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## MINUTES OF THEALE PARISH COUNCIL

*Minutes of an ordinary meeting of Theale Parish Council held in the Pavilion on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2022.*

**Members present:** Cllrs M Church, A Clark, S Coker, Z Fenwick (chair), R Gallop, M Paul & J Richardson.

**Others present:** Alan Macro (district councillor), 1 member of public

**Clerk:** P Manley

**Administration officer:** J Crisp

*Meeting started 7:30pm*

### **FUL/66/22/23 To receive apologies for absence and declarations of interest**

Apologies for absence received from Cllrs Clifford, Cox, Gash & Hopcroft.

Cllr Gallop declared an interest in planning application 22/01731/HOUSE as he is familiar with the applicants.

### **FUL/67/22/23 To adopt the minutes of the meeting on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July**

**RESOLVED** to adopt the minutes of the meeting on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July as an accurate record.

*Proposer: Cllr Gallop. Seconder: Cllr Church. Vote in favour, 2 abstentions.*

### **FUL/68/22/23 Public forum**

Cllr Church: Concern over litter in the village and bonfires on the recreation ground. Clerk updated council on communications with Jo Naylor (WBC), Alan Macro, and Cllrs Clifford and Fenwick, following West Berkshire Council's recent Residents' Survey, in which Theale ranked as the second highest for residents who considered litter a 'fairly' or 'very big problem'. Cllr Fenwick mentioned the environmental working party's plans for a litter pick, but it was recognised that this would not solve the problem. Cllr Paul mentioned that litter is often blown out of residents' recycling boxes as they have no lids.

**Clerk to contact** Jo Naylor to ask whether recycling boxes could have lids, and to receive Jo's response following her discussions with the waste team at WBC.

### **FUL/69/22/23 Chairman's remarks**

Cllr Clark: Theale Village Hall planning to instal a barrier across the entrance to the car park. A disagreement arose over who owned the land on which the barrier would be. Cllr Fenwick suggested a meeting between representatives of the village hall, parish council, primary school and West Berkshire Council.

**Cllr Clark to arrange** a meeting to discuss the installation of a barrier across the entrance to the car park.

### **FUL/70/22/23 District councillor's report**

Cllr Macro's report included:

- a refusal of Lakeside planning application 22/00146/RESMAJ on grounds of inadequate parking
- b new mini recycling area at end of High Street
- c parking suspension outside former 19/19a High Street to allow erection of hoardings and passageway for pedestrians
- d refurbishment of the old primary school site

- e sealed order for closure of Deadmans Lane to motor vehicles – delay in installing signs and bollards
- f Cllr Macro's motion that a new hospital be built on a site that West Berkshire residents could easily reach was approved unanimously at the last meeting of West Berkshire Council

Cllr Macro stated that West Berkshire Council changed the street cleansing schedule a few years ago so some roads such as Church Street and Englefield Road are cleansed less often than needed. Cllr Paul asked why the new mini recycling facilities were installed with no prior consultation? Cllr Macro had noted this regarding other ventures (eg grass cutting) and had expressed his concern.

Cllr Gallop asked to where the £75 per day income goes, paid by the developer of the former 19/19a High Street for the suspension of the five parking spaces. Cllr Macro to find out and ask whether it could be fed back into the village.

### **FUL/71/22/23 Clerk's update**

Previously circulated.

**Clerk to advertise** the availability to hire of the Peter Gooch Room on the website, noticeboards and parish magazine.

### **FUL/72/22/23 Committees & working groups update**

#### Environmental working party (Cllr Fenwick)

EWP had held meeting to discuss plans for the future, including a litter pick and activities to coincide with Great Big Green Week.

**Environmental working party to submit** plan for the following year – including recommended budget allocation – to full council.

#### Events working party

Administration officer noted a meeting for the 'Christmas Fayre' would take place at 7pm on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> August.

