

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WANTAGE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE BEACON, PORTWAY, WANTAGE, ON
MONDAY, 19 FEBRUARY 2018, AT 7.30 P.M.**

Councillors present: Councillor S Trinder (Town Mayor)
Councillors A Crawford, Mrs C E C Dickson, C S Dickson,
Miss K Gill (part), J Goodman, Mrs M Gradwell, Mrs J T Hannaby,
K A Harris, B Mabbett, C McCarthy, P O'Leary, Mrs J Reynolds and
Major J Sibbald.

Others present: One member of the public.

Clerk: Mr W P Falkenau.
Deputy Clerk Communications: Miss S Mckendrick

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors E C Goldsmith and Mrs J E Nunn-Price. Councillor Miss Gill had given her apologies for late arrival.

Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

None.

Minutes of Council Meetings held on 4 December 2017

The minutes were approved and signed.

48. Statements and questions from the public

None.

49. Matters arising from the Council meeting held on 20 November and 4 December 2017

30. District and County Councillors' reports

The District Council had recently accepted that the Community Hospital be deemed a "community asset".

50. Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 29 January 2018

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

51. Minutes of the Leisure and Amenities Committee meeting held on 22 January 2018

Item 32b – The word "tress" should be "trees".

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

52. Minutes of the Promotion, Communication and Events Committee meeting held on 22 January 2018

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor Mabbett

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SECONDED BY Councillor McCarthy
IT WAS RESOLVED that the minutes be adopted.

53. Minutes of the Policy, Management and Finance Committee meeting held on 5 February 2018

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor Dickson
SECONDED BY Councillor Major Sibbald
IT WAS RESOLVED that the minutes be adopted.

54. To approve the adoption of the updated financial regulations and risk assessment and to endorse the suitability of the Council's internal controls.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor Crawford
SECONDED BY Councillor Mrs Dickson
IT WAS RESOLVED that the updated financial regulations and risk assessment presented to the Policy, Management and Finance Committee meeting on 5 February 2018 be adopted and that the Council's internal controls, which were also considered at that meeting, be endorsed as suitable.

Councillor Miss Gill arrived.

55. To consider draft constitution for the Youth Town Council

The draft constitution had been updated by the Clerk, as requested by the Policy, Management and Finance Committee. It was likely that further minor changes would be required.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor Mabbett
SECONDED BY Councillor Goodman
IT WAS RESOLVED to approve the draft Youth Town Council constitution, subject to the Clerk being given delegated authority to make minor changes.

56. District and County Councillors' reports

District Councillors' Report

It was reported that the District Council had recently approved its budgets. Funding had been secured from the government to allow the east west link road from the A417 east of Wantage through to Mably Way to proceed. Funding had also been secured for the "housing and growth deal" which would provide funding for housing and local infrastructure.

County Councillor's Report

The County Council had also recently approved its budgets. £15,000 was being provided for a Locality Fund which was available to be spent for local purposes at the County Councillor's discretion. The County Council was concerned about the deliverability of affordable housing.

57. Town Mayor's communications

The Town Mayor was arranging a Spring Clean activity on the 4 March. Volunteers were to attend at The Beacon at 10 am.

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The Town Mayor had received a letter from the President of Grove Rugby Football Club seeking a letter of support for the expansion of the Rugby Club pavilion. Councillor McCarthy declared an interest as Chairman of the Rugby Club.

The Clerk had confirmed that Grove Parish Council fully supported the Rugby Club's proposal.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor Goodman
SECONDED BY Councillor Miss Gill
IT WAS RESOLVED that the Town Mayor should send a letter of support to the Rugby Club. **Action: Trinder**

Confidential Items

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor McCarthy
SECONDED BY Councillor Mrs Dickson
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.

58. **Minutes of the Council meeting of 20 November 2017 and matters arising from the minutes**
59. **Minutes of the Leisure and Amenities Committee meeting held on 23 October 2017**
60. **Minutes of the Policy, Management and Finance Committee meeting held on 6 November 2017**
61. **Minutes of the Promotion, Communication and Events Committee meeting held on 23 October 2017**

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor McCarthy
SECONDED BY Councillor Mrs Dickson
IT WAS RESOLVED that the resolutions made in confidential session be adopted.

The meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

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