

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WANTAGE TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE BEACON, PORTWAY, WANTAGE, ON  
MONDAY, 31 JULY 2017, AT 7.30 P.M.**

Councillors present: Councillor S Trinder (Town Mayor)  
Councillors Mrs C E C Dickson, C S Dickson, Miss K Gill,  
E C Goldsmith, J Goodman, Mrs M Gradwell (part),  
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: One member of the public.

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

**Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Crawford and P O'Leary.  
Councillor Mrs Gradwell had sent her apologies for late arrival.

**Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

None.

**Minutes of Council Meetings held on 26 June 2017**

Three typographical errors were corrected. The minutes, as amended, were approved and signed.

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

Councillor Mrs Gradwell arrived.

Mrs Maberley read out an extract from the Council minutes dated 1 August 2016 concerning preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan. She asked why after a year an amended plan had not been published. The Clerk advised the work on the Plan was almost complete and consultation on the amended Plan was imminent. The areas to be included in the Green Spaces policy were being concluded. There was still significant work to be done on the Basic Conditions and Communications statements. The District Council Planning officer had indicated that the statements submitted for the inspection had been deficient and that more comprehensive statements were required. He had also indicated that probably with hindsight, the District Council should not have accepted the Wantage Neighbourhood Plan proceeding to inspection. The Deputy Clerk also advised that it had been suggested that awaiting the publication of Local Plan Part 2 was worthwhile to avoid conflict or duplication between the Plans. Mrs Maberley expressed concern that it was likely to take a further year or longer for the Neighbourhood Plan to be adopted.

**12. Matters arising from the Council meeting held on 20 February 2017**

None.

**13. Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 26 June and 10 July 2017**

Councillor Mabbett declared an interest in item (c) on 26 June and advised that he had left the meeting for the consideration of this.

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S106 Contributions to be sought as donation at the Naldertown site

Councillor Mrs Hannaby reported that she had requested contributions towards education be sought through the County Council.

ON THE PROPOSITION OF Councillor Mrs Reynolds  
SECONDED BY Councillor Major Sibbald  
IT WAS RESOLVED that the minutes, as amended, be adopted.

**14. Minutes of the Leisure and Amenities Committee meeting held on 3 July 2017**

Page 9 – The site visit to the cemetery had taken place on Saturday 1 July 2017.

Item 10 – Briefing from Arts Development Officer.

It was requested that the recommendations concerning artwork at the cemetery entrance be referred to the Committee before a decision was progressed.

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

**15. Minutes of the Promotion, Communication and Events Committee meeting held on 3 July 2017**

Item 6 (a) Scots Guards.

The second sentence to be amended “It was also suggested that if there were any Chelsea Pensioners who were Scots Guards that they be invited to an event, going forward.”

Item 9

The heading was amended to “Arrangements for 2017 Volunteers’ Reception”

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

**16. Minutes of the Policy, Management and Finance Committee meeting held on 17 July 2017**

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

**17. District and County Councillors’ reports**

**District Councillors’ Report**

The following was reported.

- Consultation on the new leisure centre was due to proceed in September.
- Funding had been provided to add slip roads to the A34 at Lodge Hill.
- The availability of capital and community grants was being publicised by the District Council. A briefing on how to apply for grants was to be given at

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4.30 pm on 15 August at Grove Parish Church.

- The S106 agreement for Grove Airfield had finally been signed.
- Any plastic bags can now be used for food disposal.
- Planning approval had been given for the artificial pitch in the vicinity of Willow Lane.
- The District Council had appointed an acting Chief Executive Officer.

**County Councillors' Report**

The Grove Airfield development will provide funding for education and roads. The County Council were being asked to look closely at any outstanding S106 contributions yet to be spent. The County Council was considering traffic arrangements in Oxford and what to do with regard to bus lanes. A meeting of HOSC was due to be held at County Hall on 7 August. A meeting of OCCG to consider Phase 1 of its Transformation Plan was to be held at the Examination School on 10 August. The County Council was giving priority to cycle lanes for new developments. The reorganisation of the County Council's Environment and Economy Department relating to highways, was proceeding. A new organisation structure was to be published when completed.

**18. Town Mayor's communications**

The Town Mayor reported on events and activities he had attended over the past month.

**Confidential Items**

ON THE PROPOSITION of the Chairman

IT WAS RESOLVED that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it was advisable in the public interest that the public and press be temporarily excluded, and they were instructed to withdraw.

**19. Confidential minutes of the Leisure and Amenities Committee meeting held on 3 July 2017**

**20. Confidential matter arising from the meeting of the Promotion, Communication and Events Committee held on 3 July 2017**

**21. Confidential minutes and matters arising from the Policy, Management and Finance Committee meeting held on 17 July 2017**

ON THE PROPOSITION of the Chairman

IT WAS RESOLVED that the resolutions made in confidential session be adopted.

The meeting closed at 8.07 p.m.

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