

FINCHAMPSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE
held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 12th January 2022
By Teams Video Conference

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

529/2022 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Pearce.

530/2022 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None declared.

531/2022 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th December 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) and his agent joined the meeting to present their proposal in relation to Planning Application 214158 for High Ground, Jubilee Road. Another member of the public joined the meeting to observe.

532/2022 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising.

533/2022 CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

The Planning Committee Clerk gave some further clarification on Planning Application 214018. This is for a 'Consultation from the Adjoining Local Authority (LA)' about an Appeal lodged by the developer against Bracknell Forest Council (BFC) for non-determination of Planning Application 21/00478/OUT: Outline application for the erection of up to 150 dwellings at Land West of Wokingham Road and East of Lower Church Road, Sandhurst. The Committee has already submitted its objections to Wokingham Borough Council (WBC), BFC and the Planning Inspectorate in relation to this proposal. However, Cllr Veitch has kindly agreed to take the opportunity to attend the Appeal Inquiry on behalf of Finchampstead Parish Council (FPC) to reiterate our concerns with the proposal. The Planning Committee Clerk will advise the date for this as soon as it becomes available.

534/2022 DECISIONS ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

25 decisions on planning applications previously considered were reviewed as detailed in Appendix B. These included the backlog of outstanding decision notifications from WBC.

Cllr Cundy, Chair observed that 3 applications which were objected to by The Committee due to closeness of the boundary to the neighbouring property, were approved by WBC. The Planning Committee Clerk agreed to check the decision reports from WBC for each of these to see if boundaries had been considered and if not, to seek more understanding on this from WBC.

535/2022 APPEALS

New Appeals:

There were no new appeals.

Appeal Decisions:

1. APP/X0360/D/21/3282369 - 11 The Rise, Reading Road Planning Application 211873
Appeal is allowed and planning permission is granted.

536/2022 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. 22 Ravenswood Avenue (213306) - TPO-0065-1973, T2
T2, Oak - Selectively reduce declining outer branch tips by approximately 2m back, remove low pendulous secondary branch and reduce parent branch by approx 2m. Reduce 2x secondary branches over 26 Ravenswood Avenue back to source. Crown-lift epicormic growth to give 6m clearance.
2. Monterey, Roman Ride (220039) - TPO(s) 1791-2021-A1 and 1791-2021-A2.
 - T1, T2, T3, T6 and T7 Scots Pine: Dead (before TPO)-fell to ground.
 - T4- Silver Birch: Dead (before TPO)-fell to ground.
 - T5- Common Holly: Dead (before TPO)-fell to ground.
 - T8- Scots Pine: Declining condition-fell to ground.
 - T9- Scots Pine: Declining condition-fell and replace with 1.5 m Scots Pine.
 - T10-Silver Birch: Declining condition-fell and replace with 10-12 cm girth Silver Birch.
 - T11-Scots Pine: Poor Form-fell to ground.
 - T12- Silver Birch: Poor condition-fell to ground.

537/2022 STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING

There were no changes to report.

538/2022 WBC LOCAL PLAN UPDATE (LPU) CONSULTATION

Cllr Cundy, Chair, gave the following update:

The draft response to the LPU consultation is being prepared and will be circulated before Main Council on 19th January. The main focus will be on the site allocations – supporting those already agreed by the Parish Council and put forward in the recent Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) consultation. We will also support the proposals for 10 dwellings on Sheerlands Road, as an ‘add on’ to the Arborfield SDL.

Our response will detail our objections to the Rooks Nest Farm proposals – thank you to Cllr Cornish for drafting comments on this (these have been circulated). This will include comment on the impact of this proposal on our NDP.

The other main part of our response will relate to the Local Green Spaces, supporting the 8 sites which the Parish Council and the NDP put forward and which have been included. Six further sites put forward have been rejected, four of these rejections will be challenged, with changes suggested in some cases. An alternative designation will be proposed for another site which was rejected as a Local Green Space. Thank you to Cllr Jukes and the NDP Green Group for all their work on this. We will also be supporting the designation of Waverley Way, which is proposed under Wokingham Town, and are likely to support the proposed designations in Arborfield and Barkham Parishes.

At present we are not proposing to comment on other aspects of the consultation, e.g., spatial strategy, other Strategic Development Locations (SDL's) or site allocations elsewhere in the Borough. If the Committee feel that we should be commenting on these or other matters, can they please let K. Dagnall (Parish Clerk), or Cllr Cundy know as soon as possible and detail their comments so that these can be included in the draft response.

539/2022 FORUM

Cllr Cundy, Chair asked members of the committee if they had anything further to discuss before bringing Part 1 of the meeting to a close.

540/2022 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 16th February at 7.30pm.**

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 & PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

It was resolved that as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed, the Press and Public would be excluded from the meeting during agenda item number **541/2022 Enforcement matters.**

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