

THATCHAM TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of a Meeting of the
Planning and Highways Committee held on
Tuesday 13th January 2026 at 19:00hrs
in the Council Chamber, Brownsfield Road, Thattham

Present: Simon Pike (Chairman)
 Councillors Dave & Jay Lunn, Mark Thomas, Tom McCann, Petra Pemberton (substitute) & Val Watts

In attendance: James Pye (Place/Services) Manager

PH/2026/01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
 Apologies for absence received from Councillor's Justin Pemberton and John Boyd

PH/2026/02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
 There were no declarations of interest.

PH/2026/03 MINUTES
RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 16th December 2025, having been previously circulated, be taken as read, confirmed and signed as an accurate record.

PH/2026/04 PLANNING APPLICATIONS
 There was one planning application to discuss on the agenda.
Application 25/02827/FUL 29 Roman Way, Thattham a part retrospective planning application for change of use from single dwelling (Class C3) to 8 bed HMO 9 (Class Sui Generis). Committee were reminded by the Place Manager that the original application was objected too by Thattham Town Council in 2024 based on insufficient parking and that the development was out of keeping with the surrounding neighbourhood. The Chairman suggested that Thattham Town Council object to this application maintaining our previous stance from 2024. Councillor McCann noted he will abstain from voting due to his involvement in the Eastern Planning Board as this will more than likely be included within their next meeting.
 Place Manager to submit response on planning portal.

RESOLVED

PH/2026/05 DECISION NOTICES
 Committee noted Thattham related planning decisions published since the last meeting of this Committee.

PH/2026/06 WEST BERKSHIRE LOCAL PLAN REVIEW 2022-2039 [2023-2041]
 Chairman Pike informed Committee there was again no further update at this stage. The Chairman noted it has been six months or more since West Berkshire Council adopted the plan and feels Thattham Town Council should raise our concerns that this has not progressed as it should. Chairman suggested drafting some wording to send to West Berkshire Council, for approval at the next Committee Meeting, if no further update received by then.

**PH/2026/07 STATUTORY CONSULTATION ON INTRODUCTION OF A 20MPH
SPEED LIMIT ON SELECTED ROADS OF HERMITAGE, COLD ASH
AND BUCKLEBURY**

RESOLVED Chairman Pike drafted a response in relation to this consultation and proposed to Committee to send this response to West Berkshire Consultation as a Thatcham Town Council response. Committee agreed. Place Manager to submit.

PH/2026/08 PLANNING MATTERS

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

PH/2026/09 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT/ HIGHWAYS/ ROAD SAFETY MATTERS

- i) Committee acknowledged a notification received from West Berkshire Council in relation to a formal consultation on a proposal to designate certain streets as traffic-sensitive under the Streetworks regulations 2007.
- ii) Place Manager notified the Committee of a Project Notification date change from West Berkshire Council for pedestrian improvement works at A4/Floral Way/Falmouth Way

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 19:23hrs.

Signed: _____

Date: _____