

FINCHAMPSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FINCHAMPSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30 PM ON WEDNESDAY 19 OCTOBER 2016 AT THE FBC CENTRE, GORSE RIDE NORTH, FINCHAMPSTEAD

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

Mrs Dagnall, Clerk.
WBC Cllr Margetts (part).

395/2016 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Bowers, Marshallsay, Pearce and Weeks.

396/2016 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Non pecuniary declarations of interest were received as follows.

Blackwater Valley Countryside Partnership: Cllr Woof.

California Ratepayers Association: Cllrs Bromley and Cundy.

Citizens Advice Bureau: Cllr May.

Finchampstead C of E Primary School: Cllr Cundy.

Finchampstead Memorial Park Management Committee: Cllrs Bromley, Cundy and Markham.

Finchampstead Neighbourhood Action Group: Cllrs Bowers, Bromley, Rampton and Woof.

Gorse Ride Infant and Junior Schools: Cllr Rampton.

Keep Mobile: Cllr Rampton.

Nine Mile Ride School: Cllr May.

397/2016 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 September 2016 were signed as a true and correct record.

An correction was made to the wording relating to the presentation of the Freedom of the Parish to Walter Chapman, and related dates were amended to 1967 to 2016.

Minute 361/2016 Roads and Road Safety Committee Report was corrected to refer to a Speed Indicator Device (SID) not a VAS.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

No members of the public were present.

Wokingham Borough Cllr Charles Margetts outlined his work and priorities since his election as a representative for Finchampstead North in May 2016.

398/2016 CHAIRMANS REPORT

- Further to the meeting held with the Leader and Chief Executive of Wokingham Borough Council (WBC) on 21 September 2016, the Clerk has written confirming our interest in the WBC 21 Century Programme, and in the principle of closer working with WBC. As requested by WBC, areas of particular concern due to lack of progress or information were also listed.
- Information on the WBC 'Budget Engagement' session at the FBC Centre on 25 October 2016 from 7pm to 9pm has been circulated and Cllrs are encouraged to attend. Senior WBC Cllrs and staff will be present to discuss the difficult financial position and budget challenges, and to hear residents view on the principles and priorities that guide how WBC will spend money to

fund services in future. An online survey is also available and the link will be circulated.

- Cllr Cundy attended the Berkshire Association of Local Councils (BALC) Executive meeting on 28 September 2016 and will be attending the AGM on 3 November 2016. There are concerns over the role and work of BALC, and its views on the Wokingham District Association of Local Councils (WDALC) which the majority of the Local Councils wish to disband.
- The Clerk and Cllr Cundy will be meeting WBC Officers on 20 October 2016 regarding progress on the WBC Asset Review, and will report back at the next meeting.

399/2016 COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Cllr Veitch reported on the meeting held on 5 October 2016, minutes have been circulated.

Applications

17 applications were considered. Objections were lodged against applications at:

- Silverstock Manor, Sandhurst Road.
- Hilton House, Drift Lane.
- Isere, Heath Ride.
- 75 Barkham Ride.
- Hollybush, Lower Wokingham Road.
- 31 Barkham Ride.
- Land adjacent to 16/18 Barkham Ride (adjoining Parish consultation).

Decisions

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

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| • Land west of Sandmartins | FPC objected | WBC allowed |
| • 304 Nine Mile Ride | FPC objected | WBC allowed |
| • Bramley Dene, Lower Wokingham Road | FPC objected | WBC allowed |
| • Constant Springs, Fleet Hill | FPC no objection | WBC refused |
| • Moonrakers, Church Lane | FPC no objection | WBC refused |

Other matters

- There were no new Appeals.
- The Appeal at Mulberry, The Village was allowed.
- Appeals at 80a Reading Road and 76 Reading Road were dismissed.
- There were 4 new enforcement issues, with 3 issues closed.

FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Cllr Woof reported on current matters and the Committee meeting held on 12 October 2016, minutes have been circulated.

