

**THATCHAM TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of a Meeting of the**  
**Planning and Highways Committee**  
**held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 19:00hrs**  
**in the Council Chamber, Brownsfield Road, Thatcham**

Present: Councillor Simon Pike (Chairman)  
 Councillors Jay Lunn, Tom McCann, Justin Pemberton and Val Watts

In attendance: Mel Taylor (Town Clerk)  
 2 members of public

**PH/2024/020 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**  
 There were no apologies for absence.

**PH/2024/021 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
 Councillor Watts declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item number 6 (PH/2024/025) as a resident of Crookham Park.

Councillor Pemberton declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item number 4(4) (24/00042/FULMAJ – Hambridge Lake) as a member of the Eastern Area Planning Committee.

Councillor Pike declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item number 4(5) (24/00221/FUL – 7 Henwick Lane) as a resident of Henwick Lane.

**PH/2024/022 MINUTES**  
**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024, having been previously circulated, be taken as read, confirmed and signed as an accurate record.

**PH/2024/023 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**  
 Committee considered the following planning applications:

Plan No.	Ward	Application No.	Location:	Proposal:
1	Thatcham West	23/02624/HOUSE (Amended)	3 Loundyes Close	Changes to rear extension to move it away from neighbouring property. Removal of window to side elevation <b>RESOLVED: OBJECT - the lack of subservience highlighted in the original objection has not been addressed and boundary issues remain unchanged, therefore Thatcham Town Council's previous comments still stand</b>
2	Thatcham Central	24/00301/HOUSE	4 Mallards Reach	Formation of habitable room in roofspace with rear dormer and front Velux rooflights <b>RESOLVED: NO OBJECTION</b>

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**PH/2024/023 PLANNING APPLICATIONS continued**

<b>Plan No.</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Location:</b>	<b>Proposal:</b>
3	Thatcham West	24/00331/FUL	10 Westfield Crescent	Demolition of utility room and GF WC/shower room; erection of part-double, part-single storey rear extension; loft conversion. Erection of 2.5 storey, 3 bedroomed semi-detached dwelling on land to north-east of 10 Westfield Crescent. Amenity space to the rear will be divided with the existing outbuilding remaining within the curtilage of 10 Westfield Crescent <b>RESOLVED: NO OBJECTION</b>
4	Thatcham West	24/00042/FULMAJ (Amended)	Hambridge Lake	Relocation of fishing chalets so none opposite proposed access road <b>RESOLVED: OBJECT - there is no material change to Thatcham Town Council's original objection to this application</b>
<i>Councillor Pemberton abstained from voting on the above application (24/00042/FULMAJ)</i>				
5	Thatcham West	24/00221/FUL	7 Henwick Lane	New driveway to front and new fence and wider gates to the side of the property <b>RESOLVED: OBJECT - alerting Highways to concerns that access will be on a corner, the orientation of car parking is unclear, and a plan of the required 4 car parking spaces is requested, and there is an existing street light column</b>

**PH/2024/024 DECISION NOTICES**

Committee noted Thatcham related planning decisions published since the last meeting of this Committee.

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**PH/2024/025 WEST BERKSHIRE LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION**

Following approval of a response to matters 1 to 3 of the Inspector's Report: IN6 INSPECTOR'S MATTERS, ISSUES AND QUESTIONS AND WRITTEN STATEMENTS at the last meeting, Committee considered draft responses to matters 4 to 11 (excluding 10 which was not relevant, and 11.10 & 11.11 which would be considered by the Town Centre Committee on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024), prepared by Councillor Pike. At a meeting of Full Council on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024, authority was delegated to this Committee to respond to the Inspector's report.

**RESOLVED** to approve the draft responses to matters 4 to 11 (with the exceptions outlined above), as presented and approve submission to the Inspector (appendix I).

**PH/2024/026 PLANNING MATTERS**

There were no planning matters arising since publication of the agenda.

**PH/2024/027 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT / HIGHWAYS / ROAD SAFETY MATTERS**

**a. Lower Way closure 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024**

Notification had been received from West Berkshire Council that Lower Way would be closed from 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024, between its junction with Glebelands and Paynesdown Road, to enable the installation of new gas and electric connections.

An alternative route was via Lower Way, Pound Lane, A4 Bath Road, A4 Chapel Street, The Moors, Lower Way and vice versa.

Residential access would be maintained throughout and the diversion would be signed on site. Blue light access would not be permitted.

All enquiries should be directed to The Independent Connection Provider Ltd (The ICP).

**b. Proposed purchase of Speed Monitoring Device**

Committee considered a recommendation from the Town Clerk that the Town Council purchase its own Speed Monitoring Device.

**RESOLVED** to support the Town Clerk's recommendation, subject to a paper on costs and resource implications being presented to the Finance and General Purposes Committee for consideration.

**c. To receive any Traffic Management / Highways / Road Safety matters arising since publication of the agenda.**

**i.** Councillor Pike advised that concern had been raised by a town centre business of vehicles entering The Broadway from the A4 and turning immediately into the High Street without navigating the one-way system around The Broadway and confirmed that discussions were ongoing with Thames Valley Police and West Berkshire Council Highways.

**ii.** Councillor Lunn advised that there was no signage on the High Street advising vehicles leaving property car parks that it was a one-way street.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20:05hrs.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_