

THAME TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Thame Town Council held on 28 May 2013 at 6.30pm in the Upper Chamber, Thame Town Hall

Present: Cllr D W Bretherton, D G Butler, N G Champken-Woods, A Dite, N M Dixon, D W Dodds, M L Dyer, L Emery, H M Fickling, A Gunn, V F Humphries, P Lambert (Town Mayor), D A Laver, J Matelot Green (Deputy Mayor), M Stiles and M Welply.

Officers

H Stewart, Town Clerk

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Butler (Personal) and Emery (Holiday). Cllr Laver arrived at 6.50pm

2 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3 Public Participation

There were no applications to address the Council.

4 Exclusion of the Public

RESOLVED: i) Pursuant to Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 it is resolved that, because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and press leave the meeting during consideration of:

5 Employment Land in Thame

Members discussed the importance of encouraging and supporting local employment which was an integral part of the Neighbourhood Plan. The allocation of a minimum of 2 hectares in the District Council's Core Strategy and been increased in the Neighbourhood Plan to a minimum of 3 hectares to make up for the loss of employment land at the former Memec site, which has been allocated for residential.

The opportunity to encourage new business in to Thame or to retain existing companies that needed to expand could, Members agreed, result in further land being allocated for employment if there were no other sites available. Such consideration would require much more detail and confirmation and could only be for specific occupier led development rather than speculative employment.

The meeting concluded at 7.15pm

Signed
Chairman, 18 June 2013