



**Minutes of a meeting of Thatcham Flood Forum Steering Group
held on Thursday 26th April 2018 at 7pm in the Thatcham Town Council Chamber,
Brownsfield Road**

Present: Iain Dunn (Chairman)
 Keith Hoddinott (Noddi) (local resident)
 Leo Pieri (local resident)
 Brian Woodham (SWMP Funding Group Chairman)

In attendance: Connie Davis (Thatcham Town Council Officer)

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Richard Crumly, Peter Lavarack (Local Resident), Nick Townsend (Local Resident), Denise Kinsella (Thames Water) and Laurence Ralph (Thames Water)

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of the last meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 28th February 2018 were agreed to be an accurate record and were signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising from the last meeting

5.8 Thames Water had a meeting with Stuart and Ardent. Stuart is chasing Ardent to give more information to Thames Water.

Action for Stuart and Denise - Have Thames Water now got all the information they need from Ardent to assess as to what contributions they could make to the flood defence schemes?

5. Thames Water

Thames Water representatives did not attend this meeting.

6. Surface Water Management Plan for Thatcham

Tull Way- Expected to be operational in late summer but this is dependent on grass growth as the spillway grass growth needs to be sufficient.

Dunstan Park- Held back to 2019 depending on ecological surveys. Ongoing discussions about Dunstan Green. It is a desirable but not a critical scheme.

Funding has been received for preliminary design work on 3 small schemes this summer (Bowling Green Road, Siege Cross and Harts Hill). Absent is funding for Heath Lane which West Berkshire Council are chasing.

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Memorial Fields- The SWMP Funding Committee have asked for Ardent to attend the next SWMP meeting so they can give a recommendation on the prioritization of future schemes. Questioned as to whether the Memorial Fields scheme should be the one to be pushed back considering it was included on the original SWMP.

7. Thatcham Flood Forum Action Plan (2013-2018)

To update the Thatcham Flood Forum Action Plan (Working Document) with the following:	
Section	Action
1.1	Action Update (April 2018): Prepare an article for the National Flood Forum on Tull Way and the progress of the SWMP by the end of the next meeting 21 st June 2018). Circulate the finished article to Flood Forum members for approval before sending to the National Flood Forum.
1.2	Change focus from 'Lobbying developers' to 'Lobbying West Berkshire Council' Change Action to: 'Lobby the LLFA (West Berkshire Council) to press developers for optimal flood resilience measures during the pre-planning stage'
1.3	Add to 'Actions' : <i>Raise necessary local contributions to enable West Berkshire Council to make positive business cases.</i>
1.4	Change 'High' to 'Medium' priority. Contact with West Berkshire Council (Jon Winstanley) to discuss as to how the drainage asset register can be used to inform the Flood Forum's Action Plan. Ask for an update on the progress of the drainage asset register and a list of the information that has been compiled to create the register. Ascertain as to whether the West Berkshire Flood Action Group want to work with Thatcham Flood Forum. Thames Water representatives are now attending Flood Forum Meetings.
1.5	Change from 'High' to 'Medium' priority. Ensure that Planning & Highways Committee agendas are sent to Iain (to then decide forward action).
1.6	Change priority from 'Medium' to 'Ongoing'. Change wording 'Action' to <i>'Ensure these are held in accessible way by West Berkshire Council. Liaise with West Berkshire Council to make sure this information is readily available.'</i>
1.7	No changes made
2.1	No changes made
2.2	No changes made
2.3	No changes made
2.4	Need a lead person to carry out this objective.
2.5	'Communicate meaningful statistics that are easy to understand' - Take out of the working document.

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Section 3 of the Working Document is to be discussed at the next meeting.

8. Fundraising

No new fundraising in process. All funds from remaining pledges from SSE and match funding balance from Greenham Common are expected to be in the account within the next 30 days. Arrangements are being made with West Berkshire Council to set up and hold all monies under Thatcham Flood Forum control. This is to be implemented as soon as possible.

Thanks was given to Leo Pieri for his efforts in establishing this account with West Berkshire Council and resolving how to ensure the remaining match funding could be transferred from the Greenham Trust to The Good Exchange.

9. Any other business

There was no other business.

10. Date of next meeting

Date of next meeting Thursday 21st June 2018 at 7pm in the Thatcham Town Council Chamber, Brownsfield Road.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.32pm.

Signed: _____

Date: _____