

FINCHAMPSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FINCHAMPSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30 PM ON THURSDAY 21 JULY 2016 AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, THE VILLAGE, FINCHAMPSTEAD

PRESENT: Cllr Markham, Vice Chair.
Cllrs Bromley, Cornish, Mrs Driver, Mrs Jennings-Frisby, Marshallsay, May, Pearce,
Rampton, Woof, Mrs Yorke.

Mrs Dagnall, Clerk.

294/2016 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Bowers, Cundy, Mrs Hartwell, Pittock, Veitch and Weeks.

295/2016 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were received.

296/2016 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 June 2016 were signed as a true and correct record.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

No members of the public were present.

297/2016 CHAIRMANS REPORT

- The Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) at the FBC Centre Playing Fields opened to the public on 20 July 2016. The official opening is on 25 August 2016.

A small ugly bike store building has been installed in a prominent location next to the MUGA. This is being followed up with a view to it being relocated.

- California Country Park – following the discussion at the previous meeting a summary of comments and concerns has been forwarded to Wokingham Borough Council (WBC) Cllr Ross.

Cllrs Mrs Driver and Markham and the Clerk met representatives from the 1st Finchampstead Scout Group on 21 July 2016 to clarify their concerns and aspirations. The Group wishes to stay in the Park and to consolidate its activities there with improved facilities. The Council will send a letter to Cllr Ross asking that the lease between WBC and the Scout Group is renewed without further delay so that the Group can progress with its plans.

- As mentioned at the previous meeting, the Leader and Chief Executive of WBC have been in contact regarding the 'WBC 21 Century Programme' and future changes to their way of working. A meeting has now been arranged for 21 September 2016 – Cllrs Cundy, Marshallsay, Veitch and Woof and possibly Cllr Mrs Driver and Cllr Markham will attend.
- The Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service has been in touch. It is keen to work with the Council and increase involvement with the community. The Clerk has suggested that the Service attend the Community Fun Day on 11 August 2016. It was felt that activities with schools and youth groups are particularly valuable.

298/2016 COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Cllr Marshallsay reported on the meetings held on 20 June 2016 and 13 July 2016 – minutes have been circulated.

20 June 2016

Applications

22 applications were considered. Objections were lodged against applications at the following:

- Land west of and adjacent to Sand Martins Golf Course, Finchampstead Road. It was noted that a number of residents attended the meeting to voice their objections to this application.
- The Cabin rear of 85 Kiln Ride.
- 56 Pine Drive.
- 348 Nine Mile Ride.

Decisions

16 decisions were in line with WBC decisions, there were differences with a further 10 as follows:

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| • 11 Russley Green | FPC objected | WBC allowed |
| • 333 Nine Mile Ride | FPC objected | WBC allowed |
| • 36 Radical Ride | FPC objected | WBC allowed |
| • Manor Farm | FPC objected | WBC allowed |
| • Byways, Longwater Lane | FPC objected | WBC allowed |
| • Lambda Cottage, Wick Hill | FPC objected | WBC allowed |
| • 215 Nine Mile Ride | FPC objected | WBC allowed |
| • 162C Nine Mile Ride | FPC no objection | WBC refused |
| • 9A Pine Drive | FPC no objection | WBC refused |
| • 20 Cricket Hill | FPC no objection | WBC refused |

Other matters

- There is a new Appeal at Wynora, Soldiers Rise. The Appeal at Silverstock Manor, Sandhurst Road was dismissed. The Appeal at The Stables, Park Lane was allowed.
- There were 7 new enforcement issues, 2 issues were closed.
- Cllr Mrs Yorke was welcomed as a new Member of the Committee.

13 July 2016

Applications

14 applications were considered. Objections were lodged against applications at the following:

- 17 Carolina Place.
- 304 Nine Mile Ride.
- Bramley Dene, Lower Wokingham Road.
- Land opposite Warren Lodge, Warren Lane. It was noted that a number of residents attended the meeting to voice their objections to this application.
- Land adjacent to The Stables, Lower Sandhurst Road.

Decisions

Decisions were in line with WBC decisions with the exception of the following:

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| • 11 Nine Mile Ride | FPC objected | WBC allowed |
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Other matters

- There is a new Appeal at Land north of Johnson Drive. The Appeal at Wildacre, Hollybush Ride was dismissed.
- There are 5 new enforcement issues.

FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Cllr Woof reported on the meeting held on 29 June 2016 and current matters.

Financial position

- Unity Trust Bank £26,724.28
- CCLA Public Sector Deposit Fund account £80,656.55

The schedule of payments totalling £5447.14 (gross) was circulated. All payments were unanimously approved.

Cllrs Bromley and Woof agreed to authorise the electronic payments.

Committee meeting held on 29 June 2016

- Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)
A report from WBC showing details of CIL due to the Council was discussed. WBC will issue these reports monthly from now on. The Clerk and Cllr Woof plan to go through the WBC project list shortly and a meeting of the CIL Working Group will then be arranged to discuss priorities for potential funding, including both Council projects and WBC infrastructure projects.
- Asset inspection
Progress with the inspection was discussed and various actions were agreed relating to minor repair and refurbishment works. The only major item this year is the cleaning and repointing of the War Memorial – as agreed at the previous Council meeting an order has now been placed for this work.
- Grant applications
Applications are generally looked at in October, but two applications have been received which require earlier consideration due to the timing of the activities.
The Finchampstead Womens Group has applied for funds towards a summer trip to Hayling Island, primarily for residents of the Gorse Ride Estate. The Committee agreed a grant of £250 and this was unanimously approved by the Council.

St James' Church has applied for funds towards the Churchyard Extension project. The Committee agreed a donation of £8000 should be made, with funds to be taken from the Council's reserves. This was unanimously approved by the Council.

AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Cllr Mrs Driver advised that current matters had already been covered, including the War Memorial, the MUGA and the California Country Park.

Cllr May advised that WBC has a list of 'Buildings of Traditional Local Character' which is currently being reviewed as part of the Local Plan Review. A new Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) is expected to be adopted in October 2016 and buildings and features on the list will have some protection through the Planning system. The Council is likely to be consulted on the draft SPD.

Cllr Bromley suggested that a 'California Crossroads Tidy Up' could be organised. The last 'Tidy Up' was held in September 2015. This will be discussed at the next meeting of the Committee on 13 September 2016.

RIGHTS OF WAY COMMITTEE

Cllr Woof reported that progress has been made with various issues and projects and this will be discussed at the Committee meeting to be held on 25 July 2016.

- BP4 – comments on the drainage issues have been received from a local landowner and BBOWT, the Local Wildlife Trust. A meeting will be arranged with the WBC Officer and relevant parties.
- FP8 – the landowner has given permission for the remaining stile to be replaced by a kissing gate.
- FP20 – Cllrs Weeks and Woof will be meeting a WBC Officer and the landowner on 28 July 2016 to discuss additional way marking. Other matters to be discussed with the WBC Officer are the potential re-designation of FP20 as a bridleway, and drainage issues on BP26 and FP29/33. Land ownership on parts of FP20 and FP29 will be looked into.
- A separate meeting will be arranged with the WBC Officer and the owner of Rectory Farm.

ROADS & ROAD SAFETY COMMITTEE

Cllr Bromley reported on current matters. .

Speed Data Recorder (SDR) and Speed Indicator Device (SID)

One SID session is being carried out per week at present. A recent early morning session on the Finchampstead Road near the Doctors Surgery found 52 vehicles (travelling south) exceeding the speed limit. An early morning session on Nashgrove Lane found 3 vehicles exceeding the limit, no further SID sessions will be carried out in the Lane but it will be monitored annually with the SDR. Two sessions on Nine Mile Ride found 18 and 15 vehicles speeding, and one session on Longwater Road found 33 vehicles speeding.

Avery Car Park project

The improvement project was stalled by WBC when the car park was included in the California Crossroads improvement scheme. However, this scheme is now on hold and Cllrs Bromley and Pittock met WBC Officers on 19 July 2016 to discuss implementation of the car park works as previously planned, including re-marking to create more parking spaces and a school drop off zone.

WBC has agreed to tidy up the cut through from the Chinese Restaurant car park, but will not formalise this as a path. WBC has agreed to provide quotations for the other works discussed.

Other matters

Cllrs Bromley and May met a WBC Officer to discuss various matters.

- WBC is looking into a single gateway at the end of Wellingtonia Avenue.
- WBC is also looking into the possibility of 30mph roundels for Nine Mile Ride.
- WBC plans to install a crossroads sign in White Horse Lane near the junction with Church Lane. Other options to improve sight lines and road safety were discussed and a meeting is being arranged with a contractor to get a quote for the proposed work.

