

MINUTES OF THEALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the full council meeting of Theale Parish Council held on Monday 7th December 2020 via online video conference

Members present: Cllrs D Baker, A Clark, P Clifford, S Coker, L Cox, K Gash, J Richardson & B Williams.

Clerk: P Manley

Administration Officer: J Crisp

Others present: Phil Mead (chairman of Theale & Tilehurst Cricket Club) & Alan Macro (district councillor)

93/20/21 To receive apologies for absence and declarations of interest

Apologies of absence were received from Cllrs Hopcroft and Rolfe. Cllr Fenwick apologised in advance for lateness.

No declarations of interest were received.

94/20/21 To consider a proposal from a member of the Theale and Tilehurst Cricket Club to reduce the club's annual fee for 2020

The chairman of the club, Phil Mead, explained the club's financial hardship this year due to COVID-19. Due to the club's limited use of the Pavilion and the fact it had to hire its own toilet facilities, he asked that the hourly hire rate be waived and the club pay the flat fee of £21 per match only.

Proposed by Cllr Clifford, seconded by Cllr Clark, it was

RESOLVED to make a one-off concession to the club because of the effects of COVID-19, that is: to charge the club the flat fee of £21 per match, £15.75 for the youth match and £28 for the four hours' meeting hire, making the total payable by the club £505.75 (based on 22 matches played).

Cllr Williams suggested both the club and council update its agreed hire charges annually.

95/20/21 District councillor's report

Cllr Macro delivered his report on three items:

- i. the new planning applications at regarding Theale railway station
- ii. West Berkshire Council's consultation on minerals and waste plan and the proposed new gravel quarry between the Spring Inn and railway, and
- iii. West Berkshire Council's new Local Plan and the proposed consultation period which was to begin Friday 11th December 2020.

[Due to the confidential nature of the third item, the recording of the meeting was paused.]

96/20/21 Chairman to receive any matters raised by members

Cllr Williams thanked Cllrs Clark, Coker and Rolfe for fixing and removing the poppies throughout the village. She had received lots of positive comments from villagers.

Cllr Gash updated the council on the preliminary work she and the administration officer had done in advance of the planned extraordinary meeting (NOV 85/20/21) to find out options for replacing the play area. Cllr Gash would circulate a written report to the council.

97/20/21 Clerk's update

The clerk delivered his update. He was also asked to alert West Berkshire Council and Kier to the poor state of the path on North Street Playing Fields.

98/20/21 To adopt the minutes of the parish council meeting on 2nd November and authorise their signing later

Proposed by Cllr Clark, seconded by Cllr Coker, it was

RESOLVED to adopt the minutes of the parish council meeting on 2nd November and authorise their signing later.

99/20/21 To consider and agree a formal response to planning applications and appeals received since the last council meeting

20/02520/HOUSE	Ground floor extension and internal rearrangement	4 North Walk Theale RG7 5BW Robert Colton
No objection		

At this point, 8:35pm, Cllr Fenwick joined the meeting.

20/02588/S74B (adjacent parish)	Section 74B application to temporarily modify the construction working hours authorised by the construction management plan approved pursuant to Condition 11 of planning permission 19/01544/FULEXT - Amended construction working hours: 07:30 am to 9:00pm Monday to Friday (excluding Sundays and bank holidays), 08:30 am to 4:00pm on Saturdays. No construction operations shall take place on Sundays or bank holidays. Temporary modification from 28th November 2020 until 31st March 2021.	Land West of Dorking Way Calcot Reading Bellway Homes (Thames Valley) Ltd
Objection due to the unreasonably late working hours and use of floodlights, associated light and noise pollution for nearby residents and the detrimental impact on traffic.		
20/02620/HOUSE	Single storey rear and side extension	92 Meadow Way Theale RG7 5DG Mr & Mrs Ward
No objection		
20/02650/HOUSE	Side and rear extension	6 Lambfields Theale RG7 5DB Mr & Mrs Ben Marshal
No objection		

100/20/21 To note West Berkshire Council planning decisions for Theale Parish since the last parish council meeting

