

FINCHAMPSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE
held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 18th August 2021
By Teams Video Conference

PRESENT Cllr Cundy, Chair.
Cllrs Bromley, Cornish, Marshallsay, Pearce and Veitch
Planning Committee Clerk, C. Cordell.

342/2021 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Driver.

343/2021 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllrs Marshallsay and Veitch both declared an interest in Wild Acres, Hollybush Ride - planning application ref 212496.

344/2021 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th July were agreed as a true and correct record.
The minutes will be signed retrospectively as soon as circumstances allow.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public joined the meeting as an observer.

345/2021 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Consultation from adjoining LA Notification – Planning application reference: 212435

The Committee has received notification from Wokingham Borough Council (WBC) regarding their response to Bracknell Forest Council (BFC) objecting to the proposal for 150 dwellings at Land West of Wokingham Road and East of Lower Church Road Sandhurst (BFC planning application reference 21/00478/OUT).

346/2021 CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Committee considered 29 planning applications as detailed in Appendix A.

Other Points

Cllr Cundy asked the Planning Committee Clerk to look up permitted development rights for boundary walls and to advise the Committee. This was prompted following a discussion about the erection of a front boundary wall under 'permitted development rights' with reference to Hollywood, Hollybush Ride, planning reference 212677.

347/2021 DECISIONS ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

26 decisions on planning applications previously considered were reviewed as detailed in Appendix B.

348/2021 APPEALS

New Appeals

There were no new appeals.

Appeal Decisions

There were no new appeal decisions.

349/2021 TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS (TPO)

New TPO's

There were no new TPO's

New applications for works to a tree covered by a TPO

- 1) Section 211 Notification for works in a conservation area, planning ref 212497. Site address:
Avalon, Church Lane:
G1, 2 x Conifer - Reduce height by 2 metres leaving trees at a height of 9 metres.
T2, Ash – Fell to ground level. T3, Goat Willow - Crown lift to a height of 3 metres.
- 2) Land rear of 2 The Dittons, TPO 592/1993 Woodland 1, planning ref 212335.
T1, Holly - Cut back branch overhanging boundary fence to first major upright stem.

350/2021 STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING

There were no changes to report.

351/2021 FORUM

- The enforcement sheet has been updated by the Planning Committee Clerk to include the latest WBC monthly reports. There are a few anomalies which need to be clarified by the WBC Enforcement Officer in time for the enforcement meeting on 25th August with Cllrs Bromley, Cundy, Marshallsay and Veitch. It was agreed that the meeting would be take place face-to-face at the FBC Centre.
 - The Planning Committee Clerk notified the Committee about a new online NALC event called 'Making rural housing more affordable' on 17th November 2021, and will forward the details and booking information to all committee members.
 - The question of whether to resume face-to-face committee meetings was raised by Cllr Marshallsay. Cllr Cundy, Chair, decided that Planning Committee meetings will continue virtually via MS Teams until the end of the year. A decision will be made at the December Council meeting on how to proceed thereafter. In the meantime, we should think about how to make the best use of the technology so that when face-to-face meetings do resume, they can continue to be both informative and expedient.
 - Cllr Pearce advised us of a new regulation which came out on 7th July relating to biodiversity and 3.0 metric. It was agreed that this would be added to the agenda for discussion at the next planning committee meeting.
 - Cllr Cornish has offered to share a copy of the latest version of the draft FNDP with the Planning Committee, which was welcomed by all.
 - Cllr Cundy, Chair, ran through the following items in terms of documentation circulated to the Committee for review prior to the meeting:
 - Adjoining LA Consultation response/objection letter from WBC to Bracknell Forest regarding their proposal outline application for the erection of up to 150 dwellings.
 - Approval decision notice for the cricket track at Lynfield House, planning application 211335.
 - Letter of objection from a resident of Fleet Hill, ref Fleet Rise, planning application 212508.
 - Site plan & Engagement letter for Cellnex pre planning consultation notification 235412.Cllr Cundy, Chair, clarified that this work relates to the mobile tower at Church Farm, White Horse Lane and is to re-set and update the technology, not to increase its height.
 - Original FPC comments for Barkham Farms solar farm, planning application 211081.
 - Numerous background documents including aerial shots of the site at The Stables, Lower Sandhurst Road, planning application 212522.
- Cllrs Bromley and Cundy thanked the member of the public present for joining and observing the meeting.

352/2021 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 15th September at 7.30 pm.**

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