

**FINCHAMPSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE
on Wednesday 15 February 2023 at 7.30pm
By Teams Video Conference**

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

367/2023 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr D. Cornish and A. Pearce.

368/2023 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None declared.

369/2023 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 January were agreed as a true record and will be signed by Cllr Cundy in due course.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public attended.

370/2023 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES AND OTHER MATTERS

There were no matters arising.

371/2023 CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

Other Planning Information

- **Mobile Phone Mast:**

The Committee also considered a pre-application consultation from Cornerstone for a mobile phone mast located at Queensmere Pumping Station, Nine Mile Ride, RG40 3LT. There is a specific requirement for a radio base station upgrade at this location to provide improved technical provisions, greater capacity and coverage in the area. The proposals include upgrades to the existing 30m High Lattice Tower, removal and replacement of the existing 3 antennas and internal upgrades to the existing cabin and associated ancillary works.

The Committee raised no objections.

- **Advertisement Consent Notification (230202): Hogwood Farm, Sheerlands Road.**

The Committee received notification of an application for advertisement consent for various adverts, signs, flag poles and flags at the above location. This type of application does not require consultation and is for information only.

372/2023 DECISIONS ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

13 decisions on planning applications previously considered were reviewed as detailed in Appendix B. Cllr Cundy observed that all but 3 were in line with the Committees' comments.

373/2023 APPEALS

There were no new appeals or appeal decisions.

374/2023 TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS (TPO)

New TPO's:

- TPO-1862-2022 confirmed, served on trees at Garden Cottage, Wellingtonia Avenue.
- TPO-1928-2023 served on trees of all species in woodland at land adjacent to Westwood, Lower Wokingham Road.
- TPO-1929-2023 served on trees of all species in woodland east of Kiln Close.

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

- Garsdale House, Timberley Place, 1421/2012, Area 2 (230167):
T1, Oak - Selectively prune; remove epicormic growth and deadwood overhanging the garden.

375/2023 STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING

None to report.

376/2023 FORUM

The following additional items were brought to the attention of the Committee:

- Online Survey: Housing Government Consultation Jan 23:
In a news release from Wokingham Borough Council (WBC) on 20 January, residents are urged to give their views on new government proposals that could help WBC's ongoing campaign to ensure the area takes a fairer share of housing in future. This is an online survey and responses must be received before 2 March. The Committee have agreed to meet on 23 February to complete the survey on behalf of the Parish Council .
- Joint Minerals and Waste Plan:
WBC adopted the Central and Eastern Berkshire Joint Minerals and Waste Plan on 19 January 2023. The adopted Joint Plan is now part of the Council's development plan and will be used to determine relevant planning applications. It will guide decision-making and activities around mineral extraction and waste management across the Central and Eastern Berkshire authorities until 2036.
- Cala Homes Presentation - Hogwood Farm, Parcel P10
Cala Homes will be presenting their proposals to us prior to the next Planning Committee meeting in March. They will be submitting their reserved matters application for Hogwood Farm, Parcel P10 in the coming months.
- Online Training: The National Association of Local Councils (NALC)
The Planning Committee Clerk advised the Committee of the following NALC training dates:
 - Tackling the housing crisis the local way: 15 March 2023.
 - What local councils can do about emergency planning: 29 March 2023.Councillors wishing to attend should advise the Planning Committee Clerk to book a slot.

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

377/2023 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 15 March 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 **378/2023 Enforcement matters.**

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