Financial position

- Unity Trust Bank £73,993.11
- CCLA Public Sector Deposit Fund account £70,738.21

Meeting held on 12 October 2016

- Cllr Cundy and the Clerk have started to look at the Local Council Award Scheme criteria as a form of self assessment of the Council. A decision on whether to apply for an Award will be made in due course.
- Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL – WBC is now providing monthly reports showing potential and actual CIL funds, together with infrastructure project updates. The latest report

shows that just under £30k is due to the Council. In accordance with the Terms of Reference agreed with WBC, this sum is due to be paid at the end of this month, but was in fact paid on 19 October 2016. WBC is also due to indicate which infrastructure projects the Council may wish to contribute to, and the CIL Working Group is meeting on 3 November to discuss this.

- Policies and procedures – the Committee agreed that all policies will be checked and updated as necessary over the next 2- 3 months.
- Grants and donations to local groups and organisations were agreed as listed below, subject to approval by the Council.

Organisation	Grant requested £	Grant agreed £
Berkshire MS Therapy Centre	938	938
Berkshire Vision	260	260
Citizens Advice Bureau	2000	2000
Cruse Bereavement Care	500	500
Deaf Positives Action	100	0
Finchampstead Neighbourhood Action Group	250	250
Finchampstead Womens Group (Gorse Ride summer trip)	250	250 (previously approved)
South East Berks Gang Show	250	0
1 st Sebastian Scout Group	200	200
Home Start Wokingham	700	700
Keep Mobile	11933	3500
Me2 Club	500	500
Relate	1980	1000
Wokingham Job Support Centre	600	600
Wokingham Volunteer Centre	600	600

Category	Organisation	Donation agreed £
HALLS	California Ratepayers Hall	1000
	Memorial Hall	400
	Village Club	308 (previously approved)
CHURCHES	St James' Churchyard extension	8000 (previously approved)
SCHOOLS *	Nine Mile Ride Primary School (roll 344)	2580
	Gorse Ride Infant School (roll 175)	1313
	Gorse Ride Junior School (roll 236)	1770
	Finchampstead Primary School (roll 113)	900
OTHER	Blackwater Valley Countryside Partnership	4000
	FBC Youth activities	9000

All grants and donations were unanimously approved, and the schedule of payments including the grants and donations and other payments and totalling £38,067.55 (gross) was approved.

Cllrs Bromley and Woof agreed to authorise the electronic payments.

Cllr Woof advised that as well as finance, the Committee oversees the overall management of the Council. There are currently two vacancies and Cllrs are encouraged to attend a meeting and consider joining the Committee.

AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Cllr Mrs Driver reported on current matters.

- The proposed improvements to the California Country Park were discussed at the September Committee meeting, and following approval at the last Main Council meeting the comments were forwarded to WBC. WBC has responded to the comments and queries raised, but appears keen to continue with plans to install features linked to the post 1930's use of the site as a holiday resort, particularly around the café area. It was agreed that a further response would be sent to WBC stressing the Council's opposition to this, and also requesting details of the consultation responses and views of residents and visitors on the proposals.

A planning application will be submitted in due course.

- WBC Cllr Ross has not replied formally to the letter sent in July 2016 regarding the 1st Finchampstead Scout Group and their hut in the California Country Park. He has advised that meetings are arranged with the Scout Group, and the Clerk is seeking confirmation of this from the Group.
- War Memorial – the repointing work is complete and the Memorial will be cleaned next week.
- Allotments – the potential for accepting non parish residents as tenants has been discussed several times. There are no parish residents on the waiting list at present, but 4 non parish residents are interested in plots. Two half plots are vacant, and the Association has been given permission to create around 10 more plots on the south west of the site.

It was proposed that up to 10 non parish residents from adjoining parishes are accepted as tenants, providing that Parish residents will always take priority over vacant plots. This was unanimously approved.

- The California Crossroads tidy up will take place this Sunday 23 October from 9.30 to 12 noon. All are welcome.

RIGHTS OF WAY COMMITTEE

Cllr Woof reported on current matters. The next Committee meeting is on 9 November 2016.

- A new gate was installed on FP8 by the Ramblers in late September, this was funded by the Council.
- Progress has been made with resolving drainage issues on BP4. WBC has agreed to clear the ditch adjacent to the bridle path and also to look at the culverts on White Horse Lane. The Wildlife Trust (BBOWT) had agreed to clear the ditch on its site and the Clerk is following this up.
- Progress has also been made with resolving drainage issues on FP52 by Sand Martins Golf Course. Cllr Woof is liaising with Golf Course staff and WBC over this.

