MINUTES OF THEALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the extraordinary meeting of Theale Parish Council held on Thursday 17th September 2020 via online video conference

Present: Cllrs A Clark, L Cox, Z Fenwick, K Gash, I Hopcroft, J Richardson & B Williams (chairman)

Clerk: P Manley

Public/press: None

63/20/21 To receive apologies for absence and declarations of interest

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Baker, Clifford & Coker.

Although many councillors knew of Tony Weal or his work (65/20/21), the council agreed that, not being pecuniary, the interests need not be declared.

64/20/21 To consider and agree formal representations to planning application 20/01812/FUL

20/01812/FUL	Section 73 application for variation of condition 10 (BREEAM) of approved planning permission 19/01658/FUL. Erection of single storey building to be used as area office for Oxford Diocese. With parking, landscaping and facilities for the Parochial Church Council and the Rector of the Holy Trinity Church.	The Rectory Englefield Road Theale RG7 5AS The Oxford Diocese
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Objection on the grounds that the change of the building's achievement under BREEAM from 'excellent' to 'very good' will likely:

- a entail a depreciation in the quality of the materials used and
- b lessen the environmental standard of the development.

With the above considerations in mind, the changes to the proposed development will likely have a negative impact on the aesthetics of the area and that of the bordering Old Rectory and Holy Trinity church, both listed buildings of high aesthetic value.

65/20/21 To award the contract for the refurbishment of the Peter Gooch room and kitchen

The council considered three tenders (2, 5 and 11) which had been shortlisted by the working party (58/20/21) on Thursday 10th September 2020.

After discussion, Tender 2 was dismissed and the choice between Tender 5 and Tender 11 was put to a vote. Four voted for Tender 5, three voted for Tender 11. Thus, it was

RESOLVED to award the contract for the refurbishment of the Peter Gooch room and kitchen to Tender 5, that is, Watson & Co Ltd.

It was further

RESOLVED to have a built-in oven, rather than free-standing,

and

RESOLVED to accept the tender's recommendation to install fire doors.

The acceptance and declining of the relevant tenders and oversight of the ensuing works was delegated to the clerk.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 8.31pm.

Signed	Dated