

THATCHAM TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of a Meeting of the
Planning and Highways Committee
held on Tuesday 18th November 2025 at 19:00hrs
in the Council Chamber, Brownsfield Road, Thatcham

Present: Simon Pike (Chairman)
 Councillors Justin Pemberton, Mark Thomas and Val Watts

In attendance: James Pye (Place/Services) Manager

PH/2025/093 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
 Apologies for absence received from Councillor's John Boyd, Dave and Jay Lunn

PH/2025/094 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
 There was a declaration of interest from Councillor Justin Pemberton, in relation to agenda item no.4. Cllr Pemberton is a Cold Ash Councillor and a member of the West Berkshire Council District Planning Committee.

PH/2025/095 MINUTES
RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 21st October 2025, having been previously circulated, be taken as read, confirmed and signed as an accurate record.

PH/2025/096 PLANNING APPLICATIONS
 There were two applications to consider, firstly, **application 25/02152/FUL Church of St Mary, Church Gate, Thatcham** repointing and provision of new foundations to existing boundary wall. As Thatcham Town Council essentially are the applicant, Committee decided no further comment regarding this application.

Next to discuss, application **25/00278/FULMAJ Land west of Heath Lane and north of Bowling Green Road**, a development proposed of 229 dwellings by Croudace Homes. Thatcham Town Council. The Committee has previously discussed the original application, on the flood risk and vehicle access concerns. Tonight, Committee decided that Thatcham Town Council maintain that objection based on concerns already raised by the Environment Agency and Cold Ash Parish Council and the new application suggests just one vehicle access onto Bowling Green Road, this is also a concern. Place Manager to submit response to West Berkshire Council.

PH/2025/097 DECISION NOTICES
 Committee noted Thatcham related planning decisions published since the last meeting of this Committee.

PH/2025/098 WEST BERKSHIRE LOCAL PLAN REVIEW 2022-2039 [2023-2041]
 Chairman Pike informed Committee there was not much of an update, recently the Chairman personally enquired with West Berkshire Council on the progress and was told there is a slight delay and a realistic time for a further update would be January 2026.

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PH/2025/099**PLANNING MATTERS**

- a) There were no other Planning Matters arising since publication of the agenda.

PH/2025/100**TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT/ HIGHWAYS/ ROAD SAFETY MATTERS**

- i) Committee noted that West Berkshire Council have forwarded an amended project notification in relation to pedestrian and crossing improvement works along Lower Way, Thatcham. The permit for works has been amended to 24th November- 19th December 2025. This will involve temporary traffic lights and working hours between 9:30-3:00 daily.
- ii) Committee noted another public consultation received from West Berkshire Council in relation to a new consultation Parking Schemes Amendment 37. This involves many parking restrictions to be introduced within Thatcham and that the Consultation period from 27th November to 18th December 2025. Place Manager to forward to all Thatcham Town Council Councillors.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 19:25hrs.

Signed: _____

Date: _____