

THATCHAM TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of a meeting of
Thatcham Town Council
held on Sunday 14th May 2023 at 2.30pm
at Frank Hutchings Community Hall, Harts Hill Road, Thatcham

Present: Councillors John Boyd, Jeff Brooks, Mike Cole, Iain Cottingham, Lee Dillon, Owen Jeffery, Mark Lillycrop, Justin Pemberton, Petra Pemberton, Simon Pike, Christine Rice, Stephanie Steevenson and Val Watts

In attendance: Mel Taylor (Town Clerk), Trudy Blackney (Deputy Town Clerk) and Laura Carlin (acting Civic Officer)
 41 invited guests and members of public
 1 Member of the Press (Newbury Weekly News - photographer)

FULL/2023/30 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Suzanne Adamantos, Jeremy Cottam, Jacqueline Lunn, Tom McCann and Ben Schiffer-Harte.

FULL/2023/31 ELECTION OF MAYOR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2023/24

Councillor Brooks called for nominations for the role of Mayor of Thatcham for the municipal year 2023/24 and proposed Councillor Lillycrop. This was seconded by Councillor Cole. There were no other nominations.

RESOLVED unanimously that Councillor Mark Lillycrop be elected to serve as Mayor of Thatcham for the municipal year 2023/24.

Councillor Lillycrop took the chair

FULL/2023/32 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 his wife, Jenny Lillycrop, as his Mayoress and Revd. Mark Bennet, St. Mary's Church, as his Chaplain for his year of Office.

Councillor Lillycrop announced that his chosen charities for the year would be PALS (Partners for Active Leisure) and Sport In Mind.

FULL/2023/33 VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING MAYOR

Councillor Cole proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor, Councillor Brooks, for his service as Mayor during the year 2022/23. This was seconded by Councillor Dillon.

RESOLVED unanimously that a vote of thanks be recorded to Councillor Brooks.

FULL/2023/34 RETIRING MAYOR'S RESPONSE

Councillor Brooks responded with highlights of his Mayoral year and thanked Council Officers and fellow Councillors for their support. Councillor Brooks thanked Councillor Lillycrop, Deputy Mayor, his Mayoress, Mrs Mandy Cole, and his wife, Andrea Brooks, for their support.

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FULL/2023/35 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2023/24
Councillor Lillycrop proposed Councillor Adamantos as Deputy Mayor for the municipal year 2023/24. This was seconded by Councillor Brooks. There were no other nominations.

RESOLVED unanimously that Councillor Suzanne Adamantos be appointed to serve as Deputy Mayor for the municipal year 2023/24.

FULL/2032/36 DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE AND DEPUTY MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS
In the absence of Councillor Adamantos, her declaration of acceptance of office and announcements would be deferred until the next meeting.

FULL/2023/37 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 15th May 2023 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Brownsfield Road, before inviting everyone present to partake in light refreshments, which would be followed by the unveiling of the Jubilee Legacy Tableau.

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 3.20pm.

Signed: _____ Date: _____