

FINCHAMPSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE
held at 8pm on Wednesday 13th October 2021
By Teams Video Conference

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

407/2021 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Apologies were received from Cllr Veitch.

408/2021 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS
None declared.

409/2021 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
The minutes of the meeting held on 15th September were agreed as a true and correct record.
The minutes will be signed retrospectively as soon as circumstances allow.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
No members of the public attended the meeting.

410/2021 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
Cllr Cornish advised the Committee that Catesby Estates have been sent the latest update to the Finchampstead Neighbourhood Development Plan (FNDP) consultation via direct mailing, in response to their request for a meeting in relation to their latest promotion for development at Land off Longwater Road. There are currently no plans to meet the developer.

411/2021 CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS
The Committee considered 15 planning applications as detailed in Appendix A.

In addition to the above, the Committee discussed an application for a Goods Vehicle Operators Licence at Magnolia House, Fleet Lane. The Committee had no objections.

412/2021 DECISIONS ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS
16 decisions on planning applications previously considered were reviewed as detailed in Appendix B.

All but 4 decisions were in line with the Committee's decisions. Objections were submitted by the Committee for the following applications, but these were subsequently approved by Wokingham Borough Council (WBC): Karalinga, Heath Ride (211764), 286a Nine Mile Ride (212572), 67 Nine Mile Ride (212456) and Riverwood Bungalow, New Mill Road (212528).

413/2021 APPEALS
New Appeals
There were no new appeals or appeal decisions received.

414/2021 TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS (TPO)
New TPO's
1. Various tree species on Land to the north east of Gorse House, Gorse Ride North - TPO 1829/2021

New applications for works to a tree covered by a TPO
1. 10 Masdar Gardens, Planning Application 213069 - TPO 822/1996 – T4
T1, Oak - Reduce the portion of canopy projecting towards the house by 1.5m.

415/2021 STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING
There were no changes to report.

416/2021 FORUM

- Cllr Pearce led discussions regarding biodiversity after details were circulated to the Committee by the Planning Committee Clerk about a new government biodiversity and 3.0 metric regulation which came into effect on 7th July 2021. After some discussion, it was suggested that whilst it was more likely to affect proposals of at least 3-4 houses rather than 1, it was felt it might be helpful to incorporate biodiversity within our own guidelines for future reference. The Planning Committee Clerk agreed to investigate this further and give an update at the next committee meeting.
- The Planning Committee Clerk confirmed the next Enforcements update meeting will be held on 18th November at 10am. Cllrs Cundy, Bromley and Veitch will join the Planning Committee Clerk at the FBC Centre. Apologies were received from Cllr Marshallsay who will be unable to attend.
- The subject of meeting face to face was discussed with a view to trialling this in December, subject to the Planning Committee Clerk being able to source a suitable room and the necessary interactive equipment at the FBC Centre.

417/2021 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 10th November at 7.30 pm.**

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