

BARKHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Planning Committee

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Minutes of meeting of the Barkham Parish Council Planning Committee held on 8th January 2008 in Barkham Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mr. R. Newman (in the Chair), Mr. S. Goldring, Mr. F.A. Scott, Mr. F. Postlethwaite, three members of the public and the Clerk.

Apologies:

08/55 **Minutes** of meeting held on 11th December 2007 were approved and signed as a true record.

08/56 Planning

F/2007/3000	6 Whitebeam Close Application for the proposed conversion of garage to habitable room with insertion of mezanine floor and new dormer windows in roof space.	Proposed
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Clerk to write to WBC stating that there must be sufficient parking if the garage is to be converted into a habitable room.

F/2007/2908	333A Barkham Road Proposed raising of roof plus insertion of both side dormer extensions to create a first floor.	Delegated Opposed
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Clerk to write to WBC opposing this application on the grounds that the proposed extension will cause a loss of light and privacy to 333 and 335 Barkham Road. Also to bring to their attention that the drawings have some inaccuracies, property 333A will be taller than 333 Barkham Road and the gap between the two properties is shown to be one meter when in fact this distance is less than that which will have an adverse affect on the light.

F/2007/3073	Meadowside, Park Lane, Finchampstead Proposed erection of detached dwelling with associated parking plus the removal of existing mobile home. Adjoining Parish Consultation.	Proposed No Comment
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F/2007/2623	Model Farm, Barkham Ride, Finchampstead Proposed change of use from light industrial (B1c) to general industrial (B2).	Approved
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Clerk to write to WBC asking for an explanation as to why this application was approved.

F/2007/2596	The Old Rectory, Barkham Road Demolition of existing single storey side extension and out building and erection of two storey side/rear extension to dwelling.	Refused
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Reason: The design of the proposal results in a spread of development creating the appearance of an extension which is over dominant to the detriment of the surrounding countryside and Area of Special Landscape Importance.

F/2007/2733	15 Langley Common Road Proposed conversion of existing garage into granny annexe.	Approved
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F/2007/1935	41 Bearwood Road Proposed erection of single storey extension to front and loft conversion of dwelling.	Approved
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F/2007/2767

6 Aggisters Lane
Proposed erection of front/side and rear single storey extensions plus raising of roof to create first floor with dormer extensions.

Approved

F/2005/4452

28 -30 Langley Common Road

Both of these properties are now for sale, it was noted that an additional new access has been created on to Langley Common Road for the second property where the oak tree was chopped down. Clerk to write to Highways Dept. at WBC.

Coppid Hill House

Planning Enforcement Officer Dave Mann advised that he had visited the property which had changed ownership last August, the new occupants also own the adjoining field. He agreed that there has been a breach of development control with the garden/play area encroaching into agricultural land. He will investigate further and advise us of the outcome.

WBC advise that as from 1st January 2008 Planning Services are changing from the existing North / South two team structure to a three team structure. The composition and Parish areas for the new teams is as follows;

East Team - Wokingham, Barkham, Finchampstead & Wokingham Without

Raj Patel / Jenny Jackson - Team Leader (Jenny Jackson is currently on maternity leave)

Emy Circuit - Principal Planning Officer

Tom Webster - Senior Planner Officer

Emily Temple - Planning Officer

Paul Gardiner - Planning Officer

Jenny Gumbrell - Planning Officer

John Steepe - Planning Enforcement Officer

Clerk to write to WBC asking why BPC have been linked with Wokingham, Finchampstead and Wokingham Without who are more urban parishes, Barkham is a rural parish who has more in common with Arborfield. Also to ask Arborfield to support our request to be linked with them.

Meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.

Next meeting of full Council on 12th February 2008 at 8 p.m.

Next meeting of Planning Committee on 22nd January 2008 at 7.30 p.m.