

**THATCHAM TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of a Meeting of the**  
**Planning and Highways Committee**  
**held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2020 at 7pm**  
**remotely via video conferencing<sup>1</sup>**

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

In attendance: Mel Taylor (Town Clerk)  
 Councillors Richard Crumly and Keith Woodhams  
 1 Member of the Press (Newbury Weekly News)

**PH/2020/43 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**  
 No apologies for absence were received.

**PH/2020/44 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
 Councillors E & R Crumly declared non-pecuniary interests in agenda item number 10(1) (PH/2020/52(1)) as the property was visible from their property.

**PH/2020/45 MINUTES**  
**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2020, having been previously circulated, be taken as read, confirmed and signed as an accurate record.

**PH/2020/46 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**  
 There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.

**PH/2020/47 PREMISES LICENCE APPLICATION - PINCHINGTON HALL**  
 Councillor Boyd gave a verbal update on a licencing hearing that he attended, as representative of the Town Council, on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2020 regarding premises licence application number 20/00133/LQN – Pinchington Hall, and advised that a decision was expected in five working days.

**RESOLVED** to note the information.

**PH/2020/48 WEST BERKSHIRE COUNCIL SPEED MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK CONSULTATION**

Members reviewed West Berkshire Council's Speed Management Framework, which was open for consultation until 6<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

**RESOLVED** to defer this item to the next meeting of this Committee.

**PH/2020/49 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT / HIGHWAYS / ROAD SAFETY MATTERS**  
**a) Lawrences Way & Lawrences Lane closure**

Notification had been received from West Berkshire Council that Lawrences Way & Lawrences Lane would be closed on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May between 9.30am and 3.30pm, from its junction with the Floral Way & Foxglove Way Roundabout and its junction with The Ridge, to enable BT to carry out a telegraph pole replacement for a new customer connection. The alternative route for all vehicles affected was via Floral Way, Heath Lane, Cold Ash Hill, The Ridge and vice versa. Residential access would be maintained throughout and the diversion would be signed on site. Blue light access would be maintained at all times.

**RESOLVED** to note this information.

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<sup>1</sup> 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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**continued**

**b) M4 overnight closures**

Notification had been received from Highways England of overnight closures of various sections of the M4 east and west bound, between junctions 12 and 15, for resurfacing. The works would be carried out between 9pm and 6am, Monday to Friday between 27<sup>th</sup> April 2020 and 28<sup>th</sup> May 2020, and continue at various times between 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2020 and 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

**RESOLVED** to note this information.

**c) Traffic Management Act 2004: Network Management in response to Covid-19**

Members received details of new Government highways proposals, the Traffic Management Act 2004: Network Management in response to Covid-19, issued to Local Authorities on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2020, along with recommendations of opportunities in Thatcham prepared by Councillor Pike, as follows:

- (i) The speed limit on Bath Road be reduced to 30mph between the junction with Henwick Lane and the junction with Lower Way, in order to provide a more attractive and safer environment for cycling;
- (ii) The speed limit on the portions of Turnpike Road and Tull Way that did not already have a 30mph limit be reduced to 30mph, to provide consistency and to minimise the new signage required to implement the change; and
- (iii) Lawrences Lane be made "No motor vehicles, except for access".

It was noted that West Berkshire Council was scheduled to carry out a speed limit review of the Bath Road in October 2020 (as previously reported PH/2020/022) and that Lawrences Lane did provide for off-road walking or cycling but not for its full length. Members welcomed the Government publication as an opportunity to rethink travel, with public transport unlikely to return to pre-virus conditions for some considerable time, there would be pressure for alternative travel and transport methods. The proposals also supported the Environmental Strategies of both the Town Council and West Berkshire Council.

**RESOLVED** that the recommendations presented by Councillor Pike (appendix I) be submitted to West Berkshire Council.

**d) Burys Bank Road Closure**

Notification had been received from West Berkshire Council that Burys Bank Road would be closed on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020 for one day, between 8am and 5pm, to enable Volker Highways to carry out emergency drainage works on behalf of West Berkshire Council. The alternative route was via Pinchington Lane, A339 Newtown Road, A339 Basingstoke Road, Thornford Road, Crookham Hill and vice versa. Residential access would be maintained throughout.

**RESOLVED** to note this information.

**PH/2020/50 PLANNING MATTERS**

No planning matters had arisen since publication of the agenda.

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**PH/2020/51 DECISION NOTICES**

Members received details of Planning decisions from West Berkshire Council.

**RESOLVED** To note the information.

**PH/2020/52 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Members considered the following planning applications:

<b>Plan No.</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Location:</b>	<b>Proposal:</b>
1	Thatcham North East	20/00987/HOUSE	1 Violet Grove	Detached outbuilding <b>RESOLVED: No Objections</b>
<i>Having declared a non-pecuniary interest in the above item, Councillor E Crumly abstained from voting on this application</i>				
2	Thatcham North East	20/00868/HOUSE	1 The Waverleys	Erection of a two-storey side extension and part-two and part-single storey rear extension and new porch <b>RESOLVED: No Objections</b>
3	Thatcham North East	20/00925/FULD	17 Eliot Close	Proposed two-storey side extension to create a new dwelling house with parking provisions and associated alterations <b>RESOLVED: No Objections</b>
4	Thatcham Colthrop & Crookham	20/00843/FUL	Armour House Colthrop Lane	Refurbishment and subdivision of an existing warehouse unit into two industrial units with associated amenity areas and shared service area <b>RESOLVED: No Objections</b>
5	Thatcham Colthrop & Crookham	20/00990/FULD	62 and 64 Burys Bank Road Crookham Common	Demolition of two single storey dwellings and the erection of a single detached replacement dwelling with associated parking and private amenity space. Section 73 application for variation/removal of condition 2 (approved plans) of previously approved application 18/02853/FULD <b>RESOLVED: No Objections</b>

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<b>Plan No.</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Location:</b>	<b>Proposal:</b>
6	Thatcham Central	20/00970/HOUSE	21 Fylingdales	Front porch, rear second storey extension and alterations <b>RESOLVED: No Objections</b>
7	Thatcham Central	20/00999/FULD	Land adjacent to 11 Turnfields	Construction of a one-bedroom single storey dwelling and associated parking <b>RESOLVED: No Objections</b>

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.15pm.

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