

THATCHAM TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of a meeting of the
Recreation and Amenities Committee
held on Monday 17th June 2019 at 7pm
in the Council Chamber, Brownsfield Road, Thattham

Present: Councillor Jeremy Cottam (Chairman)
 Councillors Steve Ardagh-Walter, John Boyd, Jeff Brooks, Lourdes Cottam, Paul Field, Owen Jeffery, Mark Lillycrop, Simon Pike and Keith Woodhams.

In attendance: Naomi Mildenhall (Services Manager)
 Councillors Mike Cole, Ellen Crumly and Jennifer Walker.
 Sheila Ellison from Thattham Dementia Community Forum
 Nathan Gregory from Heritage Working Party
 1 member of the press (Newbury Weekly News)

RA/2019/36 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
 There were no apologies for absence.

RA/2019/37 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
 There were no declarations of interest.

RA/2019/38 MINUTES.
RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 20th May 2019, having been previously circulated, be taken as read and signed as a correct record of the proceedings.

RA/2019/39 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING
 a) Clerks report – Committee received an update on the Broadway Public Convenience Working Party meeting dates and the difficulty in setting a date.
RESOLVED to note this information.

RA/2019/40 THATCHAM DEMENTIA FRIENDLY COMMUNITY FORUM
RESOLVED Committee considered a request Thattham Dementia Friendly Community Forum. to suspend Standing Orders to allow Sheila Ellison to address the Committee.

Mrs Ellison explained Dementia in design, from choosing the right colours to using the correct recognised signage. West Berkshire Council had a conference with many speakers and including a Dementia Architect, Mrs Ellison asked for the Town Council to consider contracting a specialist to analyse where improvements could be made to make the town more dementia friendly and adopt a policy to becoming more dementia friendly.

Mrs Ellison was thanked for her attendance.
RESOLVED to re-instate Standing Orders.
RESOLVED to instruct officers to gather information from West Berkshire Council on plans already in place, obtain quotes from Dementia Architects and report back to a future meeting of this Committee.

RA/2019/41 HERITAGE WORKING PARTY
 Committee considered adoption of the Minutes of the Heritage Working Party meeting held on 5th June 2019 along with recommendations contained therein.
RESOLVED to suspend Standing Orders to allow Nathan Gregory to address the committee. Mr Gregory explained that this would be the second blue plaque in the scheme, the first being on the Kings Head public house. It was proposed that following public consultation a blue plaque be placed on the Parish Hall to commemorate the first women elected to the Parish Council.

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RA/2019/41 HERITAGE WORKING PARTY Continued
 Mr Gregory was thanked for his attendance.

RESOLVED to reinstate standing orders.

RESOLVED to adopt the Minutes and the purchase of a commemorative blue plaque to be installed on Thatcham Parish Hall to commemorate "7th April 1919 villagers elect first women to Thatcham Parish Council Mrs AM Ashman & Mrs IS Pike, Thatcham Town Council 2019"

RA/2019/42 WATER REFILL SCHEME

Committee received a report from the Services Manager at the request of Councillor Crumly, outlining the Refill Campaign encouraging people to refill water bottles and cut down on single use plastics.

RESOLVED to add the Water Refill Scheme to the agenda for the Environmental Working Party to consider the Memorandum of Understanding and to support the National Refill day on social media on the 19th June 2019.

RA/2019/43 INCIDENTS

Committee received a report on incidents of vandalism and anti-social behaviour logged by the Town Council during the period of 13th May 2019 and 11th June 2019.

RESOLVED to note the report.

RA/2019/44 BUDGET / EXPENDITURE COSTS

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

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

b) Committee received budget figures for this Committee for the financial year to 31st May 2019 (appendix ii to these Minutes).

RESOLVED to note the information.

RA/2019/45 REPORTS BY TOWN COUNCIL APPOINTEES

Committee received the following reports from Town Council appointees to the outside bodies.

- **Friends of Thatcham Library**

Councillor Lillycrop reported that the Friends of Thatcham Library were very grateful for the funding from Thatcham Town Council and looking forward to attending the Family Fun Day.

- **Thatcham Parish Hall Management Committee**

Councillor Pike informed Committee that the Trustees were now in discussion with the Charity Commission regarding next steps.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.48pm.

Signed: _____

Date: _____