

THATCHAM TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of a Meeting of the
Planning and Highways Committee
held on Tuesday 5th November 2019 at 7.00pm
in the Council Chamber, Brownsfield Road, Thatcham

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

In attendance: Mel Alexander (Town Clerk)
 Councillors Jeremy Cottam, Owen Jeffery and Keith Woodhams
 Sinéad O'Donoghue (Planning Policy Team Leader, West Berkshire Council)
 Joanne Cave and Owen Redding (David Locke Associates)
 1 member of the press (Newbury Weekly News)

PH/2019/123 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Simon Pike.

PH/2019/124 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

PH/2019/125 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED That, in view of the sensitive nature of the business to be transacted, it was advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded, and they were instructed to withdraw.

PH/2019/126 THATCHAM MASTERPLANNING

Members received a progress report from the West Berkshire Council Planning Policy Team Leader and representatives of David Locke Associates, on the Thatcham Masterplanning.

PH/2019/127 RE-ADMISSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED That the Press and Public be readmitted to the meeting.

Councillor Woodhams and representatives of West Berkshire Council and David Locke Associates left the meeting

PH/2019/128 MINUTES

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the meeting held on 15th October 2019, having been previously circulated, be taken as read, confirmed and signed as an accurate record.

PH/2019/129 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Following a request at the last meeting of this Committee to advise West Berkshire Council of the Town Council's disappointment that the planning breach at Sainsburys, Coombe Square, had been assigned low priority (PH/2019/118), Members were advised that the Principal Planning Enforcement Officer had emailed Sainsburys on 5th November 2019 requesting that, within 7 days, the planning condition be complied with.

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PH/2019/130 THAMES WATER

Members received a copy of correspondence circulated to houses in the vicinity of the Thames Water sewage treatment works on Lower Way, as requested from Thames Water representatives during their attendance at a meeting of this Committee on 13th August 2019 (PH/2019/091)

RESOLVED That the information be noted and that Thames Water be requested to provide a progress update on improvement works.

PH/2019/131 STREET NAMING – LAND ADJACENT TO COOMBE HOUSE, CROOKHAM HILL

Members received a request from West Berkshire Council for feedback regarding the suggested name of Pinchington Drive for the road adjacent to the recently re-named Pinchington Hall at Crookham Common.

RESOLVED That the Committee was adamantly against the suggested name of Pinchington Drive as the name Pinchington had no historic link to Thatcham and to request that this item be brought back to the next meeting to consider recognising a worthy local person who was not wealthy or a land owner.

PH/2019/132 PLANNING MATTERS

There were no new reports of Planning matters.

PH/2019/133 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT / HIGHWAYS / ROAD SAFETY MATTERS

a) A4 Bath Road – Resurfacing

Notification was received from West Berkshire Council of scheduled resurfacing of the A4 Bath Road in the vicinity of the junctions of Henwick Lane and Northfield Road.

RESOLVED That the information be noted.

Councillor Jeffery left the meeting

b) Emergency Road Closure Extension – Park Lane

Notification was received of extension of the emergency road closure until 22nd November 2019.

RESOLVED That this information be noted, with displeasure at the length of the closure.

PH/2019/134 DECISION NOTICES

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

RESOLVED That the information be noted.

PH/2019/135 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members considered the planning applications listed below.

Plan No.	Ward	Application No.	Location:	Proposal:
1	Thatcham Colthrop & Crookham	19/00043/RESMAJ	Crown Yard and 179, 181 and 183 Station Road	Reserved matters application following outline approval 16/02611/OUTMAJ. Matters to be considered: appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale RESOLVED: No objections.

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Councillor Walker left the meeting

PH/2019/135 PLANNING APPLICATIONS continued

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Plan No.	Ward	Application No.	Location:	Proposal:
2	Thatcham Colthrop & Crookham	19/02592/COMIND	Land south of Gables Way	Development of up to 11,326m ² GEA of commercial floorspace for B1c (light industrial), B2 (general industrial) and B8 (storage & distribution) use, together with ancillary offices (B1a use) with associated car parking and service yards RESOLVED: No objections.
3	Thatcham Colthrop & Crookham	19/02598/FUL	Clent Cottage Thornford Road	Proposal for a vehicle access by constructing a dropped kerb along the boundary between Thornford Road and the gateway to existing gate RESOLVED: No objections.
4	Thatcham Colthrop & Crookham	19/02622/FUL	Coombe House Crookham Common Road	All weather riding arena RESOLVED: No objections.
5	Thatcham West	19/02557/FUL	5 Winston Way	Change of use of verge adjacent Pegasus Way to residential use and erection of two-storey side extension and new side boundary wall, together with the provision of associated landscaping RESOLVED: No objections.
6	Thatcham Central	19/02574/HOUSE	5 Alston Mews	Two storey side extension to include additional living accommodation and first floor bedroom and rear facing dormer window RESOLVED: No objections.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.51pm.

Signed _____ Date _____