

MINUTES OF THEALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 6th March 2017 in the Peter Gooch Room, The Pavilion, Englefield Road, Theale.

Present: Councillors B. Williams (Chairman), S. Coker, J. Richardson, D. Wood, D. Baker, P. Clifford & Z. Fenwick.

Apologies received: Cllrs. A. Macro, I. Hopcroft, D. Lye and A. Clark.

Present: Jo Friend (Clerk) in attendance.

Declarations of Interest: None.

233/16/17 Open Forum for Members of the Public

There were no members of the public present.

Notifications of Chairman's remarks – none raised.

SECTION A

234/16/17 MINUTES OF MEETING OF 6th FEBRUARY 2017.

210/16/17 – remove 'say' from line four.

224/16/17 – insert space between 'relating' and 'to' in line one.

Members adopted the Minutes of the Meeting of 6th February 2017. Proposed Cllr Wood; seconded Cllr Baker. Approved nem con.

235/16/17 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 6TH FEBRUARY 2017.

231/16/17 – Charity shop: Cllr Wood asked if there had been clarification on why the charity shop had closed and was it reopening. Cllr Richardson had not been successful in her attempts to obtain an official explanation.

SECTION B

236/16/17 District Council Report

No report provided.

237/16/17 Clerk's Report

Dr Ellerton's Charity – Cllr Iain Hopcroft has offered to be TPC's representative on this body. Members agreed that Cllr Hopcroft should be the representative. The chairman asked the clerk to pass on her thanks to him for volunteering.

Circus – Members agreed that the amended dates were acceptable.

Museum Invitation – Cllr David Wood will attend this event.

238/16/17 Planning Applications

17/00225/CERTE (<i>Factual observations only</i>)	Upgrade of existing lightning protection system. New cat ladder to east & west fire escape staircase leading down from plant room level.	1510 Arlington Business Park, Theale RG7 4SA	Theale Ltd c/o Praxis Real Estate Management	No observations
16/03613/OUTMAJ	Outline application for residential development for up to 130 dwellings with associated access, car parking & landscape works. Matters for consideration: Access only.	Whitehart Meadow, High Street, Theale	Central Corporation Projects Ltd	OBJECT: Noise; pollution; flooding; impact on ecology; pylons; impact on infrastructure; cumulative effect of development; site not included in DPD; village character; filling gap between Theale & Tilehurst
16/01240/OUTMAJ (<i>Additional drawings/ amended plans only</i>)	Outline planning application for residential development of up to 225 homes with associated infrastructure; flood alleviation, drainage, new sailing facilities, access, parking, works to bridge, footways, amenity green space, landscaping.	Burghfield Sailing Club, Hangar Road, Sulhamstead		All previous objections remain

239/16/17 Grants

Members reviewed the report and RESOLVED to award:

£100 to MS Therapy Centre (Berkshire)

£100 to Duchess of Kent Hospice

£100 to Reading Citizens Advice

Proposed Cllr Clifford; seconded Cllr Richardson. Approved nem con.

240/16/17 West Berkshire Council Library Service

Members discussed the report from the meeting of 20th February, and all subsequent documentation received from WBC. The full income and expenditure figures for the building have not yet been received by TPC, WBC has so far supplied only one year's figures. WBC has also not provided the information regarding volunteers, their recruitment and the role they will play, information which was due last week. The clerk will chase both of these matters up.

Members were of the opinion that the nature of the service that would be provided in Theale after 31st March 2017 was still very vague. They requested the clerk write to WBC, asking them to confirm that the amended reduction in opening hours, as agreed at the meeting on 20th February would be adhered to. The clerk is also to indicate that the parish council is minded to make the financial contribution to the service as requested (subject to certain conditions) but is awaiting clarification and detail from WBC about the future service before it can make any decision.

Members RESOLVED to defer the decision on any parish council financial contribution to the library service until sufficient information has been received from WBC. Proposed Cllr Williams; seconded Cllr Fenwick. Approved nem con.

241/16/17 Model Publication Scheme

Members RESOLVED to adopt the revised Publication Scheme. Proposed Cllr Richardson; seconded Cllr Coker. Approved nem con.

242/16/17 CCTV Policy

Members RESOLVED to adopt the CCTV Policy. Proposed Cllr Fenwick; seconded Cllr Wood. Approved nem con. Members asked the clerk to ensure that office staff sign to confirm they have read and understood the policy.

243/16/17 Website

Cllr Hopcroft was not present at the meeting. It was agreed that when details about library volunteers are received these would be put on TPC's website. The upcoming circus visit to Theale will also be announced on the website.

244/16/17 Highways

Members discussed the issues raised by a resident regarding emergency vehicle access to Andrews Close. Clerk to contact WBC Highways about the matter. Members stressed that council were looking for a solution that did not result in a loss of residents' parking spaces.

245/16/17 Training

Noted.

246/16/17 Funding Event - Report

Noted.

247/16/17 SLCC Practitioners' Conference - Report

Noted.

248/16/17 Memorial Bench

The clerk provided further details on the request received. The applicant has offered to purchase the bench and plaque. Members agreed to the request and the clerk will liaise with the applicant on the purchase of an appropriate bench and a suitable location for it. Members RESOLVED that the council would fund the installation costs of the bench. Proposed Cllr Williams; seconded Cllr Clifford. Approved nem con.

249/16/17 Beansheaf Building

Members discussed the correspondence received from the parish council's solicitor and agreed on pursuing his proposed course of action. Clerk to clarify position on costs.

250/16/17 Authorisation of Payments

It was RESOLVED that items on sheet no.482 and dated 6th March 2017 be approved for payment. Proposed Cllr Coker; seconded Cllr Baker. Approved nem con.

SECTION C**251/16/17 Items for Information**

Noted.

SECTION D

252/16/17 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Cllr Baker expressed disappointment that 'Beat the Streets' was not returning to Theale this year and asked if there was anything the parish council could do. Cllr Williams said there was no funding for anywhere in the Reading area this year, it wasn't just limited to Theale so, unfortunately, the parish council wasn't able to do anything.

253/16/17 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.

No members of the public were present.

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 9.40pm.

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Chairman to the Council