

**THATCHAM TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of a Meeting of the**  
**Planning and Highways Committee**  
**held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 7.00pm**  
**in the Council Chamber, Brownsfield Road, Thatcham**

Present: Councillor John Boyd (Chairman)  
 Councillors Ellen Crumly, Richard Crumly (substituting for Lourdes Cottam),  
 Paul Field, Richard Foster, Mark Lillycrop, Simon Pike and Jennifer Walker

In attendance: Mel Taylor (*formerly Mel Alexander*) (Town Clerk)  
 1 member of press (Newbury Weekly News)

**PH/2020/01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Lourdes Cottam (Councillor R Crumly appointed as substitute) and David Lister.

**PH/2020/02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**PH/2020/03 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** That the Minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2019, having been previously circulated, be taken as read, confirmed and signed as an accurate record.

**PH/2020/04 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

There were no matters arising.

**PH/2020/05 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT / HIGHWAYS / ROAD SAFETY MATTERS**

**a) Report of dangerous parking – Beancroft Road**

Members received details of residents' concerns regarding dangerous car parking in the vicinity of Spurcroft School.

**RESOLVED** to (i) write to Spurcroft School to see what measures are already in place; and (ii) write to West Berkshire Council to enquire on the feasibility of a Park-and-Stride scheme from Moorside (if not already in place); and report back to the next meeting of this Committee.

**b) Harts Hill Road Closure**

Members were informed that the road closure between Bradley-Moore Square and Marsh Road planned for 2<sup>nd</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> January 2020 was no longer required (Minute PH/2019/141(b) refers). The closure between Marsh Road and Vincent Road would be brought forward to start on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January for approx. 7 weeks. All other details remained the same.

**RESOLVED** that this information be noted.

**c) Cycle Lane Light Segregation – A4 junction with Pound Lane**

Members received details of West Berkshire Council's proposal to install "Orcas" as trial cycle lane segregation on the A4, initially between Tull Way and Henwick Lane. The Orcas would separate minimum 1.5m wide cycle lanes from minimum 3.25m running lane widths for traffic. They would be bolted to the road surface and spaced every 5m. Where driveways had access on to the A4, a smaller "mini Orca" could be used instead, which could be driven over at low speeds.

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**c) Cycle Lane Light Segregation – A4 junction with Pound Lane**  
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Councillor Pike tabled a motion that the Town Council supports a motion from District Councillor Jeff Brooks, due before West Berkshire Council on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2020, that the speed limit on a stretch of the A4, between Lower Way and Henwick Lane, be reduced to 30mph.

This was seconded before being challenged as a point of order, citing non-reference to the agenda item.

**RESOLVED** that this matter be deferred until the next meeting of this Committee and that the West Berkshire Council Officer working on the proposed cycle lane segregation be invited to attend to answer Members' questions and that Councillor Pike's motion also be considered at the next meeting.

**d) Station Road Closure**

Notification had been received from West Berkshire Council that Station Road would be closed from 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> January, between its junction with The Broadway and The Moors, to enable contractors to make a new sewer connection. Alternative route via The Broadway, Chapel Street, The Moors and vice versa with access maintained for residents and emergency vehicles.

**RESOLVED** to note this information.

**e) Henwick Lane – parking on pavement**

Councillor Pike reported that residents of Henwick Lane had informed him of their concerns regarding inconsiderate parking on the footpath of Henwick Lane.

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Pike pursue this matter with District Council Ward Members.

**PH/2020/06 PLANNING MATTERS**

There were no Planning matters to report.

**PH/2020/07 DECISION NOTICES**

Members received a list of Planning decisions from West Berkshire Council.

**RESOLVED** That the information be noted.

**PH/2020/08 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

<b>Plan No.</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Location:</b>	<b>Proposal:</b>
1	Thatcham West	19/03124/HOUSE	110 Bath Road	Extension to existing outbuilding to create an annex ancillary to the main dwelling <b>RESOLVED:</b> <b>No objections</b>

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.46pm

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_