

FINCHAMPSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE
held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 16th March 2022
By Teams Video Conference

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

610/2022 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Veitch.

611/2022 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None declared.

612/2022 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th February 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.

613/2022 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising.

614/2022 CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

The following additional planning information was noted:

- Notification of Minerals and Waste Main Modifications Consultation Survey
Bracknell Forest Council, Reading Borough Council, the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead and Wokingham Borough Council (collectively referred to as the Central and Eastern Berkshire Authorities) are working in partnership to produce a Joint Minerals and Waste Plan which will guide minerals and waste decision making in the Plan area. The proposed Main Modifications, along with a response form and a survey questionnaire are all available to view and download from the Joint Minerals & Waste Plan consultation website: www.hants.gov.uk/berksconsult. Consultation on the proposed Main Modifications will run for six weeks, beginning on 28th February, and ending on 11th April 2022. The Planning Committee Clerk has circulated a copy of this notification to the Committee.
- Application 192325, Land South East of Finchampstead Road, South Wokingham SDL
The above application was reported to the Wokingham Borough Council (WBC) Planning Committee meeting on 9th March. Cllr Cundy, Chair reminded the Committee of the comments which have been submitted for both the original and revised plans for this application. WBC have not notified the Committee of a decision yet.

615/2022 DECISIONS ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

11 decisions on planning applications previously considered were reviewed as detailed in Appendix B.
All decisions were in line with the Committees' comments.

616/2022 APPEALS

New Appeals:

APP/X0360/W/21/3286559: Land Adjoining Garden Cottage, The Ridges (212685)

Outline application with all matters reserved for the proposed erection of 1no. dwelling.

This was refused by WBC on 2nd November 2021. The Committee objected on the grounds it is development in the countryside and contrary to emerging Finchampstead Neighbourhood Development Plan (FNDP) polices ADH1 & ADH2, and falls within the Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection Area.

Appeal Decisions:

There were no appeal decisions.

Appeal Inquiries:

The appeal date for Bracknell Forest Council's (BFC) planning application 21/00478/OUT has been set for 29th March and is expected to last for up to 6 days. It will be held at Time Square (Council Chamber), Market Street, Bracknell RG12 1JD. Documents relating to the appeal can be viewed on BFC's website <http://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/> (21/00478/OUT). Cllr Veitch is planning to attend on behalf of Finchampstead Parish Council (FPC) to reiterate the Committees' objections.

617/2022 TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS (TPO)

New TPO's

There were no new TPO's.

New applications for works to a tree covered by a TPO

Cobwebbs, Hollybush Ride: TPO 1015/2000, Area 1 T1, Silver Birch - Remove top down to the big main fork to remove overhanging branches to next door (4 Little Fryth).

618/2022 STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING

There were no changes to report.

619/2022 FORUM

- Cllr Cundy, Chair raised the question as to whether 'no objection' equals 'support' when considering applications and submitting comments to WBC.

Cllr Cundy, Chair expressed the view that whilst the Committee might not have reasonable grounds to object, they might prefer that a development didn't happen, or are impartial. The Committee may however support an application where they believe a development brings positive benefits to the Parish or area of the Parish. This was further clarified by the Planning Committee Clerk who referred to WBC's website portal where submissions for comments are categorised by 3 options - 'Object', 'Support' and 'Other'. Other is used for a 'no objection' comment or for a request to extend the end date for comments on an application.

Following some discussion, it was concluded that no objection does not therefore equal support.

- The Committee is hoping to hold the next Planning Committee meeting face to face at The FBC Centre, subject to Covid-19 restrictions. Cllr Cundy, Chair asked members of the Committee if they had anything further to discuss before bringing the meeting to a close.

620/2022 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 13th April 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 **621/2022 Enforcement matters.**

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