

BARKHAM PARISH COUNCIL Planning Committee

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Minutes of meeting of the Barkham Parish Council Planning Committee held on 9th February 2010 in Barkham Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

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

Apologies: Mr. C. Heyliger (on holiday)

10/399 **Minutes** of meeting held on 12th January 2010 were approved and signed as a true record. The planning Meeting due to be held on 26th January did not take place as there were no planning applications to discuss.

10/400 **Planning**

F/2009/2672	The Gables, Barkham Street Retrospective application for replacement of existing fence.	Delegated Opposed
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Clerk to write to WBC opposing this application, the plans show a straight line for the fence where in fact it has been erected with a distinct dog leg in it. The fence dominates the street scene and the concrete plinth at the base is out of keeping with the neighbouring properties. The Barkham VDS (Trees and Boundaries) strongly recommends that hedges, open fencing and low walls are preferable which give the area a rural feel. The fence also encroaches on to the public footpath which is already extremely narrow along that section of Barkham Street and therefore appears to be outside the boundaries of the property. BPC recommends that the fence is removed.

F/2009/2554	212 Bearwood Road Proposed change of use of land for the stationing of caravans for the residential purposes for 8 gypsy pitches together with the formation of additional hard standing and utility dayrooms ancillary to that use. Adjoining Parish Consultation	Proposed Opposed
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Clerk to write to WBC opposing this application. It would appear that the site has already been cleared, with trees and vegetation having been removed. The proposed site is in a totally inappropriate location with the access being onto a 50 mph road, causing danger for vehicles entering and leaving the site. The access cannot be improved without significant damage to the area and adjoining land. The buildings will be located outside the settlement boundary. The application does not match the plans as under Section 3 "Has the building work or change of use already been started?" the applicant has indicated No and also under the Section regarding Waste, the application states that no provision has been made to store and aid waste collection, when clearly a gypsy site will generate large volumes of waste. BPC feel that there are other gypsy sites in the area and therefore this location is totally unsuitable. WBC should also be notified about our concern that we were not notified automatically of this application.

F/2009/2244	Langley Pond Farm, School Road Erection of a horse field shelter. Retrospective.	Approved
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Condition: The stables/field shelter hereby approved shall only be used for horses belonging to the occupants of Langley Pond Farm. The stables/field shelter shall not be used in connection with any other business/commercial use or leisure/entertainment use without the prior written consent of the Local Planning Authority.

VAR/2009/2431	15 Silver Birches Proposed variation of condition 2 of planning consent 26426 to allow the conversion of garage to habitable room.	Approved
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VAR/2009/2315	Barkham Post Office, 50 Bearwood Road Application for variation to condition 2,8 & 9 of Planning Consent F/2009/0488 for a change to the approved access from the Lilacs to two separate accesses from the Lilacs plus repositioning of garage for the 4 bedroom dwelling.	Approved
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F/2009/1388

Land opposite Rooks Nest Farm, Barkham Ride
Proposed change of use of agricultural land to natural green
space with associated development and access.

Approved

Clerk to write to Andy Glencross (copy to Angus Ross) expressing our displeasure at this unnecessary development. The plans for this development have now been viewed by BPC, there are no marked footpaths to link in with the Barkham footpath network (or Finchampstead) and hence anyone who may wish to see the site will have to drive to this location. This is not seen to be a sustainable development. The construction of the proposed paths and landscaping within the SANG would appear to be totally in excess of what is needed and is an extreme waste of money.

Meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.