

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WANTAGE AND GROVE JOINT ECONOMIC FORUM
HELD IN THE BEACON, PORTWAY, WANTAGE, ON THURSDAY, 28 JUNE 2018 AT 7.00 P.M.**

Present:

Grove Parish Council	Councillors R Ackers, D Rolfe and Mrs J Stock.
Wantage Town Council	Councillors C S Dickson, Mrs J Nunn-Price and S Trinder.
Vale of White Horse District Council	Councillor Mrs C Dickson.
Wantage Chamber of Commerce	J Goodman (Chairman), Mrs J Hutchinson and Mrs S Mudway.
Officers: District Council	Dr M Smans.
Wantage Town Council	Mr W P Falkenau (Clerk).

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Grove Parish Councillor I Weeden, Wantage Town Councillor Mrs M Gradwell, Vale of White Horse District Councillors B Mabbett, C McCarthy and Mrs J Reynolds and Chamber of Commerce member Mrs J T Hannaby.

2. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

None.

The Committee agreed to move to item 6.

6. To note responses from councils and Chamber of Commerce concerning proposals in the District Council Market Town Support Briefing Paper and receive update from Dr Smans

Wantage Town Council, Grove Parish Council and the Chamber of Commerce had all indicated that they supported the disbandment of the Joint Economic Forum. There was uncertainty about the merits of the formation of a Town Team as put forward in the briefing paper. It was accepted that each council should consider its own future arrangements for dealing with issues of an economic nature, in consultation with the Chamber of Commerce if appropriate.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor Mrs Stock

SECONDED BY Councillor Trinder

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk should provide options for how the reserves held by the Forum should be distributed.

Action: Clerk

4. Minutes of meeting held on 19 April 2018

The minutes were approved and signed.

9. Dates of future meetings

There were to be no future meetings of the Forum. The Chairman thanked the members for their participation.

The meeting closed at 7.24 p.m.

WPF/ME