

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WANTAGE TOWN
COUNCIL HELD IN THE BEACON, PORTWAY, WANTAGE
ON MONDAY, 25 JUNE 2018 AT 7.30 P.M.**

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

Other present: One member of the public.

Clerk: Mr W P Falkenau.
Deputy Clerk: Miss S Sanders.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Miss K Gill, S C Goldsmith, J Goodman, K A Harris and P O'Leary.

Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

None.

Minutes of the Council meeting held on 14 May 2018

ON THE PROPOSITION OF Councillor Major Sibbald
SECONDED BY Councillor Trinder
IT WAS RESOLVED that the minutes be approved.

18. Statements and Questions from the Public

Mrs Maberley reported that there was an omission in the Youth Town Council minutes of 4 June 2018 concerning Alderman Hutchinson and the Youth Town Council Chairman engaging with Stockham Primary School. The minutes had not yet been approved. It was agreed that a correction be referred to the next Youth Town Council meeting. **Action: Clerk**

Mrs Maberley also asked for an update on an action from the Planning Committee meeting of 8 January 2018 in which it was agreed that the listing of the HSBC premises in the Market Place be investigated. She advised that the minutes were not on display on the website and that there was no follow up information in subsequent minutes. Members also reported that there were gaps in the minutes on the website. The Clerk agreed to investigate and update the website as necessary. **Action: Clerk**

19. Matters arising from the Council meetings held on 9 April and 14 May 2018

None.

20. Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 9 April, 14 May and 4 June 2018

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

21. Minutes of the Leisure and Amenities Committee meeting held on 21 May 2018

2 (b) Use by Sustainable Wantage of Land at Stockham/Naldertown

It had been queried whether there were any legal issues that would restrict the use of the allotment land by Sustainable Wantage. The Committee Chairman was seeking to clarify their intentions. **Action: Trinder**

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3 (d) Consideration of CCTV at cemetery

It was felt that there was also a need to improve the CCTV coverage in Wantage town centre particularly with regard to Wallingford Street.

ON THE PROPOSITION OF Councillor Mrs Hannaby
SECONDED BY Councillor McCarthy

IT WAS RESOLVED to ask the District Council to reinstate the CCTV camera in Wallingford Street and for the police to be asked where the best places were to locate CCTV cameras around the town centre.

ON THE PROPOSITION OF Councillor Trinder
SECONDED BY Councillor Mrs Dickson

IT WAS RESOLVED that the minutes, as amended, be adopted.

22. Minutes of the Promotion, Communications and Events Committee meeting held on 18 June 2018

Item 3 - Events Sub-Committee – Armed Forces Day 30 June 2018

Councillors were asked to help marshal on the day, particularly in the late afternoon when the military vehicles would be leaving. **Action: All**

5 – Other business – Refurbishment of the Manor Road Memorial Park bandstand

The proposed wording for the plaque, distributed by Councillor Dickson, was deemed acceptable. The District Council were also to be asked to install 4 new bench seats around the side of the bandstand. **Action: Clerk**

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor Mabbett
SECONDED BY Councillor Mrs Gradwell

IT WAS RESOLVED that the minutes, as amended, be adopted.

23. Minutes of the Policy, Management and Finance Committee meeting held on 18 June 2018

2 (c) Update on actions from Health Sub-Committee

The Town Mayor agreed to convene a meeting of the Health Sub-Committee, as soon as possible. **Action: McCarthy**

The Clerk was to seek a reply to his letter of 19 March 2018 to the Chief Executive of the Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust. **Action: Clerk**

5 – Update from S106 Sub-Committee concerning offer to take responsibility of maintenance of open spaces on the Crab Hill development

The S106 Sub-Committee had met earlier that evening. It had concluded that given the likely long-term costs of open space maintenance, and the level of S106 contribution available, that it was inappropriate for the Town Council to take over responsibility for the whole of the green spaces offered. It was agreed that responsibility for the new allotment site should be sought and possibly, subject to more information, the community orchard.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor Dickson
SECONDED BY Councillor Mrs Reynolds

IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to advise St Modwen Properties that, having given the offer thorough consideration, the Town Council did not wish to take over responsibility of green

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spaces on the Crab Hill development but would wish to take responsibility for the allotment site, and possibly the community orchard.

10 (a) Upgrade to crossing lights in Ham Road and Denchworth Road

The crossing lights in Denchworth Road had been upgraded and it was not planned to upgrade the lights in Ham Road. No further action was required by the Clerk.

It was noted that some of Council's 'No Waiting' traffic cones had been used by a builder in Priory Road. The Clerk was to retrieve these. **Action: Clerk**

10 (b) Travellers occupying the Willow Walk Nature Reserve

The Clerk was to press the District Council to install bollards or some other form of vehicular obstruction to both entrances to the Nature Reserve as a matter of urgency. **Action: Clerk**

10 (d) Parking enforcement

The Clerk was to write to the District Council as a matter of urgency. **Action: Clerk**

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor Dickson
SECONDED BY Councillor Major Sibbald
IT WAS RESOLVED that the minutes, as amended, be approved.

24. District and County Councillors' reports

District Councillors' report

The District Council was holding free workshops for the parents of primary school children about how to keep children safe online. A barrier system had been installed at the Wantage Leisure Centre and this was causing problems for parents seeking to drop off or pick up their children. A new scheme "Ask for Angela", designed to help those at risk in a pub or bar, has been launched by the District Council. It was unclear whether this scheme covered Wantage.

County Councillor's report

Free transport for students over the age of 16 had been stopped. Cherwell District Council was merging its administration services with Oxfordshire County Council. A recent OFSTED report for King Alfred's Academy advised that there was a need for improvement.

25. Town Mayor's communications

The Town Mayor reported that he had attended a number of events over the past month.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor McCarthy
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.

Confidential

26. Matters arising from the Council meeting held on 9 April 2018

74.35 – Consideration of awards from the Town Council

It was noted that the resolution should have read "...that a donation be given towards the catering at the event of up to £200 or 50% of the cost, whichever is the lower."

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27. **Policy, Management and Finance Committee held on 18 June 2018**

The minutes were noted.

The Council came out of confidential session.

The meeting closed at 8.31 p.m.

WPF/ME
