

THATCHAM TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of a Meeting of the
Planning and Highways Committee
held on Tuesday 22nd October 2024 at 19:00hrs
in the Council Chamber, Brownsfield Road, Thatcham

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

In attendance: James Pye (Place Manager)
 Councillor Stephanie Steevenson
 Laila Bassett and Paula Amorelli (West Berkshire Council)

PH/2024/086 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None received.

PH/2024/087 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

PH/2024/088 NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN
RESOLVED

to allow members of public to speak.

Laila Bassett from West Berkshire Council presented an overview on the Neighbourhood Development Plan and the processes and timelines involved. Place Manager to distribute the presentation to all Councillors and the Committee, once received from West Berkshire Council.

Laila and Paula were thanked for the presentation, and they left the meeting

PH/2024/089 MINUTES
RESOLVED

that the Minutes of the meeting held on 27th August 2024, having been previously circulated, be taken as read, confirmed and signed as an accurate record.

PH/2024/090 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Committee considered the following planning applications:

24/01824/LBC	The Plough Inn, 81 Chapel Street, Thatcham	Change of use from existing building to provide x3 residential dwellings (Use Class C3) and the development of x2 residential flats to the rear, with associated parking, cycle parking, waste storage and other ancillary works. RESOLVED: Object - Committee raised concerns regarding car parking, vehicle access/egress onto Stoney Lane and Public Right of Way adjacent to proposed development
24/01793/FUL	13-14 Kingsland Centre, Thatcham	Demolition of separating walls between adjacent retail units to form a single unit. Erection of a new internal buffer wall to separate back of house from retail floor at rear of unit 14 RESOLVED: Support

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PH/2024/090 PLANNING APPLICATIONS continued

24/01288/REG3	Walnut Close, Bath Road, Thatcham	Change of use from commercial to residential to form x19 bedsits, x1 1 bed, x2 2 bed and x1 3 bed for eastern wing of building. Retaining current family time usage. RESOLVED: Support
24/01975/HOUSE	61 Henwick Lane, Thatcham	Two storey side extension to enlarge kitchen and create new utility and shower rooms with enlarged bedroom. Erection of home office outbuilding following demolition of existing garage and replacement of conservatory roof with solid roof panels. RESOLVED: No Objections

PH/2024/091 DECISION NOTICES

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

PH/2024/092 WEST BERKSHIRE LOCAL PLAN REVIEW 2022-2039

Councillor Pike provided an update on the Local Plan Review 2022-2039, not much further to add, Councillor Pike to attend the next meeting in December 2024.

PH/2024/093 PLANNING MATTERS

Committee noted the following information:

- i. The Place Manager informed that in regard to application **24/01163/REG3 Age Concern, Laburnum Centre, Stirling Way**, after a request from Thatcham Town Council, West Berkshire Council had now submitted a clarification statement. Place Manager to ask West Berkshire Council if they could forward the clarification statement to the residents in Stirling Way who objected to this proposal.
- ii. The Place Manager informed that regarding application **23/02508/FUL 55 Chapel Street** an appeal had been made to the Secretary of State against the decision of West Berkshire Council to refuse planning permission. Written representations to be received by 24th October 2024. No further comments from the Committee.
- iii. The Place Manager notified the Committee that application **24/01723/FUL Land at Rear of 75 Northfield Road accessed by Sagedcroft Road** had now been withdrawn. Councillor Pike gave a brief update on the previous applications for this location, confirming that the withdrawal applied to all.

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PH/2024/094 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT / HIGHWAYS / ROAD SAFETY MATTERS

Committee noted the following information

- i. The Place Manager informed that West Berkshire Council had issued notification regarding A4/Crown Mead Highway Improvement Works, West Berkshire Council had now confirmed completion of works would be 17th November 2024.

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

Signed: _____

Date: _____