

THATCHAM TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of a meeting of the
Recreation and Amenities Committee
held on Monday 17th December 2018 at 7pm
in the Council Chamber, Brownsfield Road, Thattham

Present: Councillor Steve Ardagh-Walter (Chairman)
 Councillors Dominic Boeck, Jason Collis, Rob Denton-Powell, Lee Dillon,
 Sheila Ellison and Nathan Gregory (substituting for Councillor John Chelliah)

In attendance: Naomi Mildenhall (Services Manager)

RA/2018/103 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor John Chelliah (Councillor Nathan Gregory appointed as substitute).

RA/2018/104 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

RA/2018/105 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 19th November 2018, having been previously circulated, be taken as read and signed as a correct record of the proceedings.

RA/2018/106 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

a) Clerks Report

RA/2018/96 - West Berkshire Heritage Forum

Members received a letter of thanks from West Berkshire Heritage Forum for the voluntary contribution of £50 to the organisation.

b) Other Matters

There were no other matters.

RA/2018/107 BROADWAY GREEN

Committee received a report from the Services Manager regarding revitalisation of the Broadway Green and considered two quotes from landscape architects.

RESOLVED to appoint a landscape architect at a cost of up to £1,480, to produce a design for the Broadway Green.

RESOLVED that a letter be sent to Thattham Chamber of Commerce, West Berkshire Council and Kingsland Centre management company to open discussions about future plans for Thattham Broadway.

RESOLVED to bring forward supplementary agenda item number 11 due to its link with the previous item.

RA/2018/108 HERITAGE WORKING PARTY

a) Committee received the Minutes of the Heritage Working Party meeting held on 21st November 2018, and considered the recommendations therein regarding the content of interpretation panels for Thattham Broadway.

RESOLVED to adopt the Minutes and agree the content of the interpretation panels.

b) Committee considered a recommendation from the Heritage Working Party regarding the location of two interpretation panels in Thattham Broadway.

RESOLVED to agree to the locations presented, with a note to Officers to ensure that, if required as part of the revitalisation, the Panels may be movable.

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RA/2018/109 FEES AND CHARGES

Committee considered a report from the Services Manager detailing proposed fees and charges for 2019-20.

RESOLVED to agree fees and charges for 2019-20 as detailed in appendix i to these minutes.

RA/2018/110 NOTICE OF INTENDED ENTRY

Committee received Notice of Intended Entry relating to the South East Thatcham Flood Alleviation Scheme from West Berkshire Council.

RESOLVED to note the information.

RA/2018/111 INCIDENTS

Committee received a report on incidents of vandalism and anti-social behaviour logged by the Town Council during the period 13th November and 11th December 2018.

RESOLVED to note the report.

RA/2018/112 BUDGET / EXPENDITURE COSTS

a) Committee received details of proposed BACS and cheque payments from the Imprest account (appendix ii to these Minutes).

RESOLVED to approve the list of payments and that Councillors Boeck and Ellison be appointed to sign the cheques and endorse the relevant documentation.

b) Committee received details of income and expenditure costs against this Committee's budget for the year to date (appendix iii to these Minutes).

RESOLVED to note the information.

RA/2018/113 REPORTS BY TOWN COUNCIL APPOINTEES

Members noted the following verbal reports from Town Council appointees:

- **Henwick Worthy Joint Management Committee**
Councillor Ardagh-Walter reported that the last meeting was inquorate as no Town Councillor representatives were in attendance.
- **The Thatcham (Old Bluecoat School) Charity**
Councillor Ellison reported that the Trust were looking at organising the Friends of OBS social again this year and that Mrs Bates, after nine years volunteering for the Trust, was retiring and there would be a transition over to Miss Watkins who would be taking over.
- **Thatcham Memorial Hall & Playing Fields Foundation**
Councillor Gregory reported that the Foundation were pursuing becoming a Charitable Incorporated Organisation to reduce the liability on the members. It had also been decided that the complement of the Board would be changed and consultation was currently taking place. The Foundation had also received support from Greenham Trust to start works on the garden improvements.
- **West Berkshire Heritage Forum**
Councillor Gregory reported that the local listing panel met in Thatcham this month which was a first in its nine year history and was looking at assets in Thatcham to list including the War Memorial and the chapel at London Road Cemetery.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.07pm.

Signed: _____ Date: _____