

FINCHAMPSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE
held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 23 June 2021
By Teams Video Conference

PRESENT Cllr Cundy, Chair; Cllr Marshallsay, Vice Chair.
Cllrs Biskup, Bromley; Cornish; Driver, Pearce & Veitch (part, from 8.15pm)
Planning Committee Clerk, C. Cordell.

270/2021 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

All committee members were present.

271/2021 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr Cundy declared an interest in the Twin Oaks planning application reference 211549.

272/2021 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 26th May 2021 were agreed as a true and correct record.
The minutes will be signed retrospectively as soon as circumstances allow.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

2 members of the public attended the meeting in relation to their planning application reference 211773 at Brackenwood, Hollybush Ride. No objections were raised by the council.

273/2021 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising, although an Enforcement meeting still needs to be arranged by the Planning Committee Clerk to include Cllrs Cundy, Marshallsay and Veitch.

274/2021 CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Committee considered 19 planning applications as detailed in Appendix A.

It is noted that Cllr Marshallsay (Vice Chair) led the discussions in relation to the Twin Oaks planning application reference 211549.

Other Points

- 1) For information the committee received another (revised) 'Reserved Matters' Application for Finchwood Park, planning application reference 203616.
- 2) Cllr Cornish made the point that committee members should read the draft Neighbourhood Development Plan in full.

275/2021 DECISIONS ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

11 Decisions on planning applications previously considered were reviewed as detailed in Appendix B. All but 3 decisions were in line with the committees' comments. These 3 were approved by Wokingham Borough Council (WBC) but objected to by the committee due to their garages being in front of the building line.

276/2021 APPEALS

New Appeals

There were no new appeals.

Appeal Decisions

There were no new appeal decisions.

277/2021 TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS (TPO)

New TPO's

- 1) Trees located at 33 Barkham Ride – 3 areas, TPO ref: 1795/2021
 - a) Area located on the southern boundary, trees Oak, Pine, Hawthorn, Sycamore/Maple etc.
 - b) Area located on the northeast and east boundaries, Trees of all species.
 - c) Area located on the southeast boundary, Trees of all species.

New applications for works to a tree covered by a TPO

- 1) Tulaig Heath Ride, TPO ref: 1264/2008, Application for works to protected tree(s) TPO 1264/2008 - T2, T1 Scots Pine (T2 on TPO) – fell to ground level.
- 2) 10 Charlton Close, TPO ref: ***/****, Application for works to protected tree(s)
 - T1 – Oak - Off-site tree over hanging the garage. Selectively prune.
 - T2 – Oak - Off-site tree over hanging the house. Selectively prune.
 - T3 – Oak - Canopy in contact with the roof. Crown lift and selectively prune.
 - T4 – Oak - Obscuring the streetlamp head. Crown lift.

278/2021 STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING

- 1) 353 Finchampstead Road will be numbered 355 Finchampstead Road, planning application reference 191221.
- 2) Address and post code for West Court, Park Lane, Finchampstead RG40 4QJ has been changed to West Court, Reading Road, Finchampstead RG40 4AX. Can no longer be accessed via Park Lane.
- 3) 1 new dwelling at Land adjacent to 72 Reading Road planning application reference 193229, will be numbered 72a Reading Road, Finchampstead, Wokingham, RG40 4RA

279/2021 FORUM

- Cllr Cornish asked for an update on the WBC Planning training due to be held on the 13th July. The Planning Committee Clerk is still waiting for a response from WBC on this and will advise all the Cllrs as soon as there is more information to report.
- Cllr Cundy spoke of his frustration with the Borough Parish Liaison Forum in relation to the Charter, and one aspect he is objecting to is their lack of speed in responding to us, when we are always expected to respond quickly. He has been advised that this will change in view of the partnership and the Charter, and they will endeavour to respond to us more quickly in the future.
- Cllr Veitch advised that he and Cllr Weeks recently attended the Crest War Horse unveiling, and while they were there met the Crest Planning Manager. It was agreed that a Steering Group meeting was much needed to discuss the latest position regarding the SDL. Cllr Veitch suggested the best course of action would be for us to email Nick Chancellor at WBC asking him to convene a Steering Group meeting as soon as possible. Cllr Pearce will also raise this at the Community Liaison meeting on 30th June.

280/2021 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Monday 19th July 2021 at 7.30 pm.**

These minutes are subject to confirmation at the next meeting of the Committee.