

MINUTES OF THEALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of Theale Parish Council held in the Peter Gooch Room, Pavilion on Monday 4th October 2021.

Members present: Cllrs P Clifford, S Coker, L Cox (chairman), Z Fenwick, R Gallop & M Paul.

Clerk: P Manley

Administration officer: J Crisp

Others present: A Macro (district councillor)

Meeting started 7:30pm

FUL/97/21/22 To receive apologies for absence and declarations of interest

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Clark, Gash, Hopcroft, Richardson and Rolfe.

Cllr Coker declared an interest in item 8 (21/02371/HOUSE).

FUL/98/21/22 To adopt the minutes of the meeting on 6th September 2021

Proposed by Cllr Clifford, seconded by Cllr Paul, with a vote in favour, it was

RESOLVED to adopt the minutes of the meeting on 6th September 2021 as an accurate record of the meeting.

Cllr Coker abstained.

Matters arising:

- a the public meeting took place with representatives from Ridgepoint Homes Ltd.

FUL/99/21/22 Public forum

There were no members of the public present.

FUL/100/21/22 Chairman's remarks

There were no matters brought to the attention of the chairman.

FUL/101/21/22 District councillor's report

Cllr Macro delivered his report, which had been sent to members before the meeting.

Cllr Macro gave an update on the active travel plans. The proposal to close Deadman's Lane to traffic has been paused.

FUL/102/21/22 Clerk's update

The clerk delivered his update, which had been sent to members before the meeting. It was agreed that the first aid course would be arranged for the November dates.

FUL/103/21/22 Committees & working groups update

Environmental working party:

- a update on recent events; bulb planting rescheduled for Sunday 10th October; £20 profit from the quiz will go towards bulb planters
- b met with representative of Berkshire, Buckinghamshire & Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust regarding trees and hedges; will ask the school if we can plant a hedge by the school and NSPF
- c the bund can be cut back now
- d the group's community work with a company on Arlington and Amazon, they can help with bulb planting.

Outdoor spaces committee:

- a have provided the design for the MUSA/playground to take to consultation
- b further meeting with supplier to take place on Monday 11th October.

Events working party. Cllr Cox provided a written report: Cllr Cox said that she was unable to lead on the Jubilee event. Cllr Fenwick agreed to take over.

FUL/104/21/22 To respond to planning and licence applications and appeals received since the last meeting

21/02298/PAD56	Application for prior approval under Schedule 2, Part 18, Class A of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015: Provision of an improved access road off Wigmore Lane.	Land at Wigmore lane Network Rail
<p>Objection on the following grounds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal removes parking for the fishing club. Visitors may be compelled to park in front of residences. • Lack of privacy for those living on Wigmore Lane. 		
21/02371/HOUSE	Proposed single storey front extension to enlarge kitchen and create porch. Proposed 1.8m high brickwork pier and decorative treated timber fence along boundary in front garden.	139 Meadow Way Theale RG7 5DE Mr & Mrs Osborne
<p>Objection on the following grounds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The fence is out of keeping with the street scene as it is too high. 		
21/02280/PACOU (adjacent parish)	Application under Schedule 2, Part 3, Class R of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed change of use of agricultural buildings to a flexible use within Storage or Distribution (Class B8), Hotels (Class C1), Commercial/Business/Service (Class E), or until the end of July 2022, uses previously classified as Assembly and Leisure (Class D2). The application is for a change of use from agricultural to indoor sport and recreation (Use Class E(d)). The applicant proposes to use one half of the existing barn - extending to 360m2 internally - as a padel tennis court, for personal use. The padel court itself is 10m x 20m and would sit entirely within the existing structure, which is used for storage associated with the agricultural operation of the surrounding land and was in use as such at 3rd July 2012. The opposite half of the barn would remain in its current use and does not form part of this application. Internal works required to divide the barn and erect the padel tennis court include the laying of an artificial grass play surface and the installation of artificial lighting. These works are exempt from the definition of development under s.55 of the Town and Country Planning Act (1990) and as such do not require planning permission. There would be no external works required to the building to facilitate the intended use.	North Street Farm North Street RG7 5EX Harry Benyon
No objection		

FUL/105/21/22 To note West Berkshire Council planning decisions for Theale parish since the last meeting.

21/00922/HOUSE & 21/00923/LBC2	Demolition of existing front extension. Erection of new single story rear extension. New rear garden wall and external works. Internal alterations.	49 Church Street Theale RG7 5BX Mr & Mrs Goss	Granted
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FUL/106/21/22 To authorise payments as listed on payment schedule 571 dated 4th October 2021

Proposed by Cllr Clifford, seconded by Cllr Fenwick, with a vote in favour, it was

RESOLVED to authorise payments as listed on payment schedule 571 dated 4th October 2021 to a total of £11,239.54.

It was agreed that Cllr Clifford and Gallop would authorise payments.

[Post meeting note: It was discovered that the payments schedule overstated the payment to Paul Manley by £3.52. The schedule was adapted before the payments were authorised.]

FUL/107/21/22 As part of the annual review of council policies, to review the equal opportunities policy and the training and development policy.

It was suggested:

- a 'bi-annually' be changed to 'annually' (section 4, equal opportunities policy)
- b 'monitoring officer' be added to the list in section 5.1 of the training & development policy.

Proposed by Cllr Fenwick, seconded by Cllr Gallop, with a vote in favour, it was

RESOLVED to update the equal opportunities policy and the training and development policy, subject to the amendments above.

FUL/108/21/22 To consider measures to reduce dog mess on North Street Playing Fields

Following discussions, it was agreed to get advice from the dog warden, raise the issue at the environmental working party meetings and repost on social media.

FUL/109/21/22 To replace the Pavilion's guttering with new deep flow (£1,385) and replace the dry verge with new (£465) for a total of £1,850.

Proposed by Cllr Paul, seconded by Cllr Fenwick with a vote in favour, the motion was

RESOLVED.

The meeting ended at 8.38pm.

Signed _____ Dated _____