

## MINUTES OF THEALE PARISH COUNCIL

*Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018 in the Peter Gooch Room, The Pavilion, Englefield Road, Theale.*

*Present: Councillors B. Williams (chair), J. Richardson, A. Clark, S. Coker, C. Rolfe, P. Clifford, D. Baker, D. Lye.*

*Apologies received: Councillors D. Wood.*

*Present: There were Six members of the public present.*

*Declarations of Interest: Cllr Williams, Richardson & Lye declared an interest in planning application 18/02182/House.*

The chairman asked if any members of the council or members of the public were intending to record or film the meeting. The answer was a negative.

### **79/18/19 Open Forum for Members of the Public**

One member of the public spoke of a problem with water from the highway flooding and flowing into the residents driveway. They reported that WBC have replied to their complaint and said that there are currently no funds available to rectify the situation. The resident would like to parish council to approach WBC and ask that they follow up on this as a serious health and safety matter. The Chair asked that the district councillor (who was in the public gallery) might want to assist with speaking to the relevant people at WBC to help the resident. The chair also said she would like to see the letter from WBC in which they admit they are at fault but do not have the money to rectify it. The same resident also spoke of the continuous parking on the Englefield road and that with the proposed new primary school that this was not going to become more of an issue. The resident comment was noted.

There were no further questions or comments therefore the chairman closed the public open forum.

*Notifications of Chairman's remarks – Cllr Rolfe had five items to raise, Cllr Richardson had one item to raise, Cllr Clark had one item to raise.*

## **SECTION A**

### **80/18/19 MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF 13<sup>th</sup> August 2018.**

Members adopted the minutes of the meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> August 2018

Proposed : Cllr Rolfe    Seconded: Cllr Clifford

Approved nem con.

### **81/18/19 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF 23<sup>rd</sup> JULY 2018.**

There were no matters arising.

## **SECTION B**

**82/18/19 District Council Report**

Cllr Macro gave a verbal report

Travellers – he described a trip fence was to be installed behind meadow way within the next two months.

There is to be a risk assessment carried out on green areas, vulnerable, close to housing, to then prioritise sites before travellers arrive. This has been referred to the Executive Committee.

Green bin tax – A few residents have paid for the service but as yet have not received the sticker and their waste has not been collected. WBC has said that this should be sorted and residents should have then within a few weeks.

WBC has resolved to make a charge to family hubs, with no explanation given as to why and no consultation.

**83/18/19 Clerk's Report**

No Report

**84/18/19 Planning Applications**

18/02302/TPC	Mature, multi stemmed Ash tree	The Falcon 31 High Street Theale RG7 5AH	Hi-Tech Property Services Ltd	No Objections
18/02121/OUTMAJ	Section 73: removal of condition 31- Age restriction of planning appeal	The Lakeside The Green Theale	Central Corporation Securities Ltd	Object
18/02182/HOUSE	Loft Conversion and associated drawings	66 Woodfield Way Theale	Mr & Mrs Goddard	No Objections
18/02347/HOUSE	Two storey side and single storey rear extension	36 Church Street Theale	Mr Stephen Brown	No Objections

**85/18/19 Memorial Benches/Silent Soldier**

Members discussed various positions for the silent soldier and it was suggested that for ease and added security against vandalism that it might be good to place him within the front porch of the library.

Cllr Clifford will email Paul James@ WBC to ask for permission to use the Library and report back to council.

Members agreed on the design for the memorial bench and Cllr Williams will consult with WBC over the two preferred placements. Once all permissions are received, council will purchase these items.

**86/18/19 Skate Park**

Members discussed the recent events and littering and anti social behaviour around the skate park and shelter over the summer. Members agreed that whilst some of the incidents were out of their control and that the council had arranged for additional litter picks etc, that if residents are seeing this anti-social behaviour they should be reporting it to 101.

Members discussed the option of extending the CCTV to the park and skate park area, but agreed that this could only be done once the existing floodlights had been repaired.

### **87/18/19 Events – Remembrance Day & Christmas Fair**

The Road closure will need to be manned by both councillors and volunteers. Cllr Richardson has spoken with G. Nelson regarding signage and he is happy to assist as per last year.

We will require at least 14 people to man the road closure and councillors were asked if they could speak to those that might wish to assist in this.

Cllr Rolfe, Baker, Lye and Clifford have all said they would be available to assist in the road closure. Cllr Richardson will look into last year's details to draw up this year's plan.

### **88/18/19 Maintenance of a hedge & footpath to the rear of residential properties in Lambfields**

Cllr Clifford was approached by the residents of Lambfield as the hedge bordering the rest of their properties has become increasingly overgrown. The hedge is now some 20-30 feet high. Members agreed that if the hedging was causing access problems and was the result of hedges from the recreation ground side that this should be cut back. Cllr Richardson & Williams will speak with G. Nelson to see if this is something he can do.

### **89/18/19 Authorisation of Payments**

Payment sheet 531

Cllr Lye requested clarity on one of the payments.

Members Agreed nem com.

Proposed: Cllr Coker

Seconded: Cllr Rolfe

## **SECTION C**

### **90/18/19 Information Sheet**

Noted.

## **SECTION D**

### **91/18/19 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

Cllr Rolfe – Overhanging trees in Closter mews. Cllr Rolfe was instructed to relay this to WBC.

Many residents have complained to Cllr Rolfe about the state of the pavements and slabs in the High Street. Cllr Rolfe was informed by Cllr Richardson that this is out of parish councils hands and he should advise the residents to complain directly to WBC either on their website or by letter.

A member of coop staff asked Cllr Rolfe if a camera that was installed on the side of their building was anything to do with CCTV. Council confirmed that it was not a CCTV camera and that it was quite possibly an old Coop camera. WBC has removed the CCTV from the village so it is unlikely to be anything to do with them.

Cllr Rolfe spoke about an outside gym installation – Cllr Richardson explained that this was a project that council had been looking into but that as other matters had taken the councils time this had been put on hold to be dealt with in the future.

Cllr Clark – There is currently a rather large dip in the road at the junction of Englefield road and Play Platt, Cllr Clerk is concerned that not only is it in danger of causing damage to residents vehicles that in hard weather conditions this may lead to accidents.

Cllr Williams suggested that this be reported to WBC, and added that it had only got worse since the latest gas works that had been conducted.

Cllr Richardson- It has been pointed out to her that after the most recent Cricket matches that food is being put into the litter bins outside of the Peter Gooch room, this is encouraging birds and other animals to go through the bins and pull out this and other rubbish. The food is not being bagged up and so if left unattended could cause more hazardous problems. Cllr Williams asked Cllr Coker if he would have a word with Cricket about this.

Cllr Clark also added that the need to get the fence sorted at NSPF.

**92/18/19 Part II**

In view of the confidential nature of business to be conducted it is in the public interest that the public and press be excluded and are instructed to withdraw.

*The members of the public left the meeting.*

**North Street Playing Fields.**

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 10.37pm.

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*Chairman to the Council*  
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