

**FINCHAMPSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE**  
**on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 7.30pm**  
**By Teams Video Conference**

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**PRESENT** Cllr R. Cundy, Chair; Cllr R. Marshallsay, Vice Chair.  
Cllrs S. Bromley, C. Mortimer and G. Veitch.  
Planning Committee Clerk, C. Cordell.

**343/2023 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Cornish and Pearce.

**344/2023 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

None declared.

**345/2023 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> December were agreed as a true record and will be signed by Cllr Cundy in due course.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No members of the public attended.

**346/2023 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES AND OTHER MATTERS**

There were no matters arising.

**347/2023 CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Committee considered 11 planning applications as detailed in Appendix A.

In addition to the above, the Committee re-considered planning application 222805, High Barn, Church Lane. The Committee agreed to retract their previous comment and to submit the following objection:

The Council objects to this application on the following grounds:

- Change of use from agricultural to commercial constitutes development in the countryside and is contrary to policies in the emerging Finchampstead Neighbourhood Development Plan (FNDP).
- The fence height is too low to contain dogs which is particularly concerning for both livestock in the adjoining fields and walkers on the footpath.
- There is no easy access for emergency services should the need arise onsite and therefore puts the health and safety of those working there at risk.

Other Planning Information:

The following 3 planning applications were heard at Wokingham Borough Council's (WBC) Planning meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023. Cllr Marshallsay spoke on behalf of Finchampstead Parish Council (FPC) against applications 223021 and 223592.

1. 223021, Land west of Twin Oaks, Longwater Lane: To be approved with personal permissions condition and on completion of Section 106 Legal agreement.
2. 223592, Land At Rear Of, 6 Johnson Drive: Consultation period has been extended to allow local residents more time to comment.
3. 222138, 6 Johnson Drive: Application approved.

### Barkham Square:

Barkham Parish have advised FPC of an updated Vision Document that they understand has been issued on behalf of Crest regarding the development of Barkham square. Barkham have asked us to engage with them to help update the defence against this possible development, that is not only relevant to Barkham but also to the surrounding area. Cllrs Cundy, Marshallsay and Veitch each expressed an interest in meeting with Barkham to discuss this further. The Planning Committee Clerk agreed to liaise with the Barkham Parish Clerk and will advise a meeting date in due course.

### **348/2023 DECISIONS ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

11 decisions on planning applications previously considered were reviewed as detailed in Appendix B. Cllr Cundy observed that all but 4 were in line with the Committees' comments.

### **349/2023 APPEALS**

There were no new appeals or appeal decisions.

### **350/2023 TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS (TPO)**

#### **New TPO's:**

- TPO 1913/2022 served on Beech at 286a Nine Mile.

#### **New applications for works to a tree/s covered by a TPO:**

- The Queen's Oak, Church Lane, TPO 99/1976, T2 and T3 (223667):
  - T2, Robinia - Crown clean, remove deadwood and sever ivy.
  - T3, Oak - Crown clean, remove deadwood & cut back to 1.5m clearance from building.
- High Trees, Soldiers Rise - TPO 285/1985, Group 1 (230055):
  - T1, Scots Pine (Part of G1) - Fell to ground level.(No objections were raised by the TPO Sub-Committee regarding the felling of this tree).

### **351/2023 STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING**

None to report.

### **352/2023 FORUM**

Cllr Cundy asked members of the Committee if they had anything further to discuss before bringing the meeting to a close.

### **353/2023 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023 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 **354/2023 Enforcement matters.**

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