

THATCHAM TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of a Meeting of the
Planning and Highways Committee
held on Tuesday 18th February 2020 at 7.00pm
in the Council Chamber, Brownsfield Road, Thatcham

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

In attendance: Mel Taylor (Town Clerk)
 Councillor Richard Crumly

PH/2020/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Lourdes Cottam (Christine Rice appointed as substitute) and David Lister.

PH/2020/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Walker declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item number 9, application number 3 (20/00241/HOUSE – 9 Kestrel Close) as a friend of the resident at number 11 Kestrel Close.

PH/2020/19 MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 28th January 2020, having been previously circulated, be taken as read, confirmed and signed as an accurate record.

PH/2020/20 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

a) Clerk's Report

The Clerk had nothing to report.

b) Other Matters

PH/2020/13(b) – Report of dangerous parking – Beancroft Road

Councillor Lillycrop requested details of how Civil Enforcement Officers' time was allocated across the district and what actions Police Community Support Officers could take regarding dangerous parking.

It was agreed that the Town Clerk pursue these matters with the relevant authorities and report back.

PH/2020/21 WEST BERKSHIRE COUNCIL – LOCAL PLAN UPDATE NEWSLETTER

Members received West Berkshire Council's Local Plan Update Newsletter February 2020.

RESOLVED

That the information be noted.

PH/2020/22 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT / HIGHWAYS / ROAD SAFETY MATTERS

a) A4 Benham Hill – Speed Limit Review

West Berkshire Council had advised the Town Council that the A4 Benham Hill had been placed on the list of roads to be assessed as part of this year's speed limit review, currently programmed for October 2020. The review would assess whether the speed limit should be reduced from the current 40mph to 30mph between the junctions of Henwick Lane and Tull Way.

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PH/2020/22 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT / HIGHWAYS / ROAD SAFETY MATTERS
continued

a) A4 Benham Hill – Speed Limit Review continued

RESOLVED That the Town Council was supportive of the review but request that the review be extended to between Henwick Lane and Lower Way, rather than Tull Way as proposed, in accordance with the Motion submitted to West Berkshire Council by District Councillor Brooks.
Councillor E Crumly abstained from voting.

b) A4 Pound Lane junction – bollard demolished

Councillor Pike reported that a traffic bollard had recently been demolished on the A4 at its junction with Pound Lane.

PH/2020/23 PLANNING MATTERS

a) 51 & 52 The Broadway – Removal from the List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest

Notification had been received from West Berkshire Council of the intended removal of the above properties from the List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest. The building was a C17 house with a C18 addition to the rear and a C19 addition to the front. At the time of the listing the building was in use as a shop. It was a timber frame construction with brick and rendered facing. The roof was covered by tiles. It was first Grade II listed on 10th November 1983. Listed building consent for its demolition was granted on 22nd January 1985 and the house was subsequently demolished.

RESOLVED That this information be noted.

PH/2020/24 DECISION NOTICES

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

RESOLVED That the information be noted.

PH/2020/25 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members considered the planning applications listed below.

Plan No.	Ward	Application No.	Location:	Proposal:
1	Thatcham West	20/00113/OUT	69 Lower Way	Outline application for a two-storey detached dwelling. Matters to be considered: access, layout and scale. RESOLVED: No objection, subject to maintenance of adequate sight lines with adjacent public footpath.
2	Thatcham West	20/00144/FULD	200 Lower Way	Conversion of existing 3 bay garage to habitable space. RESOLVED: No objection.

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PH/2020/25 PLANNING APPLICATIONS continued

Plan No.	Ward	Application No.	Location:	Proposal:
3	Thatcham West	20/00241/HOUSE	9 Kestrel Close	First floor side extension over existing garage, single storey rear extension and roof alterations to front elevation. RESOLVED: No objection.
4	Thatcham Central	20/00115/HOUSE	26 Exmoor Road	Additional first floor extension. RESOLVED: Object – overdevelopment: inadequate car parking provision and to seek clarification on what appears from the plans to be the proposed retention of 3 bedrooms on the ground floor, and the addition of 4 bedrooms on the first floor, thereby resulting in a 7-bedroom property.
5	Thatcham Central	20/00233/HOUSE	5 Alston Mews	Two storey side extension to include additional living accommodation and first floor bedroom and rear facing dormer window. RESOLVED: No objection.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.49pm

Signed _____

Date _____