

THATCHAM TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of a meeting of the
Recreation and Amenities Committee
held on Monday 19th June 2023 at 7.00pm
in the Council Chamber, Brownsfield Road, Thattham

Present: Councillor Tom McCann (Chairman)
 Councillors Suzanne Adamantos, John Boyd, Jeremy Cottam, Petra Pemberton
 (substituting for Councillor Mike Cole) and Ben Schiffer-Harte

In attendance: Mel Taylor (Town Clerk)

- RA/2023/29 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mike Cole (Councillor Petra Pemberton appointed as substitute), Owen Jeffery and Simon Pike. An apology for lateness was received from Councillor Jeremy Cottam.
- RA/2023/30 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
 There were no declarations of interest.
- RA/2023/31 MINUTES**
RESOLVED to take as read and confirm as accurate, the Minutes of the meeting held on 20th March 2023.
- RA/2023/32 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**
 There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.
- RA/2023/33 INCOME / EXPENDITURE COSTS**
 Committee reviewed and noted income and expenditure for this Committee's budgets for the financial year to date.
- RA/2023/34 WEST BERKSHIRE THERAPY CENTRE**
 Committee noted that the Town Clerk had given authority to West Berkshire Therapy Centre to replace 5 x internal glass panels, between Hall 2 and the Meeting Room, with 5 x toughened transparent glass panels, in order to facilitate additional gym equipment in the Meeting Room. The work was funded by West Berkshire Therapy Centre and a reputable contractor appointed to carry out the work.
- RA/2023/35 WORKING PARTIES 2023/24**
RESOLVED to agree Working Parties, that report to this Committee, Terms of Reference and appointment of Members for the municipal year 2023/24, as set out in appendix I to these Minutes, and to seek to fill vacancies on the Youth Working Party at the next meeting.

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PLAY AREA MAINTENANCE

Committee considered a report from the Town Clerk seeking approval for essential planned maintenance expenditure.

RESOLVED

to approve the following expenditure, funded from the Planned Maintenance revenue budget:

Skate Park	Routine repainting of riding surface	£2,480 x twice per year = £4,960
Skate Park	Replace rotting side panels	£5,639
Burdwood Play Area	Wetpour safety surface repair	£2,706
Kennet Heath	Wetpour safety surface repair	£2,250
Various Play Areas	General wetpour safety surface repairs	£1,500
Moorside Play Area	Grass matting safety surface repair	£1,800

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RESOLVED

ENVIRONMENTAL WORKING PARTY

to adopt the Minutes of the Environmental Working Party meeting held on 30th March 2023.

RA/2023/38
RESOLVED

APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS

to approve BACS payments due from the Imprest account (appendix II).

RA/2023/39

REPORTS BY TOWN COUNCIL APPOINTEES

Councillors noted the following reports from Town Council Appointees on outside bodies:

Friends of Thatcham Library

Councillor Schiffer-Harte reported that terms of a service level agreement between the Friends group and the Town Council were being negotiated, a King's Coronation celebration was a success, they were working on plans for the garden area and an event would be held during Thatcham Festival. Plans for an accessible toilet were shown and it was expected that closure of the library during construction would be limited.

The Thatcham (Old Bluecoat School)

Councillor Cottam reported that maintenance was going well and the Trust was fundraising for new, replacement oak entrance doors.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.55pm.

Signed: _____

Date: _____