

FINCHAMPSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ROADS & ROAD SAFETY COMMITTEE
HELD ON THURSDAY 28 JULY AT 7.30 PM,
FBCENTRE, GORSE RIDE NORTH
FINCHAMPSTEAD, BERKSHIRE**

PRESENT: Cllrs Mayne, Chairman, Cllr Bromley, Vice -Chairman
Cllrs Chapman, Pittock, Rampton, Weeks

Mrs Katy Dagnall, Clerk

283/2011 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Bowers, Cundy.

284/2011 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of meetings held on 10 May and 19 May 2011 were signed as a true record.

285/2011 – MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES of 10 May 2011

146/2011 Nashgrove Lane TRO

The Council had written to WBC on 24 May 2011 confirming its objection to the placing of a TRO to close Nashgrove Lane. The Council had also advised WBC that if a temporary order was made to close the road, enabling the impact on local traffic and road surfaces to be assessed for up to two years, the Parish Council would support the order.

WBC Officers are now recommending permanent closure of the road to through traffic, this is expected to be confirmed at a WBC Executive Meeting on 28 July 2011. This has been reported in local press, the Clerk will contact Matt Davey at WBC to express disappointment that the Parish Council was not informed in advance.

148/2011 – WBC Core Strategy

A meeting took place on 19 July 2011. A main concern is that the current consultation is taking place without additional traffic modelling information. Further work on this is underway and the Parish Council will be invited to a session on outcomes of the modelling exercise in September.

Cllr Mayne has submitted a detailed response to the current consultation on behalf of the Parish Council. This will be circulated to all Councillors.

148/2011 – VAS Partnership with WBC

No further information is available yet on the WBC trials of the new 3M SID unit on the London Road, Wokingham. It was agreed not to pursue this further.

148/2011 – NMR Primary School & Averys Car Park

- Cllrs Bromley and Pittock have now come up with a list of small scale items which could be implemented at relatively low cost, including a few additional spaces and a 'drop off / pick up zone'. This has been forwarded to WCB officers for consideration, and investigation of land ownership at the entrance to the car park.
- NMR Primary School has undertaken a consultation on demand for a 'drop off zone', and is now supportive of the proposal.

155/2011 – Street Map

A first proof is now available, it was agreed the map was an improvement on the previous version. The Clerk will be checking this against original information, Cllrs Mayne and Weeks will look at copies and check alleyways and other items. The Clerk and Cllr Chapman will check the rights of way.

286/2011 – I & E REPORT 1st QUARTER 2011/12

Reports for the first quarter were circulated, showing expenditure on street lights is within budget.

A contribution of £500 has been committed to the new street map.

It was noted that the Gorse Ride Safety Zone project has a separate allocation of £5250.

287/2011 – FINCH NAG REPORT

Speeding continues to be a major issue. Cllr Bromley advised that he has been in contact with a proactive resident of Nine Mile Ride, who will be attending a future NAG meeting.

288/2011 – GORSE RIDE SAFETY ZONE PROJECT

Walking Routes

Cllrs Bowers and Bromley will liaise with WBC and come up with a scheme and indicative costings. Waverley School to Gorse Ride is the first target.

Parking at the FBCentre is still a major issue. There has been no progress with plans for additional parking spaces.

289/2011 – DATA LOGGER

Cllr Bromley displayed one of the two units.

A recent report indicates a 25.5m vehicle travelling at up to 95mph on several occasions. Cllr Bromley will follow this up with the manufacturer as this is unlikely to be a correct recording.

The use and release of the SDR data was discussed. The policy to date has been one of discretion, the data is not widely circulated in order to avoid assumptions and /or raised expectations among residents. Concerns have been raised recently through the Finchampstead NAG that the data was not filtering down to local police, although it is currently forwarded to Andrew Luck, TVP Traffic Management Officer.

Cllr Weeks proposed that the Committee adopt a policy of releasing anonymous data logger information to WBC and TVP for traffic management and resource planning purposes, in consultation with the Chair of the R&RS Committee. Cllr Pittock seconded this and the policy was unanimously agreed.

Cllr Bromley will consider the detail of what information should be released, in terms of it being useable by others, and will liaise with TVP.

Information will not be released direct to the NAG. It was suggested that representatives from the NAG could usefully attend a future R&RS Committee meeting.

The recent NAG survey together with data logger summaries will enable targets for TVP speed detection work to be prioritised.

290/2011 – ROAD SURFACE CONDITIONS

No issues reported.

291/2011 – INCIDENT REPORT

Cllr Weeks reported an incident at the War Memorial junction, resulting in a car landing on top of another.

Cllr Chapman reported a serious incident on the Reading Road on the section to the south of Park Lane.

292/2011 – CORRESPONDENCE & FORUM

Correspondence

The Clerk had contacted Thames Travel regarding the 144 bus service. This does still run on Sunday but uses a different route omitting Finchampstead. Cllr Mayne had looked at timetables and 10 other journeys are also affected. A response from Thames Travel is awaited. Cllr Weeks said he would raise the issue with WBC.

Forum

- Cllr Pittock advised that many more local children will be attending Yateley School from September than in previous years. There are concerns over the capacity of the current bus service, and implications of more car journeys. Bus access at the California Hall is an issue, it was agreed that Avery Car Park could be a suitable alternative, and advice from other bus operators could be helpful. Cllr Pittock would contact the Bus Operator.
- Cllr Bromley reported that Barkham Ride would be closed between Nashgrove Lane and Finchampstead Road for up to 6 weeks from January 2012, for SE Water works.
- Cllr Rampton advised that Police attending the NAG meeting stated they would speed check wherever FPC or the NAG specify. Cllr Weeks advised that Finchampstead receives a higher level of speed work than other areas, including a regular one morning a month session.

293/2011 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

7.30 pm, Thursday 27 October 2011 at the FBCentre.

The meeting closed at 9 pm.