

Thatcham Flood Forum



Minutes of a meeting of Thatcham Flood Forum Steering Group held on Thursday 6th September 2018 at 7.15pm in the Thatcham Town Council Chamber, Brownsfield Road

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

In attendance: Mel Alexander (Thatcham Town Council Clerk)

**In the absence of the Chairman it was agreed that the meeting be Chaired by
Brian Woodham.**

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Richard Crumly, Ian Dunn, Ian Goodwin and Denise Kinsella.

The withdrawal of Mr. Brian Barnes due to ill health was noted and thanks to Brian were recorded.

The resignation of Connie Davis from Thatcham Town Council was noted and thanks to Connie were recorded.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of the last meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 21st June 2018 were agreed to be an accurate record and were signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising from the last meeting

Noddi advised that he had submitted a personal response to West Berkshire Council's consultation on its draft Sustainable Drainage Systems Supplementary Planning Document. It was noted that Thatcham Flood Forum had not submitted a response.

Thanks were recorded to Leo for preparation of an article for the National Flood Forum newsletter which had been submitted.

5. Thames Water

Brian requested that a copy of the National Flood Forum newsletter article be forwarded to Denise Kinsella (Thames Water) along with confirmation of the date of the next meeting.

6. **Surface Water Management Plan for Thatcham**

Tull Way - No further engineering work anticipated.

Dunstan Park – Dormice found adjacent to engineering part of the site. Planned to clear vegetation under Ecologist control, once licence approved. Diversion of high voltage cables awaited. Construction due March 2019.

Dunstan Green – West Berkshire Council Corporate Board agreed that the Village Green could be modified for flood protection works. Oil pipeline protection assessment planned. Diversion of Thames Water main remained an issue due to the overrun of Harts Hill work and potential cost. Thames Water estimate was well outside budget. Clearance of vegetation due to commence. Construction March 2019.

SETFAS – Preparation work in the south-west corner of site underway. Strategic diversion required and would be undertaken in near future.

East Thatcham - Funding allocated by the Thames Regional Flood and Coastal Committee for initial design and businesses cases, to be undertaken in next six months. Schemes needed to complete ring of schemes.

North Thatcham - Funding allocated by the Thames Regional Flood and Coastal Committee for initial design and businesses cases, to be undertaken in next six months. Schemes needed to complete ring of schemes.

7. **Thatcham Flood Forum Action Plan (2013-2018) and Working Document**

The working document had been updated and circulated. A final review was undertaken and it was agreed to adopt and publicise the updated document.

8. **Fundraising**

Peter offered to draft a letter to big businesses on Colthrop estate regarding funding support.

9. **Any other business**

- i. It was agreed to support Iain's request to attend the Flood Expo at Birmingham NEC on 12th/13th September 2018 and that transport expenses be reimbursed (nobody else available to attend).
- ii. Iain was meeting with Dr. Nick Young regarding a refresh of the website.
- iii. Iain had asked whether Thatcham Flood Forum should be represented at Thatcham Together Community Forum and it was agreed that there was no requirement. Peter attends and can feed back as necessary.
- iv. It was requested that the Constitution be checked to confirm when the Annual General Meeting has to take place.
- v. Disappointment was recorded at the lack of Councillor presence at meetings.

10. **Date of next meeting**

Date of next meeting Wednesday 31st October 2018 at 7pm in the Thatcham Town Council Chamber, Brownsfield Road.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.56pm.

Signed: _____

Date: _____