

MINUTES OF THEALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 8th May 2017 in the Peter Gooch Room, The Pavilion, Englefield Road, Theale.

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

Apologies received: Cllr I Hopcroft

Present: Jo Friend (Clerk) in attendance. One member of the public was present.

Declarations of Interest: Cllr Macro declared a personal interest regarding the planning application for the Land North of Englefield Road.

5/17/18 Open Forum for Members of the Public

One member of the public had attended in order to hear the planning discussions.

As there were no other matters raised in the open forum, Cllr Williams closed the forum.

Notifications of Chairman's remarks – Cllr Wood and Cllr Clifford both had one item to raise.

SECTION A

6/17/18 MINUTES OF MEETING OF 3rd APRIL 2017.

Members adopted the Minutes of the Meeting of 3rd April 2017. Proposed Cllr Fenwick; seconded Cllr Richardson. Approved nem con.

7/17/18 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 3rd APRIL 2017.

There were no matters arising.

SECTION B

8/17/18 District Council Report

Cllr Macro provided a verbal report:

- WBC Annual Meeting – will be held on 9th May. Items on the agenda include the adoption of the Housing Site Allocation; Minerals & Waste Plan including a policy that would permit fracking.
- Mortimer's NDP is due to go to referendum.
- WBC is reverting back to the overview/scrutiny committee model
- WBC will be closing the Theale Green Recreation Centre. There has been an issue over access due to the new security gates. WBC's justification for closure is that membership numbers have fallen.

Cllr Wood asked if there had been any WBC response to the planning inspector's judgement and report on the Lakeside application. Cllr Macro said the only comment had been that the CIL regulations were ambiguous.

9/17/18 Clerk's Report

Noted.

10/17/18 Planning Applications

17/00853/FULD & 17/00854/LBC2	Conversion of existing office space (B1) to two residential flats (C3) including internal modifications	Unit 1, Brewery Court, Theale RG7 5AJ	The Bethell & Read Group/SIPP	No objection
17/00913/FULD & 17/00914/LBC2	Change of use from B1 (office) to C3 (residential) creating 4 flats	Unit 2, Brewery Court, Theale, RG7 5AJ	Real Estates Associates	No objection
17/00743/FUL	Proposed change of use of land from agricultural to outdoor recreational & leisure facilities with parking	Land North of Englefield Road, Theale	West Berkshire Council	Reserved comment in light of "Update to agent" document dated 4/5/17
17/00777/COMIND	Site wide lighting scheme for way finding & safety	Arlington Business Park, Theale RG7 4SA	Patron Arlington SARL	No objection
17/00827/HOUSE replaces 16/03575/HOUSE	Two storey side extension & single storey rear extension	29 The Green, Theale RG7 5DR	Adam & Anna Gunton	No objection COMMENT: Concern that parking proposals are not workable; request condition that property remains as a single dwelling; correction of agent's comment regarding parish council's stance on application 16/03575/HOUSE

11/17/18 Fire Station - Theale

Councillors noted that RBFRS representatives at the consultation event had felt that most of the feedback had been positive.

The member of the public left the meeting.

12/17/18 Theale Library - Update

Cllr Richardson had produced a poster to promote the call up for volunteers. She and the clerk had created a display around library volunteering and put it up in the library. WBC is currently undertaking a recruitment drive for volunteers.

The TPC library working group has not met but Cllr Richardson and the clerk have continued working on assessing whether it is feasible for TPC to take over responsibility for the Gateway Centre. Cllr Richardson has urged members of the working group to attend a meeting she has called for 25th May.

13/17/18 Theale Station Upgrade

Members noted the letter sent by the clerk to the Managing Director of Great Western Railway, cc'd to Alok Sharma MP, and Mr Sharma's reply

14/17/18 Neighbourhood Wardens Scheme

The clerk has met with Basingstoke & Deane BC's Community Safety Service Co-ordinator to discuss possible schemes. Further updates will be provided as and when available.

15/17/18 Thames Valley Police

The new five year plan was noted.

16/17/18 West Berkshire Heritage Forum

Cllr Wood will attend the AGM on 16th May. Clerk to respond.

17/17/18 Community Council for Berkshire

Members RESOLVED to renew the council's membership of CCB. Proposed Cllr Macro; seconded Cllr Clark. Approved nem con.

18/17/18 Annual Parish Assembly

Noted.

19/17/18 Parish Council Street Lights

Members noted SSE's comments regarding TPC's street lights and agreed that an upgrade would be required at some time in the future. The clerk will obtain more details before further discussions take place.

20/17/18 Authorisation of Payments

It was RESOLVED that items on sheet no.487 and dated 8th May 2017 be approved for payment. Proposed Cllr Coker; seconded Cllr Clifford. Approved nem con.

Members noted the March Direct Debit sheet.

SECTION C**21/17/18 Items for Information**

Noted.

SECTION D**22/17/18 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

Cllr Wood reported that the lamp post outside the King Wok in the High Street had been cut in half and had been in that state for 3 months. The clerk will contact WBC and ask when it is going to be repaired.

Cllr Clifford said someone at Theale Tigers had asked him about what was happening with regard to the floodlights. The clerk has already been in contact with a representative from the club who had offered to assist the parish council when it embarked on the refurbishment project. Cllr Clifford was advised to suggest to the person who had contacted him that they should liaise with the club representative.

Cllr Clifford said he was concerned by the item in Cllr Macro's district report which detailed the removal by WBC of its leisure/gym facilities in the eastern part of the district, namely the leisure centre at Theale Green School. He asked that the council write to WBC expressing its disappointment at the loss of the numerous facilities on this site and asking for details of its plan and when it will be notifying the members and the general public.

Cllr Lye reported that the grass at Roundhead Road required cutting. The clerk will check with the contractor to see when it was last done.

23/17/18 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.

Members RESOLVED to adopt Part II Minute 153 and dated 3rd April 2017. Proposed Cllr Wood; seconded Cllr Williams.

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 9.35pm.

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Chairman to the Council