction of Gorse Ride South and NMR, Hogwood Estate and further agreed to install the device at 'guest site' White Horse Lane/Church Lane (being used as a 'rat run'). WBC to be advised.
- It was AGREED to purchase more brackets and consider purchasing another Data Logger at the next meeting.
- The committee AGREED to supply the full set of data from the Logger to Andrew Luck, Thames Valley Police on the understanding that FPC confidence is respected and any data is not published.

391/2010 – ROAD SURFACE CONDITIONS

- NMR (around Cresswell Garage). Report of poor footway surface from wheelchair user
- Wellingtonia Roundabout - should be resurfaced later this year.
- Jubilee Road (down from the Monument) due to be resurfaced in this financial year
- Barkham Ride – poor restitution of road surface following recent utility road works
- White Horse Lane (down from Queen's Oak) – surface breaking up again and requires attention before winter months.

All items will be reported to David Rixon and/or Graham Barnwell (Utility works) at WBC.

392/2010 – INCIDENT REPORT

Cllr Weeks reported that, since the new signage at Dell Road/The Ridges, there have been no reported accidents and it was AGREED this was a welcome result.

393/2010 – CORRESPONDENCE & FORUM

Correspondence

- WBC – revised procedure for ‘Wish Lists’. It was noted that WBC now require full funding to be in place before notifying WBC. It was AGREED that the following be lodged as ‘Wishes’
 - ‘Walking Route’ for G.R. School (FPC Funded)
 - Revised Layout for Averys Car Park. Cllrs Bromley, May and Pittock will form a Working Group and report at the next meeting.
 - NMR Vas Signs – the sites were due to be changed some time ago – minimal cost to WBC.

The ‘Wish List’ will be on the next R&RS agenda.

In addition, it was agreed that a footway extension at Spring Gardens for pedestrians to safely cross the road is required (Health Walkers and NMR school visits to St James’). Cllr Weeks agreed to consult WBC officers.

- WBC Local Transport Plan 3 document – Cllr Mayne will read and report at next meeting.

Forum

Cllr Cundy, on behalf of all Parish Council members, sincerely thanked Cllr Mayne for his determined efforts in monitoring WBC actions and attending many meetings to ensure the Parish Council was kept informed and involved. AGREED.

394/2010 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

7.30 pm, Tuesday 1st February 2011 in the California Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm