

**THATCHAM TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of a Meeting of the**  
**Recreation and Amenities Committee**  
**held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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  
 and Ben Schiffer-Harte.

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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> June and 1<sup>st</sup> 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  
 24<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup>  
 November 2025. The committee wished to thank the Community  
 Engagement Manager for their efforts in coordinating this productive  
 meeting.

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**Monday 23rd March 2026**

- 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: \_\_\_\_\_