



Wednesday 3rd December 2025

To all members of the parish council, you are summoned to attend an Ordinary Meeting of Theale Parish Council which will be held on Monday 8th December 2025 at 7.30pm in the Peter Gooch Room, Pavilion, Englefield Road.

Di Hughes - Clerk to Theale Parish Council

Members of the public and press are very welcome to attend.

AGENDA

1. Apologies

Council to receive apologies and reasons for absence.

2. Declarations Of Interest & Dispensations

With reference to items on the agenda members are reminded of their responsibility to declare interests and to update their Register of Interests as required.

3. Approval Of Minutes of the Previous Meeting

- a. Council to approve and sign the minutes of the previous meetings.
- b. Council to receive matters arising and actions from the previous minutes.

4. Open Meeting & Public Forum

Public participation: Members of the public will be invited to speak on issues relating to this agenda or raise issues for future consideration. The period designated for public participation at a meeting in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders shall not exceed 15 minutes, max. 3 minutes per person, and will be under the direction of the Chair of the meeting.

5. Monthly Reports

- a. Council to receive a report from District Councillor Macro.
- b. Council to receive a monthly report from the Chair.
- c. Council to receive a monthly report from the Clerk.
- d. Councillors to give a brief verbal monthly update on their Council duties.

6. Planning Matters

- a. Council to consider and respond to planning applications received.
- b. Council to note the planning decisions, appeals, withdrawals & correspondence received.

7. Finance & Accounts

- a. Council to receive, consider and approve quotes.
- b. Council to note payments made by the Clerk outside of meeting using delegated powers.
- c. Council to consider and approve invoices for payment.
- d. Council to note internal transfers made in the last month & bank balances as at 02.12.2025.

8. Correspondence Received

Council to note the correspondence received.

9. Local Government Review

Council to note that, following the recent Parish Poll, Reading Borough Council announced on 13th November that it no longer intends to include Theale in its submission to move into Reading or to alter the existing boundary lines. Reading Borough Council published this article on their website:

Council to protect three Tilehurst wards from moving to Oxfordshire

In the event that West Berkshire's decision to join plans to create a new 'Ridgeway' is agreed by Government, Reading Council has confirmed today that it will submit a proposal to keep all of Tilehurst in Berkshire.

The recommendation - which will be moved by Leader Councillor Liz Terry at a Council meeting later this month - is that Tilehurst Birch Copse, Tilehurst & Purley, and Tilehurst South & Holybrook wards move to Reading in a change to the existing boundary which more accurately reflects the town's geography and its economic footprint.

It follows an extensive period of work by Reading Borough Council over the past few weeks, including public consultation and data analysis, with face-to-face drop-in events attended by Cllr Terry in person, as well as an independent survey, both of which demonstrate significant support for the proposal from residents in the urban areas of Tilehurst and Calcot, who already have a strong connection to the town and who are regular users of Reading's facilities and services.

While data and modelling carried out by the Council demonstrates there is a good case for including Pangbourne and Theale in the proposed modification, Reading Council has listened to the views of residents as part of a wide-ranging consultation and Pangbourne and Theale will not be included.

10. Budget 2026/2027

Council to receive the first draft of the budget and recommendations for fees and charges increases from the Finance Committee.

11. Deferred Items From October 2025

a. Pavillion Water Usage

Water usage has increased significantly this year, partly due to the exceptionally dry and hot spring/summer, and partly due to the need to water new flower beds and saplings. In addition, the Pitch Power reports recommend installing an appropriate irrigation system to ensure even water distribution and support plant health. Council to consider the installing boreholes at both the Recreation Ground and North Street Playing Fields, as per the Pitch Power recommendation and subject to approval from the landlord and relevant authorities.

b. FA Grounds Maintenance Grant

Council to receive the Pitch Power assessments and consider and agree to apply for funding from the FA, which over six years could raise the pitch quality from Basic to Good. The Clerk will advise Council on the funding model, which requires a financial commitment of 30% in Year 5 and 60% in Year 6.

12. Parking Review - Traffic Regulation Order Amendment No 37 (Ref: PSA037)

Council to be advised of West Berks Council's public consultation regarding changes to on street parking restrictions in Hungerford, Newbury, Chieveley, Greenham, Thatcham, Aldermaston, Beenham, Padworth, Theale, Purley on Thames, Tilehurst and Stratfield Mortimer.

13. New Event - 3T's - 10k Run

Council will be advised of a request from Run Forest Run UK (www.runforestrun.uk) to hold a new event in Spring 2026, and asked to approve in principle its support for the proposal.

14. Date Of Next Council Meeting

Monday 12th January 2026 @ 7.30pm