

**THATCHAM TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of a meeting of the**  
**Environmental Working Party**  
**held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2025 at 19:00hrs**  
**in the Council Chamber, Brownsfield Road, Thattham**

Present: Councillors Justin Pemberton (Chairman), Owen Jeffery, and Stephanie Steevenson  
Richard Foster, Dr Pat Glover, and Jenny Kirby

In attendance: Emily Moseley (Community Engagement Manager) and Hayley Scard (Deputy Town Clerk)

**EWP/2025/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies for absence were received.

**EWP/2025/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**EWP/2025/22 MINUTES**  
**AGREED**

The minutes of the previous meeting, dated 9<sup>th</sup> June 2025, will be confirmed at the next meeting.

**EWP/2025/23 HABITAT AND ECOSYSTEM QUALITY REPORT**

The Deputy Town Clerk gave members an update on the habitat and ecosystem quality report. Future Nature WTC have been commissioned to undertake the report and are completing desk-based work over the winter in preparation for surveying of the sites in the Spring of 2026.

**EWP/2025/24 CARBON FOOTPRINT REPORTS**  
**AGREED**

To recommend to R&A to proceed with the full package Carbon Footprint Report at £5,300 plus VAT however if budget is an issue, then members are happy to proceed with repeating only the Carbon Footprint Appraisal at a price of £3,000 plus VAT.

**EWP/2025/25 CLIMATE ACTION PLAN**  
**AGREED**

that Dr Glover will assess the climate action plan and provide advice on how best to prioritise and measure action points. Members noted that a RAG categorisation system on the working spreadsheet would assist with monitoring progress, which the Deputy Clerk will implement going forward. The Community Engagement Manager will promote the completed action points to the public to highlight progress made.

**AGREED**

to aim to procure another Thermal Image Camera and accompanying hygrometers for public loan as these initiatives have proved popular with residents.

**EWP/2025/26 COMMUNITY LITTER PICKING SCHEME**

Members discussed collaboration opportunities with local groups and schools, and a proposed community litter picking initiative that would involve monthly picks, councillor-led ward cleanups, and an adopt-your-street scheme launching during the national Keep Britain Tidy campaign in March.

**AGREED**

the Community Engagement Manager will lead this and has advised that Council time and resources required are minimal.

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**EWP/2025/27 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Richard Foster reported on the national emergency briefing that occurred last Thursday (27<sup>th</sup> November 2025), highlighting the serious threat on health and food production. Richard was disappointed in the inadequate publicity it received. Dr Glover urged members to join the West Berkshire Green Exchange.

Richard Foster informed members that Beavers have been filmed in his garden in Thatcham. Future Nature, who are conducting the biodiversity study in Thatcham, will be informed of this.

Jenny Kirby requested a 'push' style tap at Henwick as it would improve water distribution at Family Fun Day.

**AGREED** Jenny will email Justin to see if possible.

**EWP/2025/28 RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE RECREATION & AMENITIES COMMITTEE**

**AGREED** to request purchasing an additional Thermal Image Camera and two Hygrometers, to be made available for public loan.

**AGREED** to request Thatcham Town Council presence at GreenFest on the 24<sup>th</sup> of October 2026, with the request for staff support.

**AGREED** to recommend to R&A to proceed with the full package Carbon Footprint Report at £5,300 ex VAT, budget permitting. If budget is an issue, then to proceed with repeating only the Carbon Footprint Appraisal at a price of £3,000 ex VAT.

**EWP/2025/29 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**AGREED** next meeting to take place on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20:40hrs.