20/01913/HOUSE	Demolition of single storey side garage and proposed single storey side extension	23 Church Street Theale RG7 5BX Sarah Lake	Approved
20/02069/FUL	Proposed change of use from Class A1 to 2No two bedroom residential properties with off street parking and private amenity space	51 Church Street Theale RG7 5BX Mr Farrell	Approved
20/02179/HOUSE	Side and rear two storey extension and garden room	6 Lambfields Theale RG7 5DB Ben Marshall	Withdrawn
20/02156/OUTMAJ	Section 73 application for the variation/removal of Condition 4 (Site Access) of planning permission 16/01846/OUTMAJ. Residential development comprising the erection of 25 dwellings with associated access, parking and landscaping works. Matters to be considered Access.	North Lakeside The Green Central Coporation Estates Ltd	Withdrawn
20/02162/TELE56	Installation of a new 20.0m column supporting 6 no antennas, together with ground-based equipment cabinets and ancillary development thereto	Telecommunications Mast Brunel Road Theale MBNL and H3G	No decision required
20/02484/CERTP	Construction of a garden room in concrete pads with timber frame on top	6 Lambfields Theale RG7 5DB Ben Marshall	Lawful
20/02421/NONMAT	Application for a non-material amendment following a grant of planning permission 16/01846/OUTMAJ - Residential development comprising the erection of 25 dwellings with associated access, parking and landscaping works. Matters to be considered Access. Amendments: The condition which refers to the access arrangement is condition 4 of the approval. Condition 4 states that: The site access shall be laid out and constructed in accordance with the approved plan, Stuart Michael Associates Drawing No. 5232.002 (included within the Planning Portal Reference: PP-09167074 SMA Transport Statement reference 5458.TS, issue 03, dated May 2016). No dwelling shall be occupied until the access has been provided in accordance with these approved details".The NMA seeks a change to the access plan referred to in condition 4. We are replacing SMA drawing no. 5232.002 with SMA drawing number 5458.007.	North Lakeside The Green Theale	Approved

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 Theale Insistmetal 2 Ltd, Central Corporation Securities Ltd	Approved
20/00664/RESMAJ	Approval of reserved matters application (full details are included for access, appearance, landscaping layout and scale) of planning permission 16/01846/OUTMAJ allowed on appeal APP/W0340/W/16/3163215 – Residential development comprising the erection of 25 dwellings with associated access, parking and landscaping works. Matters to be considered: access.	North Lakeside The Green Theale Central Corporation Estates Ltd	Approved

101/20/21 To authorise payments as listed on payment schedule 561 dated 7th December 2020

Cllr Williams asked the clerk to get confirmation from Theale Village Hall that the sewage pump works had been completed. Proposed by Cllr Clifford, seconded by Cllr Baker, it was

RESOLVED to agree to the payment of the items listed on payment schedule 561 dated 7th December 2020.

102/20/21 To receive a letter from Mary Tearney, trustee of The John Cumber Charity, about the financial state of the John Cumber Hall

Members received and discussed the letter. They expressed their wish to keep the hall as a community asset. It was decided the clerk and Cllr Richardson would arrange to meet with Mary Tearney to try to fulfil this wish and, prior to this, councillors would send any questions to the clerk.

103/20/21 To approve provisionally the draft budget proposal for the next financial year

Cllr Clifford suggested the allocated money for ‘repairs and maintenance’ be doubled, on account of the age of the Pavilion and the poor condition of its exterior doors, and the projected income from the John Cumber Hall be assumed nothing.

Subject to these changes, the council provisionally approved the draft budget as it stood. Once the tax base figure had been received, the council agreed to approve the final proposal and precept figure at the extraordinary meeting on 25th January 2020 or, if possible, 11th January.

104/20/21 To approve a request from Spotlight UK Sports Academy to use the recreation ground for sports training

It was

RESOLVED to offer Spotlight UK Sports Academy weekly use of the recreation ground on three week days and one afternoon at the weekend, offer the facilities free of charge unless it require use of the Pavilion toilets, make it a condition that the organisation assess the pitch for cleanliness before its hire period, and review the contract in six months.

It was further

RESOLVED to appoint Cllrs Baker, Coker and Cox to assist the clerk in agreeing the exact terms of the contract.

105/20/21 To approve the installation of a David Ogilvie bench as per the attached proposal

It was

RESOLVED to approve the installation of a ‘Lest We Forget’ David Ogilvie bench at the proposed location, and request that the doves in the design be black, not white.

106/20/21 To resolve that the public leaves the meeting for the remaining items, pursuant to the Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, section 1(2)

It was

RESOLVED that the public leaves the meeting for the remaining items, pursuant to the Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, section 1(2).

[Due to the confidential nature of the following item, the recording of the meeting was stopped.]

107/20/21 To receive a proposal for a gym on the recreation ground

Proposed by Cllr Coker, with unanimous approval, it was

RESOLVED to decline the proposal of a gym on the recreation ground due to similar facilities in the area, including the fitness class, and the intention to install outdoor gym equipment on the recreation ground in the future.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 10:00pm.

Signed _____ Dated _____