

THATCHAM TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of a Meeting of the
Planning and Highways Committee
held on Tuesday 29th January 2019 at 7.00pm
in the Council Offices, Brownsfield Road, Thatcham

Present: Councillor Richard Crumly
 Councillors Steve Ardagh-Walter, Mike Cole, Jan Cover, Sheila Ellison and David Lister

In attendance: Mel Alexander (Town Clerk)
 1 Member of public

**In the absence of the Chairman the meeting was chaired by Vice-Chairman,
 Councillor Richard Crumly**

PH/2019/011 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Dan Carter and Rob Denton-Powell.

PH/2019/012 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Crumly declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item number 5(e) (PH/2019/15(e)) as a Member of the Eastern Area Planning Committee.

PH/2019/013 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 8th January 2019, having been previously circulated, be taken as read, confirmed and signed as an accurate record.

PH/2019/014 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.

PH/2019/015 PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Planning Appeal Decision

Appeal Ref: APP/W0340/W/18/3204831 - Land adjacent to 44 Park Lane

An appeal against the decision of West Berkshire Council to refuse to grant planning permission for the development of a new dwelling (with associated parking) accessed from No 44 Park Lane (18/00673/FULD) had been dismissed.

RESOLVED to note this information.

(b) Planning Appeal

Appeal Ref: APP/W0340/D/18/3219130 – 4 Elmhurst Road

An appeal had been made to the Secretary of State against the decision of West Berkshire Council to refuse to grant planning permission for alterations and extensions with addition of first-floor storey to existing bungalow and remodelling with external finishes (18/02100/HOUSE).

RESOLVED to note this information.

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PH/2019/015 PLANNING MATTERS continued

(c) Planning Appeal

Appeal Ref: APP/W0340/D/18/3219396 – 1 The Waverleys

An appeal had been made to the Secretary of State against the decision of West Berkshire Council to refuse to grant planning permission for two storey side and rear extensions, front porch and increase the main ridge height (18/02091/HOUSE).

RESOLVED to note this information.

**(d) Greenham Business Park Local Development Order
 Development Management Procedure Order Part 38**

Notification had been received that the above Local Development Order was formally adopted by West Berkshire Council on the 6th December 2018.

RESOLVED to note this information.

**(e) Application No.: 18/02866/HOUSE – 8 Alexander Road
 Retrospective planning permission for modification to existing planning approval. Setting of end gable wall abutting boundary line and adjoining adjacent property**

Notification had been received that a site meeting would take place at 9.30am on 30th January 2019 at the above address and the application would be considered by the Eastern Area Planning Committee on 6th February 2019. The Town Council had objected to the application when it was considered by this Committee on 4th December 2018 (PH/2018/149(1)).

RESOLVED to request that either Councillor Collis or Councillor Denton-Powell attend the Eastern Area Planning Committee meeting on behalf of the Town Council.
Councillor Crumly abstained from voting.

PH/2019/016 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT / HIGHWAYS / ROAD SAFETY MATTERS

(a) Request for a grit bin – Ferndale Court (sheltered/retirement housing), Station Road

Committee received a request for a grit bin at Ferndale Court. Members considered that such provision should be part of the maintenance programme for the site.

RESOLVED not to support this application.

(b) Request for a grit bin – Northway

Committee received a request for a grit bin at Northway.

RESOLVED to support this application, subject to approval by West Berkshire Council Highways department.

PH/2019/017 DECISION NOTICES

Committee received a list of planning decisions from West Berkshire Council dated 14th January 2019, 21st January 2019 and 28th January 2019.

RESOLVED to note the information.

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PH/2019/018 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Committee considered the following planning applications:

Plan No.	Ward	Application No.	Location:	Proposal:
1	West	18/03362/HOUSE	84 Derwent Road	Proposed two storey side extension with new 1.8m tall fence. Garage conversion to living space RESOLVED: NO OBJECTIONS
2	West	18/02850/HOUSE	4 Elmhurst Road	Alterations and extensions with addition of first-floor storey to existing bungalow and remodelling with external finishes AMENDED PLANS – changes to overall design/elevations RESOLVED: NO OBJECTIONS
3	South & Crookham	18/03416/FUL	4 Pipers Court Berkshire Drive	Change of use from B2 to Sui Generis to use as an MOT and vehicle repair service centre RESOLVED: NO OBJECTIONS

RESOLVED to suspend Standing Orders to allow a local resident to address the Committee.
 A local resident informed Committee of his objections to the below planning application.

RESOLVED to reinstate Standing Orders.

4	ADJACENT PARISH	19/00020/FULD	Land rear of 378 London Road Benham Hill	3 x 1 bedroom flats RESOLVED: OBJECT Inappropriate development: over exploitation of site; out of character with surrounding area (contrary to Policy CS14: Design Principles); detrimental impact on amenity of local area.
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**Concern over increase
in traffic onto an
already busy
road/junction**

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.51pm.

Signed _____ Date _____