

MINUTES OF THEALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Theale Parish Council held on Monday 8th June 2020 via online video conference

Present: Cllrs D Baker, P Clifford, S Coker, L Cox, K Gash, J Richardson & B Williams (Chairman)

Interim Clerk: C Barlow and **Assistant Clerk:** P Manley

Public/Press: No members of the public

7/20/21 To receive any apologies for absence and declarations of interest

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Z Fenwick & I Hopcroft.

Cllr Clifford declared an interest in planning application 19/01172/OUTMAJ (10/20/21 below).

8/20/21 Chairman to receive any matters to be raised by Members

None were received.

The Assistant Clerk notified the council that its website designer had sent the link to the preliminary version of the new council site. He said he would send the link and his initial thoughts on the design to councillors and encouraged their feedback.

9/20/21 To adopt the minutes of the meetings of the parish council on 2nd March and 11th May and authorise their signing at a later date

Proposed by Cllr Cox, seconded by Cllr Coker, and after a vote with one abstention due to absence at the said meeting, it was

RESOLVED to adopt the minutes of the meeting of the parish council on 2nd March and authorise their signing at a later date.

Proposed by Cllr Clifford, seconded by Cllr Richardson, and after a vote with one abstention due to absence at the said meeting, it was

RESOLVED to adopt the minutes of the meeting of the parish council on 11th May and authorise their signing at a later date

10/20/21 To consider and agree a formal response to Planning Applications received since the last meeting of the council

20/01095/HOUSE	Loft conversion consisting of pitched roof dormer to rear elevation and 2 rooflights to front elevation	3 Worsley Place, Theale, Reading, RG7 5QP Mr and Mrs Payne
No objection		

19/01172/OUTMAJ	Outline application for residential development of up to 104 dwellings. Matter to be considered: Access	Land North Of The Green, Theale, Reading
<p>Objection for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. concern over the safety of the proposed pedestrian link, considering the national speed limit on the road linking The Green and the A340, the propensity for drivers to use this road as a cut-through and drive at high speed, and the necessity for pedestrians to cross the layby in use by buses in the proposed plan 2. lack of clarity over what the proposed pedestrian link is for and its hours of use, considering the gate between the layby and field is kept locked outside school hours; thus, the intended benefits of the link over pedestrian access via The Green are unclear and likely outweighed by the risk to pedestrians' safety 3. the proposed pedestrian link will require removal of established hedgerow and wildlife 4. previous comments submitted by Theale Parish Council have not been addressed. 		

11/20/21 To note West Berkshire Council Planning Decisions for Theale since the last Parish Council Meeting

20/00245/CERTP	Proposed one storey 15m×4m garage	13 Wigmore Lane, Theale, Reading, RG7 5HH John Lee	Approved
16/02850/OUTMAJ	Outline application for up to 88 residential units (Class C3), Public open space and associated highway works, with all matters reserved except access	Former Theale Sewage Treatment Works, Blossom Lane, Theale, Reading	Withdrawn
20/00816/COND9	Application for approval of details reserved by condition 6 (tree protection scheme) of approved application 17/01588/COMIND	Theale Logistics Park, Brunel Road, Theale, Reading	Approved
20/00786/HOUSE	Removal of garage and replacement	12 Lambfields, Theale, Reading, RG7 5DB	Approved
20/00734/HOUSE	New enclosed lean-to front porch	8 North Walk, Theale, Reading, RG7 5BW	Approved
19/02879/FULD	Demolition of former commercial unit and erection of a retail unit, 7 dwellings including parking, bins and landscaping	Theale Motor Ltd Church Street Theale Reading RG7 5BU	Refused

20/00749/FUL	Extend the existing second floor office space and introduce a roof terrace with new external spiral staircase	T A Fisher Ltd Theale Court 11–13 High Street Theale Reading RG7 5AH	Approved
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12/20/21 To authorise payments as listed on payment schedule 555 dated 8th June 2020 to a total of £14,271.51

Proposed by Cllr Richardson and seconded by Cllr Coker, it was unanimously:

RESOLVED to agree to the payment of items listed on payment schedule 555, dated 8th June 2020 to a total of £14,271.51.

13/20/21 To approve the council's accounts for 2019–20

Following their perusal, it was

RESOLVED to approve the council's accounts for 2019–20.

14/20/21 To receive a report from the internal auditor

The previously circulated report was received and the council made no material comments.

15/20/21 To consider a proposal to conduct fitness classes on the recreation ground

Information on the proposal was circulated previously. Following discussion, the council

RESOLVED to provisionally accept the proposal subject to the following conditions:

- i. that the person who made the proposal ensure the proposed activity does not excessively impinge on the use of the recreation ground by others—such as dog walkers, sports players and residents—and abides by the government's social distancing restrictions;
- ii. that this person not damage the football pitch and, where possible, keep off it;
- iii. that, following discussion with the Interim Clerk and with the above in mind, this person consider use of North Street Playing Fields instead of the field between the Pavilion and Theale Green School; and
- iv. that the person avoid producing noise which may be considered a nuisance.

The council decided to grant the person who made the proposal three months free use of the recreation ground (or North Street Playing Fields) as a trial period, after which a fee will be applied for hire of the space.

The council delegated further action to the Interim Clerk and Chairman.

16/20/21 To approve an increase in the number of litter picks from one to two per week as necessary

Due to the increased use of the recreation ground, it was

RESOLVED to approve an increase in the number of litter picks from one to two per week as necessary.

Cllr Clifford requested that the Interim Clerk or Assistant Clerk ask the contracted litter picker to refrain from posting on matters related to council business on social media.

17/20/21 To accept the quotation from Blachere Illumination UK Ltd for the hire, installation, removal and storage of Christmas lights at a cost of £4,384.86 including VAT

The council asked the Assistant Clerk to ask Blachere Illumination UK Ltd for options for different lights within the current agreement. The council

RESOLVED to accept the quotation at from Blachere Illumination UK Ltd for the hire, installation, removal and storage of Christmas lights at a cost of £4,384.86 including VAT, subsequent to a review of the option for different lights.

18/20/21 As part of the annual review of the council's policies, to review:

- **Standing Orders**
- **Equal Opportunities Policy**
- **Recording of Meetings Policy**

Cllr Clifford suggested a paragraph making allowance for “special circumstances” such as the use of video conference during the recent lockdown restrictions be inserted into the Standing Orders, subject to the relevant legislation.

Cllr Clifford also suggested ‘Data Protection Act 1998’ be changed to ‘General Data Protection Regulation’.

Subject to these amendments, the council agreed to accept the listed policies for the next year (to be signed at a later date and reviewed annually).

There being no other business the meeting ended at 8.53pm.

Signed _____ Date _____