

THATCHAM TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of a Meeting of the
Planning and Highways Committee
held on Tuesday 8th January 2019 at 7.00pm
in the Council Chamber, Brownsfield Road, Thatcham

Present: Councillors Dan Carter (Chairman)
 Councillors Mike Cole, Richard Crumly, Rob Denton-Powell, Sheila Ellison
 and Julie Goode

West Berkshire Council Officers: Bryan Lyttle (Planning & Transportation
 Policy Manager), Laila Bassett (Senior Planning Officer, Planning Policy
 Team) and Cheryl Willetts (Senior Planning Officer, Planning Policy Team)

In attendance: Mel Alexander (Town Clerk)

PH/2019/001 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors John Chelliah and
 Jan Cover.

PH/2019/002 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

PH/2019/003 MINUTES

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the meeting held on 18th December 2018, having been
 previously circulated, be taken as read, confirmed and signed as an accurate
 record.

PH/2019/004 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.

PH/2019/005 SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS

RESOLVED To suspend Standing Orders to allow West Berkshire Council Officers to
 address the Committee.

At the last meeting of this Committee it was resolved to invite Bryan Lyttle to
 attend a future meeting to discuss Neighbourhood Development Plans and
 Supplementary Planning Documents (PH/2018/155). Mr Lyttle, along with his
 Planning Officer colleagues, advised the Committee on the basics of
 Neighbourhood Development Plans (NDP) and the various Supplementary
 Planning Documents (SPD) that the Town Council might consider.

An NDP would form part of West Berkshire Council's Local Development
 Plan, which is reviewed every five years, therefore the lifespan on an NDP
 would be slightly less.

SPDs would be material considerations, that provide further information and
 detail to the Local Plan. Central Government advice is that SPD's should only
 be developed when necessary.

The Local Plan already contained Area Delivery Plan Policies relating to
 Housing, Town Centre, Conservation Area, Employment, Environment and
 Community Infrastructure that the Town Council could feed into during the
 review periods.

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PH/2019/005 SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS continued

West Berkshire Council has commissioned a “Masterplan” assessment of Thatcham to 2036, that is expected by summer 2019 and the Town Council would be involved in the process.

RESOLVED That Standing Orders be reinstated.

Bryan, Laila and Cheryl left the meeting.

RESOLVED to put the production of a Neighbourhood Development Plan and Supplementary Planning Guidance Documents on hold, with an active watching brief, and to seek to have input into the “Masterplan” for Thatcham to 2036.

**PH/2019/006 ADOPTION OF THE SUSTAINABLE DRAINAGE SYSTEMS
 SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT**

Committee was advised that on 6th December 2018 West Berkshire Council adopted a Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) Supplementary Planning Document to provide guidance on the approach that should be taken to SuDS in new developments in West Berkshire, so as to manage and mitigate surface water flood risk.

RESOLVED To note this information.

PH/2019/007 PLANNING MATTERS

**a) PBC Plant Ltd’s application for an Environmental Permit to process waste on land south of Thornford Road – application number
 EPR/FB3801GX/A001**

Members received a Briefing Note from the Environment Agency providing a progress report on the above application.

RESOLVED To note the information.

b) 18/03381/PASSHE – 9 Victor Road

Notification had been received from West Berkshire Council of an application for prior approval for a flat roof single storey rear extension 4.5m beyond the rear wall x 2.7m max height x 2.4m at eaves.

RESOLVED To note this information.

PH/2019/008 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT / HIGHWAYS / ROAD SAFETY MATTERS

There were no reports of traffic management, highways and road safety issues arising since publication of the agenda.

PH/2019/009 DECISION NOTICES

Committee received details of planning decisions from West Berkshire Council dated 24th December 2018 and 7th January 2019.

RESOLVED To note the information.

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PH/2019/010 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members considered the following planning applications:

Plan No.	Ward	Application No.	Location:	Proposal:
1	South & Crookham	18/02853/FULD	62 and 64 Burys Bank Road	Demolition of two single storey dwellings and the erection of a single detached replacement dwelling with associated parking and private amenity space RESOLVED: NO OBJECTIONS
2	Central	18/03257/FULD	2 Coopers Crescent	Construction of 1no. 3 bed dwelling with associated cycle parking RESOLVED: OBJECT Not in accordance with adopted design guidance: - Insufficiently subservient to original dwelling - Creation of a terraced effect
3	West	18/02985/HOUSE	32 Humber Close	Single storey side extension RESOLVED: NO OBJECTIONS

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.35pm

Signed _____

Date _____