

THATCHAM TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of a meeting of the
Recreation and Amenities Committee
held on Monday 27th February 2023 at 7.00pm
in the Council Chamber, Brownsfield Road, Thattham

- Present:** Councillor Mark Lillycrop (Chairman)
 Councillors Steve Ardagh-Walter, Mike Cole, Jeremy Cottam, Lourdes Cottam,
 Owen Jeffery, Simon Pike and Keith Woodhams
- In attendance:** Mike Aslin (Services Manager)
 1 member of the public
- RA/2023/01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mike Cole and Paul Field.
- RA/2023/02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
 There were no declarations of interest.
- RA/2023/03 MINUTES**
RESOLVED to take as read and confirm as accurate, the Minutes of the meeting held on 19th December 2022.
- RA/2023/04 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**
 There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.
- RA/2023/05 INCOME / EXPENDITURE COSTS**
 Councillors reviewed and noted income and expenditure for this Committee's budgets for the financial year to date.
- Councillor Ardagh-Walter requested further information be sent out by email for the next financial year's Burdwood gas budget and also a bad debt write off for the Cemetery.
- RA/2023/06 PLAY PARK INSPECTIONS**
 Members considered the Finance and General Purposes Committee's request that a proposal be explored to bring half of the routine play equipment inspections in-house, to be carried out by the newly recruited Maintenance Officer. The proposal was assessed further during the 2023/24 budget setting and the revised external contractor cost incorporated into the 2023/24 budget adopted by Council on 30th January 2023.
- RESOLVED** Committee noted and supported the enclosed report from the Town Clerk.
- RA/2023/07 INCLUSIVE AND ACCESSIBLE PLAY PARK EQUIPMENT**
 Members received a verbal update from the Services Manager on the recent installation of inclusive and accessible playpark equipment at Lamb Close, Dunstan Green, Turnfields, Moorside and Kennet Heath, confirming that the play park installations were underway and due to be completed within the next two weeks.

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- RA/2023/08** **HERITAGE WORKING PARTY**
RESOLVED to adopt the Minutes of the Heritage Working Party held on 11th January 2023 and the following recommendation contained therein:
 I. HT/2023/11 Members agreed to setting up a reactive maintenance budget to repaint the Tomlin Memorial Plaque and all four sides of the Millennium Monument with estimated cost to under £1,380.
- RA/2023/09** **ENVIROMENTAL WORKING PARTY**
RESOLVED to adopt the Minutes of the Environmental Working Party meeting held on 9th February 2023.
- RA/2023/10** **DETACHED YOUTH WORK**
 Councillors noted a report from RMD Adventure Learning, the Town Council's Detached Youth Service provider, reviewing their work for the period September 2022 to January 2023. It was agreed to invite a representative from RMD to attend the next meeting to present an overview of their work to date.
- RA/2023/11** **COMMUNITY PROJECTS FUND APPLICATIONS**
 Councillors considered an application for funding from the Community Projects Fund (CPF): Thatcham Rugby Club for £250 from the Community Projects Fund 'to support community Rugby for players between the age of 6 – 60 and older'.
RESOLVED to award a grant of £250 to Thatcham Rugby Club from the Community Project Fund.
- RA/2023/12** **INCIDENTS**
 Councillors noted a report on incidents of vandalism and anti-social behaviour logged by the Town Council between 19th December 21st February 2023.
- RA/2023/13** **APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS**
 Members received proposed BACS payments due from the Imprest account (appendix I).
RESOLVED to approve the BACS payments.
- RA/2023/14** **REPORTS BY TOWN COUNCIL APPOINTEES**
 Councillors noted reports from Town Council Appointees on the following outside bodies:
- Friends of Thatcham Library**
 Councillor Lillycrop reported that there had been a meeting to discuss possible events surrounding the King's Coronation.
- Henwick Worthy Joint Management Committee**
 Councillor Pike reported that West Berkshire Council was still working on the Masterplan for Henwick Worthy which was due to be completed in the third quarter of 2023.
- Thatcham Parish Hall Management Committee**
 Councillor Pike reported that the Parish Hall had closed due to a fault found during an electrical inspection.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.36pm.

Signed: _____

Date: _____