

THATCHAM TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of a Meeting of the
Planning and Highways Committee
held on Tuesday 30th June 2020 at 7pm
remotely via video conferencing¹

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

In attendance: Mel Taylor (Town Clerk)
 Councillor Keith Woodhams

PH/2020/64 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Ellen Crumly (Richard Crumly appointed as substitute).

PH/2020/65 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

PH/2020/66 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 9th June 2020, having been previously circulated, be taken as read, confirmed and signed as an accurate record.

PH/2020/67 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.

PH/2020/68 WINTER SERVICE PLAN

Members reviewed West Berkshire Council's proposed Winter Service Plan for 2020/21, which, it was noted, was not proposed to be changed from the 2019/20 Plan, pending consultation.

RESOLVED to request clarification of the policy used by West Berkshire Council to determine the chosen routes, and to request that other areas of the town be assessed, particularly the inclines to the north.

PH/2020/69 WEST BERKSHIRE COUNCIL SPEED MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK CONSULTATION

Following consideration at the previous meeting of this Committee, Members considered a draft response to West Berkshire Council's Speed Management Framework consultation.

RESOLVED to support the draft response and delegate authority to Councillor Pike and the Town Clerk to incorporate feedback from the meeting into the final response, to be submitted prior to the deadline of 6th July 2020.

PH/2020/70 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT / HIGHWAYS / ROAD SAFETY MATTERS
a) Pound Lane Closure

Notification had been received from West Berkshire Council that Pound Lane would be closed between Winston Way and Redshank Court while the road was resurfaced and damaged kerbs repaired. The closure was expected to be in place 7:30am to 5:30pm daily from Monday 6th July 2020 for 5 days. During the closure pedestrian and emergency access would be maintained.

¹ The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020

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All through traffic would be diverted via Lower Way, A4, Fir Tree Lane, Turnpike Road, A4 and vice versa.

RESOLVED to note this information.

b) Dunstan Road / Marsh Road

Notification had been received from West Berkshire Council that Dunstan Road / Marsh Road would be closed between Friday 10th and Monday 13th July 2020, from 8:00am to 5:00pm, from its junction with Vincent Road to Harts Hill Road, to enable Volker Highways to carry out carriageway improvements. The alternative route was via Harts Hill Road, Vincent Road and vice versa. Residential access would be maintained throughout.

RESOLVED to note this information.

c) Lawrences Lane

Notification had been received from West Berkshire Council that Lawrences Lane would be closed on Wednesday 8th July 2020, from its junction with Broad Lane to Floral Way, from 8:00am to 4:00pm, to enable Volker Highways to carry out permanent carriageway repairs. The alternative route was via Broad Lane, Burdens Heath, Harts Hill Road, Floral Way and vice versa. Councillor Lister advised that he had received photographs from a member of the public from the preceding weekend that identified issues between vehicles and pedestrians using the Lane.

RESOLVED to request that West Berkshire Council considered the request recently submitted by the Town Council, that Lawrences Lane be closed to vehicles, except for access, to coincide with the road closure planned for 8th July 2020.

d) Cycle Lanes

Councillor Pike advised that the upgrade of cycle lanes from advisory to mandatory was underway and that he had submitted feedback on practical implementation to West Berkshire Council, which were being reviewed by Highways Officers. Councillor Pike expressed disappointment that residents whose properties were adjacent to the cycle lane would not be advised of the changes.

RESOLVED to note this information.

PH/2020/61 PLANNING MATTERS
Planning Appeal

Appeal Ref: APP/W0340/W/20/3251044 – 200 Lower Way

Notification had been received from West Berkshire Council that an appeal had been made to the Secretary of State against the decision of West Berkshire Council to refuse to grant planning permission for “Retrospective: use of existing building on site as a two-bedroom dwelling (20/00144/FULD)”. The appeal would be determined on the basis of written representations. All representations made on the application had been forwarded to the Planning Inspectorate and the appellant and would be considered by the Inspector when determining the appeal. If the Town Council wished to make comments or modify/withdraw its previous representations, it could do so within 5 weeks of 18th June 2020. The Town Council raised No Objections when this application was considered in February 2020.

RESOLVED to note this information and to make no further response.

PH/2020/62 DECISION NOTICES

Members received details of Planning decisions from West Berkshire Council.

RESOLVED To note the information.

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PH/2020/63 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members considered the following planning applications:

Plan No.	Ward	Application No.	Location:	Proposal:
1	Thatcham West	20/01218/HOUSE	39 Baily Avenue	Proposed side extension comprising a new utility to the front and garden room to the rear RESOLVED: No Objections
2	Thatcham North East	20/01013/FUL	1 Eliot Close	Proposed new dwelling and associated alterations RESOLVED: No Objections
3	Thatcham North East	20/00568/FUL	3 Park Lane	BT plan to install high speed broadband to the local area that this telephone exchange serves. As part of this upgrade, additional ventilation is required at the above premises. It is proposed to remove glass from five windows on the ground floor east elevation. Five aluminium acoustically lined cowls will be installed and fixed to the wooden window frames. On the west elevation there are six existing louvres. It is proposed that three louvres will be replaced by cowls (as per the install on the east elevation) and three louvres will not be needed so will be plated over from the inside. RESOLVED: No Objections, subject to inclusion of a condition to control noise emissions and subject to no adverse comments from neighbouring properties

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.21pm.

Signed: _____

Date: _____