



An ordinary meeting of the Parish Council was held on
Monday 3rd March 2025 at 7.30pm in the Pavilion, Englefield Road, and was attended by the following:

Chair: Cllr. Gallop
Councillors Present: Cllr. Paul, Cllr. Church, Cllr. Miles Cllr. Coker & Cllr. Hopcroft
Others in Attendance: Blaire Brodie, Administration Officers & District Cllr. Macro
Minutes: Di Hughes – Operations Manager/Clerk

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Agenda Item	Minute	Action Agreed	Vote (if required)
1. Apologies Cllr. Clifford		Cllr. Gallop was nominated and agreed to Chair the meeting.	Proposed: MP Seconded: GM All in favour
2. Declaration Of Interest & Dispensations	None	-	-
3. Minutes Of The Previous Meeting. It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 3 rd February 2025 be deferred until the next meeting.		-	-
4. Open Meeting None.		-	-
5. Theale Green School Community 3G Discussions Nick Irwin from the Sustainable Schools Project outlined the plan for a new 3G facility which will cost £900,000. The school has already raised an initial £125,000. Councillor asked some questions about operating costs and outside of school hours community use. The council may consider making a financial contribution with CIL funds in the future.		-	-
6. Co-Opt Councillors To Fill The Vacant Seats Heather Hopkinson was invited to meet with Council. She was asked why she wanted to become a Parish Councillor. Heather said, "she was interested in community events". Heather was coopted onto the Council and after accepting her appointment Heather said, "I'm looking forward to giving back to the community and enhancing community spirit".		Heather completed her paperwork to enable her to be actively involved in the meeting. Heather to complete and return her register of interest form.	Proposed: RG Seconded: IH All in favour

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8.	<u>Planning Matters</u> All planning matters were attached as an appendix and sent to the members in advance of the meeting. These are also available for members of the public to view on the TPC website. <u>Decisions:</u> 24/02562/HOUSE – 7 Lambfields - Approved by WBC 24/02634/HOUSE – 70 Meadow Way – Approved by WBC 24/02501/HOUSE - 1A Cloister Mews – Refused by WBC <u>Planning Applications:</u> 25/00124/ADV – Lakeside – No objections 25/00157/ADV – 2 High Street – No objections 25/00062/FUL – Crown House, 1A High Street – Object.	Clerk to submit to WBC.	Proposed: GM Seconded: SC All in favour
7.	<u>Monthly Reports</u> a. District Cllr. Macro had sent a written report via email in advance but gave a verbal update to support the report which included WBC approving cuts at last Thursday's meeting. Cllr. Paul asked about the 3-week bin emptying and reduced gritting. These are part of the cuts for later this year. Cllr. Seto asked about dimming the lights from the 1st April. Cllr. Gallop asked about the Liberal Democrats election campaign to get rid of the green waste charge which hasn't happened. Cllr. Church asked about Planning Enforcement especially on Theale High Street but was advised that WBC have a back log and higher priorities at the moment. b. Cllr. Clifford has sent a written report to members in advance of the meeting. c. Clerk gave a verbal update which included date for the annual sports pitch maintenance. d. Cllr. Hopcroft advised of the new defibrillator funded by Dr Ellertons Charity located outside Theale Library. He also updated Council on the plans for a new flower bed at the bottom of the Recreation Ground near Theale Medical Centre, replacement trees on the back field of the Recreation Ground and a new planter outside the Parish Office. e. Cllr. Gallop advised that he had attended the Village Hall Committee meeting.		

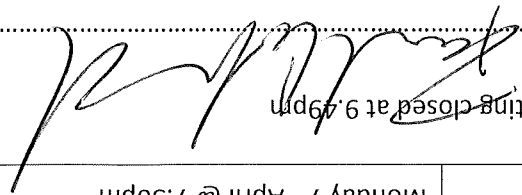
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		TPC object to the application for the following reasons: 1. As a takeaway there is no parking out the front available, it encourages stopping and blocking the road and could be a safety risk as it is at a pedestrian crossing. Where would delivery drivers/pick-up park? We already experience problems with this at Berkshire Kebabs and the Co-op. Do we need another hot food takeaway in the village? 2. Do we need more flats on the High Street? The impact on the residents with regards to odour and harmful to residential amenity. 3. The signage aesthetics is not in keeping with the building and the historic High Street. Other Matters: None			
9.	Finance & Accounts All finance matters were attached as an appendix and sent to the members in advance of the meeting. These are also available for members of the public to view on the TPC website. a. Council approved all the invoices for payment. b. Quotes for consideration: Beechwood – further investigation of the Oak Tree on the Recreation Ground.	Cllr Gallop to authorise payments & Clerk to ask Cllr. Clifford.	Proposed: JS Seconded: MP All in favour Proposed: MC Seconded: MP All in favour		
10.	Correspondence Received Correspondence where relevant is being sent to members via email.	-	-		
11.	CIL Income & Spend 2025/2026 All possible projects were attached as an appendix and sent to the members in advance of the meeting. Council agreed to the following works/spends to be actioned after the 1st of April: New shelter (Recreation Ground) New outside water fountain (Pavillion) Upgrade outside lighting (Pavillion) Repairs/upgrade the path (near Play Park) New Entrance From Lambfields Council deferred the following until the completion of the feasibility study for a new Community Hub: Path connecting Lambfields to Englefield Road New outdoor table tennis table		Proposed: RG Seconded: MP All in favour Proposed: RG Seconded: MP 6 in favour 2 abstained Proposed: RG Seconded: MP All in favour		

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12.	Date Of Next Meeting Monday 7 th April @ 7.30pm			
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The meeting closed at 9.49pm



Chair:

Date:

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