

FINCHAMPSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE
held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 10th November 2021
By Teams Video Conference

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

448/2021 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Marshallsay.

449/2021 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None declared.

450/2021 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th October 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 (the applicant) joined the meeting in relation to Planning Application 213477 for Riverwood Bungalow, New Mill Road.

451/2021 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The question of biodiversity was discussed briefly by The Committee, and it was decided that this should be revisited at the next review of the Parish Council's Guidelines. It was felt however that whilst The Committee should be mindful of biodiversity, ultimately it is the responsibility of Wokingham Borough Council (WBC) to consider biodiversity when determining planning applications.

452/2021 CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Committee considered 12 planning applications as detailed in Appendix A.

453/2021 DECISIONS ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

All but 1 decision was in line with the Committee's decisions. The Committee objected to the proposal for 348A Nine Mile Ride (212975) due to the extended garage being in front of the building line.
This was approved by WBC.

454/2021 APPEALS

New Appeals

1. The Hansom Cab Inn (211506) – Appeal Notice Reference: APP/X0360/D/21/3282817.
Householder application for the proposed conversion of existing garage into habitable space, facilitated by alterations to roof height to create a first floor, a two-storey rear extension, the insertion of 6 no. rooflights plus changes to fenestration.
This was refused by WBC due to its excessive scale, and would lead to a cramped form of development which would have a detrimental impact upon the character and appearance of the area. It would be inappropriately sited in the front of the property, introducing an overly bulky and alien addition to this verdant street scene which would detract from the character and appearance of the host dwelling and surrounding area.
The Committee had no objection providing it was made ancillary to the main dwelling.

455/2021 TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS (TPO)

New TPO's

1. 2 oak trees on the South east boundary of 1 Gilbert Way - TPO Ref 1797/2021
2. Trees at Monterey and land to the east of Monterey, Roman Ride - TPO Ref 1791/2021

New applications for works to a tree covered by a TPO

1. 109 Nash Grove Lane - TPO Ref 0674-1994-T36 (Planning Ref. 213288)
T36 Oak – Removal of dead branches and crown reduction.

2. 21 Ashdale Park, Crowthorne - TPO 51/1971, Area 1 (Planning Ref. 213131)
T1, Conifer – Reduce in height by 3-4m to approx. 8-9m in height and tip reduction by 2m from south side to 3-5m in spread; T2, Dead Tree (Scots Pine) – Fell
3. St James Church (Manor House Garden), Church Lane – TPO Ref 1778/2021, Woodland 1 (Planning Ref. 213449)
T1, Hazel – Fell fallen tree back to break in trunk.
4. Timberscombe, Hollybush Ride – TPO Ref 1015-2000-A1 (Planning Ref. 213550)
T1, Oak Tree – Crown lift to reduce overhang to boundary by 3 metres; T2, Pine – Fell;
T3, Oak Tree – Fell; T4, Oak Tree – Fell; T5, Oak Tree - Fell

456/2021 STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING

There were no changes to report.

457/2021 FORUM

Cllr Cornish informed the Committee that an update of the Local Plan is being exhibited on Tuesday 30th November at Arborfield Green Leisure Centre between 7.30pm and 9.30pm.

458/2021 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 8th December at 7.30pm.**

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