

## BARKHAM PARISH COUNCIL Planning Committee

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**Minutes** of meeting of the Barkham Parish Council Planning Committee held on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2009 in Barkham Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

**Present:** Mr. F.A. Scott, (in the Chair), Mr. S. Goldring, Mr. L. Heath, Mr C. Heyliger and the Clerk.

**Apologies:**

**Declarations of Interest** Mr C. Heyliger declared an interest in respect of the planning application F/2009/0172 Coppid Hill House.

09/316 **Minutes** of meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2009 were approved and signed as a true record.

09/317 **Planning**

F/2009/1184	Barkham Manor Farm, Barkham Road Proposed siting of a mobile home for use as an agricultural dwelling for a temporary period of 3 years. Amendment to consent F/2008/1267	Delegated Opposed
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Confirmation has been received from WBC stating that if turkeys which have previously been kept on the farm are then slaughtered and sold from the farm premises then these uses would fall within the definition of agriculture and ancillary uses and would not require planning permission. Clerk to write to WBC opposing this application, the concerns of BPC are that there is no planning permission for the food preparation room. With 1000 turkeys and 30 breeding sows and their offspring on this site the concerns are that there is no running water and the disposal of the effluent which will be in large quantities from the amount of livestock on the site. The documentation shows that no allowance has been made for the labour costs which questions the viability of the business.

F/2009/1064	19a Almond Close Proposed erection of single storey rear extension to dwelling.	Delegated No Comment
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F/2009/1003	38 Almond Close Proposed erection of two storey side extension Revised Plans show first floor rear extension removed and brought back flush with the rear of the main dwelling.	Proposed Opposed
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Clerk to write to WBC opposing this application stating that the proposal is only marginally smaller than the previous set of plans and will still have an over bearing impact on the street scene and will over look the neighbouring properties. The proposal will create a 5 bedroomed property which raises concerns over the provision of adequate parking.

F/2009/0841	The Scrapyard, Silver Birch, Highland Ave Proposed use of site for the storage of portaloos and wet waste operations including collection, disposal and maintenance. Adjoining Parish Consultation.	Proposed Opposed
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Clerk to write to WBC opposing this application. The planning application states that the storage of the portaloos and wet waste operations including collection, disposal and maintenance have been running for 15 years, this does not accord with the experience of the Parish Council. The scrap yard side of the business has indeed been running for this period of time but certainly not the wet waste. Residents from the Woosehill area who are only 200 meters away whose gardens are located downhill from the site have complained about the smells and the effluent in their gardens, which raises concerns about the standards of disposing of the waste. Another area of concern is the number of heavy lorries which are currently entering and leaving the site, the wear and tear on the road is self evident with large areas of the Bearwood Road showing excessive signs of wear. BPC recommend that WBC conduct a site visit to ascertain that the arrangements for disposing of the waste are being adhered to current Health and Safety Regulations.

Clerk to contact Wokingham Town Council as this site is located within their jurisdiction to express our concerns.

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Coppid Hill House, Barkham Road

Notice Of  
Informal Hearing

Appeal 1 Proposal

Proposed change of use of land from agricultural to residential garden. Retrospective.

Appeal 2 & 3

Against the Enforcement Notices issued under reference: RFS/2007/00558 referring to the change of use of the land and the erection of buildings and structures.

The Inspector appointed by the Office of the Secretary of State for Communities as Local Government will hold an Informal Hearing into these appeals at WBC on 7.7.09. Clerk to send the original comments that were sent to the Planning Inspector at Bristol to WBC.

**Appeal By Mr D. Cook**

**Site: Woodlands Farm, Wood Lane, Barkham**

Notification received from WBC that an Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government will attend WBC on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2009 to hold an Inquiry into the decision of the Council to issue Enforcement Notices following:

- a) The raising of land
- b) Change of use of the land.

Clerk to notify Mrs Stubbs in case she wishes to attend the hearing and local residents.

An invitation from WBC has been received for the Annual Parish Liaison Meeting for the Eastern Parishes (Barkham, Finchampstead, Wokingham and Wokingham Without) being held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August at WBC. The Clerk to again raise this issue with WBC stating that it would make more sense to group Barkham with the Southern Parishes which includes Arborfield, Swallowfield and Shinfield. The biggest housing development planned for Wokingham will be the proposed development of 3500 at Arborfield Garrison which covers the joint parishes of Barkham and Arborfield, with the majority of the housing being located in Barkham and therefore it would be beneficial for all concerned to group the two parishes together.

Meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

Next meeting of full Council on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2009 at 8 p.m.

Next meeting of Planning Committee on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2009 at 7.30 p.m.