

THATCHAM TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of a Meeting of the
Recreation and Amenities Committee
held on Monday 23rd March 2026 at 19:00hrs
in the Council Chamber, Brownsfield Road, Thattham

Present: Councillor Tom McCann (Chairman)
 Councillors Suzanne Adamantos, John Boyd, Jeremy Cottam, Dave Lunn

In attendance: Laura Carlin (Town Clerk), Hayley Scard (Deputy Town Clerk)

RA/2026/01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
 An apology for absence was received from Councillor Mike Cole.

RA/2026/02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
 Councillor John Boyd declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 11 as the Thattham Town Council representative at Thattham Town Cricket Club.

RA/2026/03 MINUTES
RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 8th December 2025, having been previously circulated, be taken as read, confirmed and signed as an accurate record.

RA/2026/04 INCOME / EXPENDITURE COSTS.
 Councillors reviewed and noted income and expenditure for this Committee's budgets for the financial year to date.

RA/2026/05 ENVIRONMENTAL WORKING PARTY
RESOLVED to adopt the Minutes of the Environmental Working Party meetings held on 9th June and 1st December 2025. Committee also considered the following recommendations from the Environmental Working Party:

RESOLVED i. **to request purchasing an additional Thermal Image Camera and two Hygrometers, to be made available for public loan.**
 to purchase a second Thermal Image Camera (FLIR TG267) at a cost of £448 and two Hygrometers at a total cost of £10.59, funded from the Climate Emergency EMR.

RESOLVED ii. **to request Thattham Town Council presence at GreenFest at St Bartholomew's School in Newbury on the 24th October 2026, with the request for Officer support.**
 to authorise staff support (Up to 2 Officers) at GreenFest on the 24th October. Councillor support will also be welcome.

iii. **to consider a report and further quotes as requested (RA/2025/63) for a Carbon Footprint Appraisal.**
 An update was received from the Deputy Town Clerk who advised that although further quotations have been received for carrying out this work, there is a free online tool available for Local Councils to measure their Carbon Footprint which could reduce costs significantly. This option will be investigated, and suitability will be reported back to R&A.

RA/2026/06 YOUTH WORKING PARTY
RESOLVED to adopt the Minutes of the Youth Working Party meeting held on 25th November 2025. The committee wished to thank the Community Engagement Manager for their efforts in coordinating this productive meeting.

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- RA/2026/07** **APPROVED WORKS PROGRESS REPORT**
 Committee received and noted a progress report from the Town Clerk on previously approved works.
- RA/2026/08** **SIEGECROSS OPEN SPACE – PUMP TRACK**
 Committee received the reports and quotes from Contractors (RA/2025/51) relating to installing a pump track at Siegecross Open Space as part of the wider Youth Strategy highlighting that further research is needed into such a facility.
- RESOLVED** to refer to the Youth Working Party to further research the demand of a pump track and request examples of contractor’s previous work within similar budget.
- RA/2026/09** **KENNET HEATH PLAY PARK WATER HAZARD**
 Committee received a report from the Facilities Manager seeking financial approval to carry out works to remove a water hazard at Kennet Heath Play Park. The possible options were discussed with the Committee favouring Option C with the use of a land drainpipe with holes and topped with gravel.
- RESOLVED** to instruct the Facilities Manager to obtain quotes for the work with a budget of £10K and report back to Committee if any issues arise.
- RA/2026/10** **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**
RESOLVED that, in view of the commercially sensitive nature of the business to be transacted during item 11, it is in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded, and they be instructed to withdraw.
- RA/2026/11** **THATCHAM TOWN CRICKET CLUB**
- RESOLVED** i. **To consider a request to make modifications to the Thatcham Town Cricket Club clubhouse.**
 to agree in principle, subject to the Committee’s approval of plans that are received in advance of a future meeting. All plans would also be subject to the relevant planning permissions.
- RESOLVED** ii. **To consider recommendations from the Town Clerk regarding the Thatcham Town Cricket Club lease.**
 to form a Working Party to review aspects of the lease renewal with the Town Clerk, initially consisting of Councillors Jeremy Cottam, Tom McCann, David Lunn and Simon Pike. The Working Party will meet in early April 2026. Recommendations will be submitted to Full Council for approval.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20:35

Signed: _____

Date: _____