



**Minutes of a meeting of Thatcham Flood Forum Steering Group
held on Tuesday 15th August 2017 at 7pm
in the Thatcham Town Council Chamber, Brownsfield Road**

Present: Iain Dunn (Chairman)
Brian Barnes (local resident)
Councillor Richard Crumly (Thatcham Town Council)
Keith Hoddinott (Noddi) (local resident)
Peter Lavarack (local resident)
Leo Pieri (local resident)
Brian Woodham (SWMP Funding Group Chairman)

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

An apology for absence was received from Nick Townsend (local resident).

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of the last meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 15th June 2017 were agreed to be an accurate record and were signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising from the last meeting

There were no matters arising.

5. Thames Water

A response to Iain's letter of 30th May 2017 was received from Thames Water dated 28th June 2017 and was circulated.

It was agreed that Thames Water Customer Contact Centre number [0800 316 9800] should be promoted within Thatcham Town Council / Thatcham Flood Forum / West Berkshire Council publications and to request that Thames Water strongly emphasize this contact number in all consumer contacts.

6. Surface Water Management Plan for Thatcham

The following updates on the Surface Water Management Plan for Thatcham were noted:

Tull Way Scheme – still on track for completion autumn 2017.

Dunstan Park Scheme and **South East Thatcham Flood Alleviation Scheme** – early Contractor involvement in place. Planning application for SETFAS expected September 2017. Leaflets produced by West Berkshire Council for email distribution by school to parents and Thatcham Flood Forum to distribute to affected households. Final approval of funding release for SETFAS due from Environment Agency by October 2017.

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7. Proposed Developments

Appeals against refusal of planning permission for proposed developments at Henwick Park and Siege Cross Farm had been dismissed by the Secretary of State.

An Appeal against refusal of planning permission for a proposed development at Tull Way had been allowed.

8. Fundraising

Thames Water to be invited to the next Surface Water Management Plan Funding Committee meeting to investigate possibility of partnership funding 2019/20 schemes.

West Berkshire Council to progress a bid via Thames Valley Local Enterprise Partnership for circa £10,000.

An appeal to be made to Sovereign Housing Association in the future (2020 onwards) in relation to property level protection.

9. Flood Resilience Workshop

Iain and Noddi updated the Committee on their attendance at the Flood Resilience Workshop held on 24th July 2017 in Swallowfield. It was agreed to retain contact with other flood forums to learn from the differing causes and effects.

10. Any other business

There was no other business.

11. Date of next meeting

Date of next meeting Thursday 5th October 2017, at 7pm in the Thatcham Town Council Chamber, Brownsfield Road.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

Signed: _____ Date: _____