

**THATCHAM TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of a meeting of**  
**Thattham Town Council**  
**held on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 15.00hrs**  
**at the Frank Hutchings Community Hall, Harts Hill Road, Thattham**

**Present:** Councillors Suzanne Adamantos, John Boyd, Owen Jeffery, Mark Lillycrop, Justin Pemberton, Petra Pemberton, Stephanie Steevenson, Mark Thomas and Val Watts.

**In attendance:** Laura Carlin (Town Clerk), Hayley Scard (Deputy Town Clerk) and Emily Moseley (Community Engagement Manager)  
 42 Dignitaries, invited guests and members of public.

**FULL/2026/29 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Jeff Brooks, Mike Cole, Iain Cottingham, Dave Lunn, Jay Lunn, Simon Pike and Ben Schiffer-Harte.

**FULL/2026/30 ELECTION OF MAYOR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2026/27**

Councillor P Pemberton called for nominations for the role of Mayor of Thattham for the municipal year 2026/27 and Councillor Adamantos proposed Councillor Mark Lillycrop. This was seconded by Councillor Justin Pemberton. There were no other nominations.

**RESOLVED** unanimously that Councillor Mark Lillycrop be elected to serve as Mayor of Thattham for the municipal year 2026/27.

*Councillor Lillycrop took the chair*

**FULL/2026/31 DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE AND THE MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councillor Lillycrop read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and thanked Councillors for their nomination.

Councillor Lillycrop announced that his chosen charities for the year would be PALS (West Berkshire) and West Berkshire Food Bank.

Councillor Lillycrop announced Revd Mark Bennet as his chaplain.

Councillor Lillycrop announced his wife, Jenny Lillycrop as his Consort.

**FULL/2026/32 VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING MAYOR**

Councillor Adamantos proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor, Councillor P Pemberton, for her service as Mayor during the year 2025/26. This was seconded by Councillor Jeffery.

**RESOLVED** unanimously that a vote of thanks be recorded to Councillor P Pemberton

**Full Council  
10<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

**FULL/2026/33 RETIRING MAYOR'S RESPONSE**

Councillor P Pemberton responded with highlights of her Mayoral year and thanked Council Officers and fellow Councillors for their support. Councillor P Pemberton thanked Councillor Lillycrop for his support as Deputy Mayor.

**FULL/2026/34 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2026/27**

Councillor Lillycrop proposed Councillor P Pemberton as Deputy Mayor for the municipal year 2026/27. This was seconded by Councillor Jeffery. There were no other nominations.

Vote to be recorded during the second part of the Annual Meeting of Thatcham Town Council on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026.

**FULL/2026/35 DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE AND DEPUTY MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councillor P Pemberton read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and thanked Councillors for their nomination. Councillor P Pemberton announced her husband, Cllr Justin Pemberton, as her Consort.

**FULL/2026/36 DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**

The Mayor thanked everyone for attending and advised that the second part of the Annual Meeting of Thatcham Town Council would take place on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Brownsfield Road.

Everyone present was invited to partake in light refreshments.

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 15:38hrs.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_