

THATCHAM TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of a Meeting of the
Planning and Highways Committee
held on Tuesday 21st May 2019 at 7.00pm
in the Council Offices, Brownsfield Road, Thatcham

Present: Councillor John Boyd (Chairman)
Councillors Ellen Crumly, Paul Field, Mark Lillycrop, David Lister, Simon Pike
and Jennifer Walker

In attendance: Mel Alexander (Town Clerk)

PH/2019/052 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Richard Foster.

PH/2019/053 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Jennifer Walker declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application 19/00974/HOUSE, 30 Park Lane (Minute PH/2019/059 (3)) as her parents' home borders the applicant property.

PH/2019/054 MINUTES

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd April 2019, having been previously circulated, be taken as read, confirmed and signed as an accurate record.

PH/2019/055 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

a) Clerk's Report

There were no matters arising from the Clerk.

b) Other Matters

PH/2019/051 - Request for "Keep Clear" road markings on Crookham Hill

It was requested that an update be obtained from West Berkshire Council Officers for the next meeting of this Committee.

PH/2019/056 PLANNING MATTERS

There were no reports of planning matters.

PH/2019/057 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT/HIGHWAYS/ROAD SAFETY MATTERS

Crookham Common Road, Brimpton road closure.

Notification had been received from West Berkshire Council that Crookham Common Road, Brimpton would be closed from 21st May to 24th May 2019, to enable contractors to carry out a new service connection. The closure would be in place from its junction with Brimpton Road and its junction with Hyde End Lane. Alternative routes were provided.

RESOLVED That this information be noted.

PH/2019/058 DECISION NOTICES

Members received details of planning decisions from West Berkshire Council dated 28th April 2019, 7th May 2019 and 14th May 2019.

RESOLVED That the information be noted.

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PH/2019/059 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Committee received and considered the application listed below:

Plan No.	Ward	Application No.	Location:	Proposal:
1	Thatcham Central	19/00903/HOUSE	Meadow Lark Church Lane	Side extension and first floor loft conversion, change of front gate in conservation area RESOLVED: No objections
2	Thatcham West	19/00966/FUL	Thatcham Nature Discovery Centre	Replacement children's playground at the Nature Discovery Centre RESOLVED: To Support
3	Thatcham North East	19/00974/HOUSE <i>Cllr Walker abstained from voting on this application.</i>	30 Park Lane	Two storey side and single storey extension RESOLVED: No objections

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.31pm.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

THATCHAM TOWN COUNCIL
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Planning and Highways Committee
held on Tuesday 11th June 2019 at 7.00pm
in the Council Offices, Brownsfield Road, Thatcham

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

In attendance: Mel Alexander (Town Clerk)
 Bryan Lyttle and Cheryl Willett (West Berkshire Council Planning Policy
 Officers)
 Councillors Mike Cole, Lee Dillon, Owen Jeffery and Keith Woodhams
 4 local residents
 1 member of the press (Newbury Weekly News)

PH/2019/060 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Paul Field (Councillor J Cottam appointed as substitute).

PH/2019/061 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Simon Pike declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 11a (PH/2019/070(a)) as a member of Mid & West Berkshire Local Access Forum.

PH/2019/062 MINUTES

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the meeting held on 21st May 2019, having been previously circulated, be taken as read, confirmed and signed as an accurate record.

PH/2019/063 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it was advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they were instructed to withdraw (Standing Order 1.3.1.2 refers).

PH/2019/064 PRESENTATION FROM WEST BERKSHIRE COUNCIL OFFICERS

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

Bryan Lyttle and Cheryl Willett presented draft details of the Local Plan review to 2036, and answered Members' questions.

RESOLVED To reinstate Standing Orders

Members thanked Bryan and Cheryl for attending and for their presentation and they left the meeting.

PH/2019/065 READMISSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED To re-admit members of the press and public to the meeting.

PH/2019/066 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.

PH/2019/067 PLANNING MATTERS

There were no planning matters to report.

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PH/2019/068 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT/HIGHWAYS/ROAD SAFETY MATTERS

(a) Planned Closure of Footpath THAT/10/3 between 10th and 14th June 2019

Members were informed that the scheduled closure of the above footpath had been cancelled.

RESOLVED That this information be noted.

PH/2019/069 DECISION NOTICES

Members received details of planning decisions from West Berkshire Council, published since the last meeting.

RESOLVED That the information be noted.

PH/2019/070 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) Land south of Lower Way The erection of 91 residential dwellings together with associated infrastructure and landscaping.

Committee considered additional drawings/amended plans for the above application.

RESOLVED To respond to the amended application highlighting the Town Council's and local residents' concerns regarding: (i) the Flood Risk Assessment being incomplete; (ii) the impact of increased traffic on the Lower Way/A4 junction; (iii) the exit from the proposed development into Lower Way; (iv) visually intrusive view Paynesdown Road; (v) protection and maintenance of hedgerow along northern boundary; (vi) assurance of permanent access to the public open space and paths along the southern boundary and from Lower Way to the Nature Discovery Centre; (vii) potential impact of future permitted development rights on car parking on site; (viii) positioning of plot 28; (ix) insufficient master landscaping scheme; and (x) the ecological impact; and to seek an assurance that hedgerows will not be netted.

RESOLVED To request that the Town Council's right to provide a final opinion on these plans be reserved, pending receipt of sufficient information to address the concerns of Thatcham Town Council and local residents detailed above, and consequently request that West Berkshire Council defers a decision on this application, pending such information.

Councillors Cole, Dillon, Jeffery, 4 local residents and the press left the meeting

(b) Committee considered the following planning applications:

Plan No.	Ward	Application No.	Location:	Proposal:
1	Thatcham Central	19/01016/HOUSE	18 Wolsingham Way	Two storey side extension to enlarge kitchen and provide storeroom + first floor for bedroom and shower room. Single storey rear extension for disabled persons unit with bedroom and disabled wet room RESOLVED: No objections

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PH/2019/070 PLANNING APPLICATIONS continued

Plan No.	Ward	Application No.	Location:	Proposal:
2	Thatcham Central	19/01233/HOUSE	21 Blyth Avenue	Proposed dropped curb for access and first floor extension over attached garage to form an additional single bedroom and pitched roof addition over existing flat roof to porch and garage RESOLVED: No objections
3	Thatcham North East	19/01257/HOUSE	3 Eliot Close	Two storey rear extension and one additional car parking space RESOLVED: No objections
4	Thatcham North East	19/01261/HOUSE	1 Eliot Close	Two storey rear extension RESOLVED: No objections
5	Thatcham West	19/01334/HOUSE	61 Bath Road	Part two-storey part single-storey rear extension. Render house and new roof to entire two-storey part of house RESOLVED: No objections

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.22pm.

Signed: _____

Date: _____