
MINUTES OF THEALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of Theale Parish Council held in the Pavilion on Monday 4th July 2022.

Members present: Cllrs M Church, A Clark, P Clifford, Z Fenwick, R Gallop, K Gash & M Paul.

Clerk: P Manley

Meeting started 7:30pm

FUL/52/22/23 To receive apologies for absence and declarations of interest

Apologies for absence received from Cllrs Coker, Cox, Hopcroft & Richardson.

No declarations of interest.

FUL/53/22/23 To adopt the minutes of the meeting on 6th June 2022

RESOLVED to adopt the minutes of the meeting on 6th June 2022 as an accurate record.
Proposer: Cllr Gallop. Seconder: Cllr Paul. Vote in favour, 2 abstentions.

FUL/54/22/23 Public forum

Cllr Gash: Update on her and Cllr Gallop's 'councillor walkabout' on Saturday. Received complaint about acrobatic model plane over the recreation ground and grass cutting in the parish. One person asked if the old public toilets on the High Street could be demolished.

Clerk to question West Berkshire Council over their intentions for the old public toilets building.

Cllr Church: Pothole present outside The Falcon pub.

Clerk to report to West Berkshire Council.

Cllr Clark: Queried lack of street trading in Theale (eg burger van). Clerk stated that, unlike the rest of West Berkshire, street trading was prohibited in Theale parish, because of a decision dating back to the 1990s. Members questioned legality of inviting street vendors to Christmas Market, etc.

Clerk to add agenda item for future meeting.

Members reported loud, antisocial music late at night. Location not known but seemed to emanate from the south or east of Theale.

Members to encourage public to report such incidents to the police.

FUL/55/22/23 Chairman's remarks

None.

FUL/56/22/23 District councillor's report

Cllr Alan Macro's report had been circulated previously. It included:

- a Change to Local Plan Review schedule – Regulation 19 consultation to take place around December, not July. Submission to Planning Inspectorate still scheduled for March 2023
- b Deadman's Lane Traffic Regulation Order came into force 1st July, but no signs erected. AM has asked officers for an update.
- c Refusal of latest planning application for the Theale Motor site.

FUL/57/22/23 Clerk's update

Previously circulated.

Cllrs Clark, Clifford and Gallop offered to attend the meeting with open spaces users scheduled for Wednesday 13th July at 7pm.

FUL/58/22/23 Committees & working groups update

Open spaces (Cllr Clifford)

- a Waiting on final costs re cabling and ducting for the play project from the lighting company.
- b Update on meeting with Pro Landscapes to discuss the quality of their work (OPE/4/22/23 JUN).

Clerk to send meeting minutes to all members.

(Cllr Gash said that vegetation needed cutting back opposite the primary school.

Clerk to clear offending vegetation.)

(Cllr Clark suggested the council plant hedgerow along the border of the new replacement playing field and the golf club road.)

Events working party (Cllr Fenwick)

Update on Theale Village Jubilee Fête (see Theale Village Jubilee Fête – event report):

- a Well attended and lots of positive feedback. Requests to hold a similar event annually.
- b Small financial deficit after redistribution of funds to local groups, but achieved key objective to hold an event that brought together the community.
- c Lessons learnt meeting to take place in the coming weeks.

FUL/59/22/23 To respond to planning and licence applications and appeals received since the last meeting

22/01288/FUL	Installation of Multi-Use Sports Area (MUSA), outdoor gym, cable way (zip wire), monkey bars, callisthenics equipment, seating, CCTV and security lighting	Theale Parish Council
Support the proposal. Clerk to submit reasons based on those in successful CIL grant application.		
22/01453/HOUSE	1st-floor infill above the existing converted garage, stepping forward at first floor to create a open porch area. Removal of conservatory and replacement with brick built single-storey that is smaller than the original conservatory.	15 Cavalier Close RG7 5DJ Mr & Mrs Brown
No objections		
22/01525/HOUSE	Demolition of existing conservatory. Single storey rear and side extension. Replace single rear dormer window with rear twin dormer windows.	21 Spring Gardens RG7 5AA Mr & Mrs Ferguson
No objections		
22/01524/FUL	Proposed two-storey side extension and single-storey rear extension with boundary alterations.	28 Woodfield Way RG7 5AB Mrs M Mason
Objection for these reasons: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a The proposed changes are an overdevelopment of the land. b Such overdevelopment sets a precedent for similar overdevelopments nearby. c Insufficient information has been provided about the proposed boundary changes. d The proposed development uses space currently occupied by the recreation ground. It therefore reduces the amount of green space in the village. 		

