

THATCHAM TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of a Meeting of the
Planning and Highways Committee
held on Tuesday 29th July 2025 at 19:00hrs
in the Council Chamber, Brownsfield Road, Thatcham

Present: Councillor John Boyd (Vice Chairman) Councillor Simon Pike (Chairman)
 Councillors Dave Lunn, Jay Lunn, Tom McCann, Justin Pemberton and
 Val Watts

In attendance: James Pye (Place Manager)

PH/2025/064 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
 Apologies for absence received from Councillor Mark Thomas

PH/2025/065 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
 No declarations of interest were received.

PH/2025/066 MINUTES
RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 1st July 2025, having been
 previously circulated, be taken as read, confirmed and signed as an
 accurate record.

PH/2025/067 PLANNING APPLICATIONS
 There was one application to be discussed which was application
25/01363/FUL Orchard Court, Turners Drive, Thatcham. The
 Committee discussed further and had No Objections- subject to
 conditions- these conditions will be submitted on the Planning Portal by
 the Place Manager.

PH/2025/068 DECISION NOTICES
 Committee noted Thatcham related planning decisions published since
 the last meeting of this Committee.

PH/2025/069 WEST BERKSHIRE LOCAL PLAN REVIEW 2022-2039
a) Noted comments raised by Councillor Pike who attended the recent
 Thatcham Northeast Supplementary Planning Document Information
 evening at West Berkshire Council. Cllr Pike explained what the SPD
 will do (essentially to help set out a masterplan for the site), the
 timescales involved and the site map. West Berkshire Council will
 lead this with significant input from Thatcham Town Council and
 neighbouring parishes. The adoption of the SPD is due for
 completion in Summer 2026.

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PH/2025/070 PLANNING MATTERS
a) Nothing further to note, Chairman
b) There were no other Planning Matters arising since publication of the
 agenda.

PH/2025/071 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT/ HIGHWAYS/ ROAD SAFETY MATTERS
 One to note, Place Manager presented a notification update received

from West Berkshire Council in relation to the Footway Improvement Programme 2025/26. Eight sites across Thatcham will be included.

PH/2025/072

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Chairman declared, in view of the commercially sensitive information within item 10 (Neighbourhood Development Plan Consultancy) and the nature of the business to be transacted, press and public were temporarily excluded. Recording stopped.

PH/2025/073

NEIGHBOURHHOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN CONSULTANCY

Place Manager presented to Committee received Consultancy Fees and NDP process, it was decide to refer this matter to the NDP working group, who are due to meet on August 5th 2025.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 19:40hrs.

Signed: _____

Date: _____