

FINCHAMPSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE
on Wednesday 19 July 2023 at 7.30pm
FBC Centre, Gorse Ride North, Finchampstead RG40 4ES

PRESENT Cllrs R. Cundy, Chair; S. Bromley, D. Cornish, P. Grainger and G. Veitch.
Planning Committee Clerk, C. Cordell.

128/2023 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr R. Marshallsay.

129/2023 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr David Cornish declared that he is a member of the Planning Committee of Wokingham Borough Council (WBC) and would therefore restrict his participation to making observations, and would neither make any statement, nor vote, in favour or against any application.

130/2023 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 June were agreed as a true record and were signed by Cllr Cundy.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

One member of the public attended to observe the meeting.

131/2023 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES AND OTHER MATTERS

There were no matters arising.

132/2023 CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Committee considered 7 planning applications as detailed in Appendix A.

Other Planning Information:

Notification was received for an application to renew the Street Trading Consent for Nicola's Snack Bar at Hogwood Lane Industrial Estate. The Committee had no objections.

133/2023 DECISIONS ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

8 decisions on planning applications previously considered were reviewed as detailed in Appendix B. Cllr Cundy observed that all but 2 were in line with the Committees' comments.

134/2023 APPEALS

New Appeals:

Chasleton, Lower Wokingham Road: APP/X0360/D/23/3319260 (223754)

Proposal: Householder application for the proposed erection of a detached double garage.

Refused by Wokingham Borough Council (WBC) on 26.01.23.

The Committee objected to this on the grounds that the garage is in front of the building line which contravenes emerging FNDP Policy D3b.

The appeal will be determined on the basis of written representations.

Appeal Decisions:

There were no appeal decisions.

135/2023 TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS (TPO)

New TPO's:

None to report.

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

- 311 Nine Mile Ride, TPO 555/1992 W1 (231403):
T1, Oak – cut back by 8m to boundary site and lift by 5m.
- Woodpeckers, Lower Wokingham Road, TPO 1149/2006 Area 2 (231584):
G1, Silver Birch x 4 – Fell dead trees.
(The TPO sub-committee have considered this and raised no objections).
- 351 Nine Mile Ride, TPO 1672/2019, Group 1 (231597):
T1, Silver Birch - Fell remainder of dead/damaged tree.
(The TPO sub-committee have considered this and raised no objections).
- 12 Chivers Drive, TPO 730/1995, T7 (231613):
T7, Birch – Cut back branches overhanging no. 31 Carolina Place.
- 103 Barkham Ride, TPO 922/1998, Group 1 and 2 (231609):
T1, Oak (G1) – Selective crown reduction, cut back and remove deadwood.
T2, Scots Pine (G1) – Remove branch overhanging boundary with 105 Barkham Ride.
T3, Holly (G2) – Selectively prune back to maintain shape.
T4, Holly (G2) – Selectively prune back to maintain shape.

136/2023 STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING

The street-naming and numbering has been completed for the Barratt David Wilson Homes development, Parcel 7, Finchwood Park (Ref: O/2014/2179). New street names are as follows: Wheat Street, Farmers Road, Mill Close and Farrow Place.

137/2023 FORUM

The Quick Reference Guides for the FNDP Policies and Material Considerations are currently under review by Cllrs Cornish and Cundy, and will be circulated to the Committee for use at future Planning Committee meetings once approved.

Cllr Cundy sends his apologies for the next meeting and proposed that the Vice Chair, Cllr Marshallsay, Chair the meeting in his absence.

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

138/2023 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 16 August 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 **139/2023** Enforcement matters.

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