- Locations have been agreed for way marker posts on FP20 through Fishers Copse and these were due to be installed last week. Cllr Woof will now arrange a date for way marking the second circular walk.
- A meeting will be arranged with WBC to discuss the WBC Greenway AR3 and agree the most appropriate route through the California Country Park.

ROADS & ROAD SAFETY COMMITTEE

Cllr Bromley reported on current matters. The next Committee meeting is on 26 October 2016.

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

One SID session is taking place per week at present. Reports from these and SDR monitoring are passed to Thames Valley Police and regular enforcement sessions are taking place.

Avery Car Park project

A meeting with WBC will take place on 20 October 2016. Quotations for works previously agreed are expected and will be discussed at the Committee meeting on 26 October 2016.

Major Projects

A meeting was held on 18 October 2016 and a report has been circulated.

War Memorial Junction

WBC has previously advised that it plans a study of this junction. There is increasing concern over road safety at the junction and a proposal to bring the study forward will be discussed at the Committee meeting on 26 October 2016.

400/2016 REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Finchampstead Park Management Committee

Cllr Markham advised that the next meeting is on 7 November 2016.

Cllr Bromley advised that he and the Clerk have met Management Committee members to discuss the creation of a web site for the Park.

Finchampstead Neighbourhood Action Group

Cllrs Bromley and Woof attended a meeting on 11 October 2016. There were updates from Thames Valley Police (TVP) and on road traffic issues.

No Cold Calling Zones (NCCZ) and Neighbourhood Watch (NW) were discussed. Around 538 homes are involved in NW and this provides a good opportunity for both the NAG and the Council to engage with more residents. TVP agreed to provide information on NW, and the NAG and the Council will liaise over how to communicate with existing participants and to promote the schemes to more areas of the Parish.

Borough Parish Liaison Forum

Cllr Rampton attended the meeting held on 10 October 2016. The WBC notes of the meeting have been circulated.

The meeting included a discussion on schools, and an odd consultation on budget savings.

401/2016 ARBORFIELD STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT LOCATION (SDL)

- A Community Forum was held on 10 October 2016. Cllrs Pearce, Weeks and Yorke and the Assistant to the Clerk attended, notes have been circulated. The meeting included a general update on progress, and updates on highways and traffic.

The Marino Family Trust application for the southern part of the SDL is likely to be approved shortly.

- The next Steering Group meeting is on 8 November 2016, Cllrs Bromley and Veitch will attend.

402/2016 COMMUNICATIONS

An update on Council Communications was circulated.

The e distribution list continues to increase. Details of local businesses are being collated into a distribution list for future communications.

403/2016 CORRESPONDENCE

- Invitation to WBC Sports Council Sports Awards 2016, 25 November 2016, 7.30pm. Cllr Cundy will attend.
- Invitation from WBC Mayor to Voluntary Sector reception, 16 November 2016 at 7pm.
- Invitation to Wokingham Volunteer Centre Annual Meeting, 23 November 2016 at 12 noon. The Clerk will attend.

Items circulated by email over previous month:

- NALC newsletters and bulletins.
- BALC newsletter.
- WBC news/media releases including budget engagement sessions; financial challenges; civil parking enforcement.
- WBC Arborfield Development newsletter
- WBC Libraries information
- Thames Valley Police alerts.
- CPRE update

404/2016 FORUM

- Cllr Markham advised that he will be moving out of the area and will therefore be resigning from the Council in due course.
- Cllr Bromley advised that some Cllrs are already signed up to the new Cloud. Information will be forwarded to other Cllrs so that all can join the Cloud.
- Cllr May suggested that the Council should reconsider whether to produce a Neighbourhood Development Plan. This will be included on a future agenda.
- The Clerk asked for comments on the draft meeting schedule circulated to Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs.
- The Clerk advised that the autumn lunch is likely to be on Thursday 10 November 2016 and asked for those who have not confirmed to respond as soon as possible.
- The Remembrance Day service will be held on 13 November 2016 at 3pm.
- The 100th birthday of Ms Isobel Vaughan-Morgan was noted.

405/2016 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 17 November 2016 at 7.30pm at the Memorial Hall.

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