299/2016 REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Finchampstead Park Management Committee

Cllr Markham reported on the meeting held on 20 July 2016.

- The Committee is hoping to widen its membership.
- Cllr Markham has joined the Improvements Sub Committee to help progress various projects.
- The Committee now plans to obtain a Performing Rights Licence.
- Parking on the roadside verge is an issue. The Clerk will obtain a quote for extending the knee rail. Residents will need to be consulted over this.

Borough Parish Liaison Forum

Cllr Cundy attended the Forum on 4 July 2016. The minutes of the meeting and presentations have been circulated.

Council for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE)

Cllr Marshallsay attended the Berkshire Branch AGM on 8 July 2016. There were presentations from the Regional Chair, and on the North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).

WBC Planning Training

Cllrs Cornish, Mrs Hartwell, Mrs Yorke and the Assistant to the Clerk attended a Training Session on 11 July 2016. Cllr Cornish advised that the session was useful but could have been more focused.

300/2016 ARBORFIELD STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT LOCATION (SDL)

- The Community Forum held on 29 June 2016 was poorly managed with too many items on the agenda and unprepared speakers from WBC. Cllr Pearce attended and notes have been circulated.
- Cllrs Bromley and Veitch attended the Steering Group meeting on 12 July 2016. Proposals for Parcel T and for Parcels A – G were discussed. The main topic was the unsuccessful Community Forum and it was agreed that the Steering Group would set the agenda for the October Forum.
- Cllrs May and Pearce attended the Community Liaison Group meeting on 18 July 2016. If the Parcel T application is granted permission in September / October 2016 work will commence in early 2017. Plans for the provision of Doctors Surgeries were discussed at the Community Forum and at this meeting but are still unclear. Crest Nicholson will be forwarding a list of potential street names for consideration.
- The Council's comments on the Reserved Matters Application for Parcel T have been submitted to WBC. A meeting has been arranged to discuss the latest Reserved Matters Application for Parcels A – G.

301/2016 COMMUNICATIONS

An update on Council Communications was circulated.

A Community Fun Day organised by WBC Tenants Services will be held at the FBC Centre playing fields on 11 August 2016. The Clerk has booked a stand and will circulate a rota.

Cllr Bromley advised that new equipment has been purchased for the Parish Office. The Council now has a personal cloud with considerably more storage than Dropbox. Access will be rolled out to all Councillors in due course.

302/2016 HONORARY FREEDOM OF THE PARISH

Cllr Mrs Driver advised that an application for a Queens' Honour for former Cllr Wally Chapman has now been submitted.

It was unanimously agreed that the Council should confer the title of 'Honorary Freeman of the Parish of Finchampstead' on Wally Chapman in recognition of his services to the Council's area.

It was agreed that the presentation should be made prior to the September 2016 Council meeting.

303/2016 CORRESPONDENCE

- Dr Philip Lee MP newsletter.
- Invitation to Readibus AGM 19 July 2016
- Invitation to Wokingham Job Support Centre AGM 20 July 2016.

Items circulated by email over previous month:

- NALC newsletters and bulletins.

- BALC newsletter.
- WBC news/media releases including National Highways and Transport Survey; Extended Hours and Self Service Plans for Libraries; Great British Tennis Weekend; Overnight and Weekend Parking Charges; New Park and Ride at Thames Valley Park; EU Referendum results for Wokingham.
- CCB Action for All e bulletin.
- Thames Valley Police alerts.
- WBC library events.
- WBC Major Developments web pages and newsletter.
- Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Consultation.

304/2016 FORUM

- Cllr Cornish mentioned an issue with the Council's website. Cllr Bromley will look into this.
- Cllr Rampton commented on the poor standard of grounds maintenance, particularly on highways, in the Parish. Specific locations should be reported to WBC either directly or via the Clerk.
- Cllr Mrs Driver advised that the Warren Close development would be officially opened on 22 July 2016 and that she would be taking Ms Isobel Vaughan Morgan to the event.
- It was agreed that flowers should be sent to Ms Vaughan Morgan for her 100th birthday.

305/2016 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 22 September 2016 at 7.30pm at the Memorial Hall.

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