

**THATCHAM TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of a Meeting of the**  
**Planning and Highways Committee**  
**held on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019 at 7.00pm**  
**in the Council Offices, Brownsfield Road, Thatcham**

Present: Councillor Dan Carter (Chairman)  
 Councillors Jan Cover, Richard Crumly and David Lister

In attendance: Mel Alexander (Town Clerk)  
 Councillor Jason Collis (after agenda item 8(1))  
 4 residents of Rainsford Farm Mews

**PH/2019/043 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mike Cole.

**PH/2019/044 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Richard Crumly declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item number 6(a) (PH/2019/051) as an acquaintance of a resident of Rainsford Farm Mews, who was in attendance at the meeting.

**PH/2019/045 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** That the Minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019, having been previously circulated, be taken as read, confirmed and signed as an accurate record.

**PH/2019/046 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.

**PH/2019/047 PLANNING MATTERS**

There were no reports of Planning matters.

**PH/2019/048 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT/HIGHWAYS/ROAD SAFETY MATTERS**

**(a) Request for “Keep Clear” road markings on Crookham Hill**

**RESOLVED** That this item be deferred until later in the meeting, awaiting the arrival of Councillor Gregory who requested this matter be brought before Committee.

**(b) Road Closure – Pound Lane**

Notification had been received from West Berkshire Council that Pound Lane would be closed between its junctions with Winston Way and Lower Way, on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019 between 7.00pm and 11.00pm.

**RESOLVED** That this information be noted.

**(c) Rolling road closure through town centre – Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

Notification had been received from West Berkshire Council of a rolling road closure through Thatcham town centre on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2019. This was to enable Thatcham Scouts to hold their St George’s Day Parade between 2.00pm and 3.00pm, from St Mary’s Church to Kennet School, via Church Gate, The Broadway, Station Road and Stoney Lane.

**RESOLVED** That this information be noted.

**PH/2019/049 DECISION NOTICES**

Committee received details of planning decisions from West Berkshire Council dated 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

**RESOLVED** That the information be noted.

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**PH/2019/050 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Committee received and considered the application listed below:

<b>Plan No.</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Location:</b>	<b>Proposal:</b>
1	West	19/00599/FUL <i>Cllr Crumly abstained from voting on this proposal</i>	84 Derwent Road	Proposed two storey side extension with new 1.8m tall fence. Garage conversion to living space <b>RESOLVED:</b> <b>No objections</b>
<i>Cllr Collis arrived in the Council Chamber</i>				
2	West	19/00795/HOUSE <i>Cllr Crumly abstained from voting on this proposal.</i>	5 Winston Way	Erection of two storey side extension and new boundary fence to the side <b>RESOLVED:</b> <b>No objections</b>
3	West	19/00770/HOUSE	9 Northfield Road	Two storey side extension <b>RESOLVED:</b> <b>No objections</b>
4	South & Crookham	19/00782/HOUSE	Woodlands Crookham Common Road	Demolition of existing single storey side extension and replacement with two storey extension to create improved bedroom accommodation with internal and external alterations. Alterations to existing detached garage with ancillary accommodation <b>RESOLVED:</b> <b>No objections</b>

**RESOLVED** To return to agenda item number 6a

**PH/2019/051 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT/HIGHWAYS/ROAD SAFETY MATTERS**  
**Request for “Keep Clear” road markings on Crookham Hill**

**RESOLVED** To suspend Standing Orders to allow members of the public to address the Committee.

Residents explained their safety concerns relating to exiting Rainsford Farm Mews, turning north. Having keep clear road markings would allow residents to pull out, safely, into the marked area, when traffic was queuing at the station barriers, rather than either not being able to exit or pulling out and blocking the road. Also, oncoming vehicles travelling south over the railway line could not be seen by those exiting Rainsford Farm Mews until at the brow of the bridge over the canal.

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**continued**

**Request for “Keep Clear” road markings on Crookham Hill continued**

**RESOLVED** That Standing Orders be reinstated.

**RESOLVED** That Councillor Collis pursue this matter with Highways Officers at West Berkshire Council.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.44pm.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_