### **FUL/73/22/23 To respond to planning and licence applications and appeals received since the last meeting**

22/01656/HOUSE	Ground floor rear extension	2 Morton Place RG7 5QW Mr Drake Ale
No objections		
22/01731/HOUSE	Single storey side extension	68 Meadow Way RG7 5DQ Mr James Watchman & Mrs Watchman
No objections		
22/00791/LQN	Supply of Alcohol (On and off premises) 11:00 to 23:30 Monday to Sunday; Late Night Refreshment (Indoor and Outdoor) 23:00 to 23:30 Monday to Sunday; Recorded and Live Music (Indoor) 11:00 to 00:00 Monday to Sunday.	The Spice Lounge 20 High Street RG7 5AN SL Sky Ltd
Objection to the supply of alcohol (on and off premises) after 11.30pm and to recorded and live music after 11.30pm. The sale of alcohol and playing of music should be in line with the other businesses on the High Street. Allowing the Spice Lounge to extend their hours would set a precedent which would be unwelcome.		

**RESOLVED** to respond to the planning applications as listed above.

*Vote in favour with 1 abstention (Cllr Gallop, FUL/66/22/23).*

**FUL/74/22/23 To note West Berkshire Council planning decisions for Theale parish since the last meeting.**

22/01208/CERTP	Proposed single storey rear extension. Does not exceed 3.5m in height Does not exceed 4m in depth Does not exceed more than 50% of the curtilage	2 Morton Place RG7 5QW Mr Andy Tropia	Refused
22/00815/FULEXT	Section 73: Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) of previously approved application 18/03209/FULEXT: Demolition of existing building and construction of 15 no.dwellings, 2no. retail units (use Class A1/A2/A3), associated access, parking and landscaping	Former 19 & 19a High Street TA Fisher & Sons Ltd	Granted
22/00792/HOUSE	Two storey extension to the rear of the property. As per pre-planning 20/00170/PREAPP and previous approved application 21/00007/HOUSE	12a Lambfields RG7 5DB Adam Bennett`	Granted
22/01261/ADV	School Signage for Theale C Of E Primary School, Englefield Road, Theale Signage	Theale CofE Primary School Englefield Road West Berkshire Council	Granted
22/01263/FUL	Refurb existing 3 storey office block with small extension to entrance foyer	1100 Arlington Business Park RG7 4SD Arlington Property Investment Company Limited	Granted
22/00146/RESMAJ	Section 73 application for variation of (condition 2) to allow for 9 dwellings, condition 3 (vary the phasing plan), condition 4 (materials), condition 9 (levels), condition 11 (landscaping), condition 14 (vehicle parking & turning) following grant of planning permission 20/00663/RESMAJ - Approval of reserved matters application for phase 1 (of the development, which is for 7 dwellings located off St Ives Close, details include access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) following Outline Permission Allowed on Appeal 15/02842/OUTMAJ (APP/W0340/W/16/3159722) - 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 Ridgepoint Homes	Refused

**FUL/75/22/23 To authorise payments as listed on payments schedule 581 dated 8<sup>th</sup> August 2022**

**RESOLVED** to authorise payments as listed on payments schedule 581 dated 8<sup>th</sup> August 2022 to a total of £12,447.85.

*Vote in favour with 1 abstention (Cllr Gallop, as he was one of the payees).*

**FUL/76/22/23 To approve the privacy notice**

**RESOLVED** to approve the privacy notice with no amendments.

*Vote in favour.*

**FUL/77/22/23 To hold a Village Fête on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2023 (submitted by Cllr Fenwick)**

Cllr Gallop suggested the fête retain some of the amateur competitions such as cake baking as Theale Green School had shown interest.

Cllr Paul highlighted the need to publish competition information in advance through channels other than Facebook and the schools. Suggestions included posters, leaflets, VillageEye and local radio.

**RESOLVED** to hold a Village Fête on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2023 as per the submitted proposal. Events working group to submit budget request to council later this calendar year.

*Vote in favour.*

**FUL/78/22/23 To create a business engagement forum to enable communication and build relationships between the parish council and local businesses. This is an essential measure in securing and sustaining a business voice to help inform local policies and place-based decisions, and to guide action to enable businesses and the local economy to thrive, following the impact of the pandemic and the decline of UK high streets, especially in more rural areas. To form a business engagement working group to manage this forum and report any matters back for the council's attention and consideration (submitted by Cllr Fenwick)**

**RESOLVED** the above motion.

*Vote in favour, 1 objection, 1 abstention.*

*The meeting ended at 9pm.*

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Dated \_\_\_\_\_