RESOLVED to respond to the planning applications as listed above.

Proposer: Cllr Gallop. Seconder: Cllr Clark. Vote in favour with one abstention – Cllr Paul – who lives opposite.

FUL/60/22/23 To note West Berkshire Council planning decisions for Theale parish since the last meeting.

21/02838/FULD	Demolition of former commercial unit and erection of a commercial unit (use class E), 6 dwellings including parking, bins and landscaping.	Theale Motor Ltd Church Street RG7 5BU Red Line land Theale Ltd	Refused
22/00767/COND7	Approval of details reserved by condition 14 (contamination assessment), 15 (contamination remediation) and 17 (contamination monitoring and maintenance) of Appeal Decision APP/W0340/W/16/3159722 (15/02842/OUTMAJ): Outline application for Residential development of up to 325 houses and apartments (including 70 extra-care units) with associated access, parking, amenity space and landscaping. All matters reserved.	Lakeside The Green	Approved

FUL/61/22/23 To authorise payments as listed on payments schedule 580 dated 4th July 2022

RESOLVED to authorise payments as listed on payments schedule 580 dated 4th July 2022 to a total of £6,871.04.

Proposer: Cllr Paul. Seconder: Cllr Clark. Vote in favour.

FUL/62/22/23 To approve the safeguarding policy

The following amendments were made:

- a Clause 5.4: Remove names of ‘responsible persons’ to remove the need to update this in the future.
- b Clause 5.6: Remove the requirement that the council ask for evidence of hirers’ DBS clearance, and make it optional.

Clerk to check whether Jan Richardson is willing to continue as responsible person.

Clerk to ensure safeguarding notice is displayed in Pavilion and John Cumber Hall.

RESOLVED to approve the safeguarding policy subject to the above amendments.

Proposer: Cllr Gash. Seconder: Cllr Clark. Vote in favour.

FUL/63/22/23 To support financially GreenFest, taking place on Saturday 10th September 2022 (submitted by Cllr Clifford)

Cllr Clifford proposed that the parish council support GreenFest by:

- a publicising the event on the parish council’s website and social media
- b asking for volunteers to help run the event on the parish council’s website and social media
- c asking the Environmental Working Party to consider how it could support the event
- d granting £200 via GreenFest’s page on The Good Exchange.

RESOLVED to support GreenFest in the ways proposed.

Proposer: Cllr Clifford. Seconder: Cllr Gash. Vote in favour.

FUL/64/22/23 To agree provisionally that Theale hold a Summer Fête in 2023 (submitted by Cllr Fenwick)

Cllr Fenwick floated the idea of inviting the biking contingent to take part. Given the positive feedback received after the Jubilee Fête, members thought an annual summer fête a good idea.

PROVISIONALLY RESOLVED to hold a Summer Fête in 2023. Cllr Fenwick to prepare a proposal and present to the council for approval.

Proposer: Cllr Gash. Seconder: Cllr Gallop. Vote in favour.

FUL/65/22/23 To agree the date of the next ordinary meeting

Cllr Clifford advised that the open spaces committee meeting on 11th July would be postponed.

RESOLVED to hold the August ordinary council meeting as usually if it is quorate or, if not, to delegate approval of the monthly payments to the clerk and bank signatories.

Proposer: Cllr Clifford. Seconder: Cllr Gallop. Vote in favour.

The meeting ended at 8:53pm.

Signed _____ Dated _____