

**FINCHAMPSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE
on Wednesday 17 April 2024 at 7.30pm
FBC Centre, Gorse Ride North, Finchampstead RG40 4ES**

PRESENT Cllrs R. Cundy (Chair); R. Marshallsay (Vice Chair)
Cllrs S. Bromley, D. Cornish, A. Grimshaw, P. Grainger and G. Veitch.
Planning Committee Clerk, C. Cordell.
Parish Clerk & RFO, A. Everett

01/2024 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

All councillors were present.

Cllr Cundy welcomed our new Parish Clerk & RFO, Amanda Everett, who observed the meeting.

02/2024 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.

Cllr Cornish withdrew from the meeting whilst application 223764 was being considered.

Cllr Grainger declared an interest in planning application 240657 and did not participate in any discussions nor vote in favour or against this application.

03/2024 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 March were agreed as a true record and were signed by Cllr Cundy (Chair).

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public attended.

04/2024 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES AND OTHER MATTERS

There were no matters arising.

05/2024 CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Committee considered 15 planning applications as detailed in Appendix A.

Other information

Advertisement Consent Notification: Hogwood Farm, Sheerlands Road (240925)

Application for advertisement consent for a single sided non illuminated sign with posts for the period 15/04/2024-15/04/2029. This type of application does not require consultation.

06/2024 DECISIONS ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

11 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.

07/2024 APPEALS

New Appeals:

None to report.

Appeal Decisions:

APP/X0360/W/23/3329309: Pye Hill House, Jubilee Road (230195):

The development proposed is described as the erection of detached garden store and workshop. This was refused by WBC on 15/03/23. The Planning Committee had no objections.

Appeal Decision: Appeal dismissed 10/04/24.

The Decision Notice cited the main issue being whether the proposed development would be acceptable within the countryside, with particular regard to its effect on the character and appearance of the area. Please refer to the Decision Notice for full details and reasons.

08/2024 TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS (TPO)

New TPO's:

- **Trees at land to the rear of Range House, Nine Mile Ride - TPO 1934/2023:**
TPO was confirmed without modifications on the 22 March 2024.
A1 - Trees of all species with stems which were 20cm or more in diameter at 1m above ground level located between the boundary of Valois and BK110951.
A2 - Trees of all species with stems which were 20cm or more in diameter at 1m above ground level located to the east of the boundary between Valois and Range House, Range Road.
- **Trees on land at 291A Nine Mile Ride - TPO 1963/2024:**
A1 – Trees of all species - On land at 291A Nine Mile Ride
W1 – Trees of all species - On land to the rear and west of 291A Nine Mile Ride

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

- **3 Manor Park Drive - TPO 635/1993, T18 (240784):**
T18, Oak - Crown lift to create 4.5m canopy clearance above ground level; drop-crotch reduction of the outer canopy between 1 to 2m and crown clean.

09/2024 STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING

None to report.

10/2024 FORUM

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

11/2024 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 16 May 2024.

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 **12/2024** Enforcement matters.

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