

THATCHAM TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of a Meeting of the
Planning and Highways Committee
held on Tuesday 21st October 2025 at 19:00hrs
in the Council Chamber, Brownsfield Road, Thatcham

- Present: Simon Pike (Chairman)
 Councillors Dave Lunn, Jay Lunn, Tom McCann, Mark Thomas and Val Watts
- In attendance: James Pye (Place Manager)
- PH/2025/085 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
 Apologies for absence received from Councillor's Justin Pemberton and John Boyd.
- PH/2025/086 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
 There were no declarations of interest.
- PH/2025/087 MINUTES**
RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd September 2025, having been previously circulated, be taken as read, confirmed and signed as an accurate record.
- PH/2025/088 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**
 There was one application to discuss, **application 25/01922/LBC The Plough Inn, 81 Chapel Street, Thatcham**. Committee discussed the application, amended plans were shown, No Objections raised subject to West Berkshire Council's approval of the constrained space in bedroom three of the submitted plans. Place Manager to submit the comments on the planning portal.
- PH/2025/089 DECISION NOTICES**
 Committee noted Thatcham related planning decisions published since the last meeting of this Committee.
- PH/2025/090 WEST BERKSHIRE LOCAL PLAN REVIEW 2022-2034**
 Chairman Pike noted there was nothing further to add on this occasion from the last update apart from West Berkshire Council have contacted Councillor Pike via email to expect a further update on the SPD at the end of October. Committee to await further update.

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- PH/2025/091 PLANNING MATTERS**
- a) Place Manager presented to Committee a **Section 215 notice** formally served to the homeowner of property **5 Braemore Close, Thatcham** in relation to the untidy condition of the land. The homeowner has 6 months to rectify.
 - b) There were no other Planning Matters arising since publication of the agenda.
- PH/2025/092 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT/ HIGHWAYS/ ROAD SAFETY MATTERS**
- i) Committee noted that West Berkshire Council have forwarded two consultation letters regarding Cycle and Pedestrian Improvements within Thatcham at Lower Way and Falmouth Way/Floral Way. Committee

noted this and accept the proposal for Falmouth/Floral Way as is however would only like to accept the proposal for Lower Way, Thatcham west along Lower Way up to Discovery Centre, they felt no rationale and not appropriate for these improvements heading east of the Discovery Centre, that no appropriate reason for people to walk along this route. Place Manager to submit these comments to West Berkshire Council. Chairman also noted that Cycle Route 4, heading eastbound to edge of Broadway centre, there is a 'No Entry' road sign present, contradicting the cycle route and throughfare. Place Manager to make West Berkshire Council aware of this.

- ii) Committee noted another public consultation received from West Berkshire Council in relation to proposals to lower the speed on many residential road within Thatcham to 20mph. Chairman informed Committee that an extraordinary meeting has been called on Monday 27th at 8:30pm here at the Council Chamber, commencing after the scheduled F&GP Committee meeting, to discuss this further and agree on a response to provide West Berkshire Council. Committee also felt Thatcham Town Council's need to publicise this further on our social media platforms. Place Manager to arrange.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 19:31hrs.

Signed: _____

Date: _____