

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WANTAGE TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE BEACON, PORTWAY, WANTAGE, ON  
MONDAY, 26 JUNE 2017, AT 7.30 P.M.**

Councillors present: Councillor S Trinder (Town Mayor)  
Councillors A Crawford, E C Goldsmith,  
J Goodman, Mrs M Gradwell, Mrs J T Hannaby,  
K A Harris, B Mabbett, C McCarthy, Mrs J E Nunn-Price,  
Mrs J Reynolds and Major J Sibbald.

Others present: Seven members of the public.

Clerk: Mr W P Falkenau.  
Deputy Clerk: Mrs K Buckingham.

**Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs C E C Dickson,  
C S Dickson, Miss K Gill and P O'Leary.

**Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

None.

**Minutes of Council Meetings held on 8 May 2017**

The minutes were approved and signed.

**1. Statements and questions from the public**

Mrs Maberley requested an update on arrangements for electing Youth Town Councillors who were not students at King Alfred's. She was advised that elections were due to proceed in September. This would include Fitzwaryn School. Mrs Maberley urged the Town Council to proceed with arrangements prior to the end of the current term so that elections could proceed as soon as the schools return from the summer break. It was agreed that the Deputy Town Clerk should progress this.

**Action: Deputy Clerk**

It was also agreed that Year 6 students at the primary schools could be briefed upon the existence of the Youth Town Council so that they were fully aware of it when they moved to Year 7. There was also a need to review and finalise the Constitution for the Youth Town Council.

**Action: Mabbett**

**2. Matters arising from the Council meeting held on 8 May 2017**

7(e) – Dickensian Evening Working Party

Councillor Goodman had not received an invitation to a recent meeting of the Working Party. The Clerk was to contact the secretary to advise her of Councillor Goodman's participation.

**Action: Clerk**

**3. Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 8 May and 5 June 2017**

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor Mrs Reynolds  
SECONDED BY Councillor Mabbett  
IT WAS RESOLVED that the minutes be adopted.

**4. Minutes of the Leisure and Amenities Committee meeting held on 22 May 2017**

2 (a) – Councillors allotment inspection

Councillors were reminded that the inspection was due to proceed on the following Saturday.

ON THE PROPOSITION OF Councillor Trinder  
SECONDED BY Councillor Goodman  
IT WAS RESOLVED that the minutes, as amended, be adopted.

**5. Minutes of the Promotion, Communication and Events Committee meeting held on 19 June 2017**

3. Armed Forces Day event

The event had been held the previous day and everyone involved in organising it was thanked for their work. It was agreed that a letter of thanks should be sent to the Commanding Officer of Corporal Ingham to thank him for the contribution made by Corporal Ingham and his colleagues. It was also agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to the police for the support given to the event. **Action: Deputy Clerk**

The sweep up meeting was to be arranged to review the event and determine who letters of thanks should be sent to. **Action: Goodman**

ON THE PROPOSITION OF Councillor Mabbett  
SECONDED BY Councillor McCarthy  
IT WAS RESOLVED that the minutes, as amended, be adopted.

**6. Minutes of the Policy, Management and Finance Committee meeting held on 19 June 2017**

ON THE PROPOSITION OF Councillor Trinder  
SECONDED BY Councillor Goodman  
IT WAS RESOLVED that the minutes be adopted.

**7. District and County Councillors' reports**

**District Councillors' Report**

The wooden bridge at Willow Walk had been repaired and the water feature, which had been shut at Manor Road Memorial Park, fixed. Biffa had committed to replace some of its vehicles following breakdowns causing disruptions to service in recent weeks.

**County Councillor's Report**

Following the County Council election, new portfolio holders had been appointed. The proposals for a Unitary Authority was currently on hold. The County Council had agreed to contribute £ 50,000 over the next three years towards the cost of the Wantage and Grove Children's Centre. The County Council was being pressed to deal with road repairs.

**8. Town Mayor's communications**

- a) Armed Forces Day. An email had been received from David Drew, Group Captain (Rtd), President of the Royal County of Berkshire and Vale of White Horse Royal British Legion, congratulating the Council on the success of the Armed Forces Day event. He urged that a similar event be held next year.
- b) Seesen Civic Visit August/September 2017. The Town Mayor reported that the arrangements for the visit had been made and flights booked.

**Confidential Items**

**9. Confidential minutes of the Leisure and Amenities Committee meeting held on 22 May 2017**

ON THE PROPOSITION of The Chairman  
SECONDED BY Councillor Mabbett  
IT WAS RESOLVED that the minutes be adopted.

**10. Confidential minutes of the Policy, Management and Finance Committee meeting held on 19 June 2017**

ON THE PROPOSITION of The Chairman  
SECONDED BY Councillor Mabbett  
IT WAS RESOLVED that the minutes be adopted.

The meeting closed at 8.03 p.m.

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