

THATCHAM TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of a Meeting of the
Planning and Highways Committee
held on Tuesday 18th December 2018 at 7.00pm
in the Council Chamber, Brownsfield Road, Thatcham

Present: Councillor Dan Carter (Chairman)
 Councillors Steve Ardagh-Walter, Ellen Crumly (substituting for Sheila Ellison), Richard Crumly, Rob Denton-Powell and David Lister

In attendance: Mel Alexander (Town Clerk)

PH/2018/150 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mike Cole, Jan Cover, Sheila Ellison (Councillor Ellen Crumly appointed as substitute) and Julie Goode.

PH/2018/151 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

PH/2018/152 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 4th December 2018, having been previously circulated, be taken as read, confirmed and signed as an accurate record.

PH/2018/153 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.

PH/2018/154 WEST BERKSHIRE LOCAL PLAN REVIEW

Following discussion at the last meeting regarding West Berkshire Council's review of its Local Plan to 2036 (PH/2018/144), Committee considered a draft response to the consultation. Committee added some information to the draft response presented.

RESOLVED to respond to the consultation as detailed in appendix I to these Minutes.

PH/2018/155 SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENTS – CONSULTANCY

Following discussion at the last meeting (PH/2018/145), Committee received details of options and costs of supplementary planning guidance documents. Councillor R Crumly advised that he had spoken with Bryan Lyttle, West Berkshire Council Officer, regarding Neighbourhood Development Plans and supplementary planning guidance documents and recommended that Mr. Lyttle be invited to attend a meeting of this Committee to offer advice.

RESOLVED to invite Bryan Lyttle to attend a future meeting of this Committee to offer advice on Neighbourhood Development Plans and supplementary planning guidance documents.

PH/2018/156 PLANNING MATTERS

No planning matters had arisen.

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PH/2018/157 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT / HIGHWAYS / ROAD SAFETY MATTERS
Pound Lane Consultation

Committee received details of proposed safety improvements to the A4, near its junction with Pound Lane, following submission of a petition to West Berkshire Council by local residents in June 2018, regarding: (i) concern for pedestrians crossing the A4 and becoming trapped unprotected in the current hatched area of the A4; (ii) reports of motorcycles overtaking in the hatched area, and (iii) concern over conflict between pedestrians and cyclists.

The proposed improvements would provide a pedestrian refuge to help pedestrians cross the road in two stages. It was hoped that the refuge and hard island to the west of the crossing would help to prevent motorcyclists overtaking within the hatched area and it was hoped that improved cycle facilities through the junction would deter cyclists from using the footway and causing conflict for pedestrians and property owners exiting their properties.

RESOLVED to support the proposal.

PH2018/158 DECISION NOTICES

Committee received a list of planning decisions from West Berkshire Council dated 10th December 2018 and 17th December 2018.

RESOLVED to note the information.

PH2018/159 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no planning applications for consideration.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.56pm

Signed _____

Date _____