

BARKHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Planning Committee

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

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

Apologies:

Declarations of Interest Mr Goldring declared an interest in respect of 2 Almond Close.

10/415 **Minutes** of meeting held on 9th February 2010 were approved and signed as a true record. The Planning Meeting which was due to be held on 23rd February did not take place as the applications were able to be held over until 9th March 2010.

10/416 **Planning**

F/2010/0029	Little Moor, Park Lane, Finchampstead Application for a change of use of land for the stationing of 2 mobile homes, 2 touring caravans for nomadic use only and 2 stable blocks. Retrospective. Adjoining Parish Consultation.	Delegated Opposed
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Clerk to write to WBC opposing this application on the grounds that this is outside the settlement boundary and is inappropriate development which will change the character of the area.

VAR/2010/0295	2 Almond Close Application to vary condition 3 of planning consent F/25033 to allow part conversion of existing garage to additional habitable accommodation.	Delegated No Comment
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VAR/2009/2658	58a Bearwood Road Proposed variation to condition 4 of Planning Consent F/25855 for the insertion of a window at first floor level on front elevation of dwelling.	Approved
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F/2009/1947	Barkham Manor Farm, Barkham Road Proposed erection of two agricultural buildings (part retrospective).	Refused
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Reasons: The form of the buildings is considered unacceptable in this rural setting and the applicant has failed to demonstrate why buildings of this nature which includes a significant number of windows and doors is appropriate to use for agricultural purposes. As such the proposal conflicts with national strategic and local planning policy advice regarding the Countryside set out in National Policy. The countryside is to be protected for its own sake and development in open countryside outside existing rural settlements is strictly controlled. The development does by virtue of the appearance of the buildings not comply with the requirements of the policies. In the absence of further information relating to the agricultural activities on site, it has not been demonstrated to the LPA that there is a need for the buildings to support the agricultural activities on site. As both of these planning applications (F/2009/1701) have now been refused Enforcement action should now proceed. Clerk to contact Mr Steepe at WBC.

Coppid Hill House

F/2008/0172

Appeal 1 Change of use of land from agricultural to residential garden

Appeals 2 & 3 Change of use of land and the erection of buildings and structures

Both of these appeals were dismissed by the Inspector on 24/7/09 and the appellant had until 28/1/10 to return the land to agricultural. To date this has not been done. The owners have now got permission for equestrian use on the land. Having contacted Mr Steepe the Enforcement Officer at WBC he has reported to BPC that the approved application for equestrian use may now include part of the land that was included in the Enforcement Notice and therefore may be immune from Enforcement Action. Mr Steepe needs to discuss this with Jeni Jackson the Senior Planning Officer at WBC and will advise BPC accordingly. Clerk to contact Mr Steepe to establish how long this will take and request an explanation as to why the fence cannot be moved back.

Meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.