

**BARKHAM PARISH COUNCIL**  
Planning Committee

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**Minutes** of meeting of the Barkham Parish Council Planning Committee held on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2009 in Barkham Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

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

**Apologies:** Mr C. Heyliger (on holiday) and Mr. L. Heath (on holiday)

09/318 **Minutes** of meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2009 were approved and signed as a true record.

**09/319 Planning**

F/2009/1388	Land opposite Rooks Nest Farm, Barkham Ride Proposed change of use from agricultural land to suitable alternative natural green space (SANGS/D2) and associated development including access, car park, footpath network and landscaping.	Proposed Opposed
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Clerk to write to WBC opposing this application. The plan is for change of use from agricultural land to Suitable Alternative Natural Green Space (SANG), the area of 50 acres is currently owned by WBC as Council holdings for tenant farmers, the loss of this farm land is not justified as renting farm land is the only way for young people keen to pursue a career in farming to make a start who are unable to purchase a farm. The area would appear to be for the sole use of dog walkers as there are no other recreational amenities. With The Coombes within close proximity where there is a huge area available for dog walking this area would seem to be unnecessary. On looking at the plans there are 2 footpaths proposed to Finchampstead North and none to Barkham and there are no proposed links to the proposed new development at Arborfield.

VAR/2009/0909	34 Almond Close Application for variation to condition 3 of planning consent F 25033 for part conversion of existing garage to create additional living accommodation.	Approved
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F/2009/0863	15 Thorn Close Proposed erection of a two storey side extension to existing dwelling.	Approved
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F/2009/1064	19a Almond Close Proposed erection of single storey rear extension to dwelling.	Refused
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Reason: The siting of the proposal to the rear of the dwelling will extend the built form of development further into the countryside and result in a visually intrusive feature which will harm the openness and character of the area. The design of the proposal in terms of its overall scale, bulk and mass does not respect and integrate well with the host dwelling.

F/2009/1003	38 Almond Close Proposed erection of two storey side extension.	Approved
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F/2009/0952	Land to rear of 52 – 58 Bearwood Road Proposed erection of detached bungalow with integral garage.	Approved
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Condition: No development of the site shall commence until the access has been widened to 4.8m for a distance of at least 5 meters measured from the carriageway edge.

F/2009/0841	The Scrapyard, Silver Birch, Highland Ave. Proposed use of site for the storage of portaloo's and wet waste operations including collection, disposal and maintenance.	Approved
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Conditions: No loading or unloading of vehicles relating to the portaloos storage or wet waste operations shall take place outside the hours of 7.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. Monday to Saturday nor a any time on Sundays or Public Holidays. Within one month of the date of this decision, details shall be submitted of a sealed drainage unit, along with details of how this will be disposed of. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details, within two months of the approved details. The development approved is for the storage of portaloos and the operation of the wet waste business. No treatment or disposal of sewage or effluent shall take place on the site.

BPC pointed out to WBC that the supporting documents from the applicant give the impression that they are seeking to claim establish lawful use for a period of over 10 years. The Local Planning Authority can confirm that a recent CLUE application on this basis, reference CLE/2009/0382 was refused as there was a lack of evidence submitted.

F/2009/0575

Meadowcroft, Wood Lane  
Proposed change of use of barn to stables and variation of  
Agricultural occupancy condition (Condition 3 of planning  
Permission 97/65655/F)

Approved

BPC had contacted WBC questioning as to why this application was approved before the consultation period had ended. A reply was received but it did not address our concerns as to why WBC approved the proposal and not why the decision to grant approval was given before the consultation period had ended. A further letter has now been received from WBC which states that the application was received and validated on the 27<sup>th</sup> March 2009 and given a statutory consultation period up for neighbour and Parish comments until 28<sup>th</sup> April, the Parish Council's comments were received before the deadline on 24<sup>th</sup> April and were included in the Officer's report and considered as part of the Officer's assessment. The Planning Authority was able to determine the application under delegated powers between the end of the consultation period (28<sup>th</sup> April) and the 8 week deadline (21<sup>st</sup> May). The delegated decision was made and Decision Notice sent out on the 12<sup>th</sup> May within this period.

Meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.