

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WANTAGE TOWN
COUNCIL HELD IN THE BEACON, PORTWAY, WANTAGE
ON MONDAY, 30 JULY 2018 AT 7.30 P.M.**

Present: Councillor C McCarthy (Town Mayor)
Councillors Mrs C E C Dickson, C S Dickson, E C Goldsmith, J Goodman,
Mrs M Gradwell, Mrs J T Hannaby, K A Harris, B Mabbett, Mrs J E Nunn-Price,
P O'Leary, Mrs J Reynolds and Major J Sibbald.

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 A Crawford, Miss K Gill and S Trinder.

Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

None.

Minutes of the Council meeting held on 25 June 2018

Item 23.5 – the word “apace” was changed to “space”.

The minutes, as amended, were approved and signed.

28. Statements and Questions from the Public

None.

29. Matters arising from the Council meetings held on 25 June 2018

Item 23.2(c) – Update on actions from Health Sub-Committee

A meeting of the Sub-Committee had been called for the following day. This coincided with a meeting of Grove Parish Council and meant that representatives of that Council were unlikely to be able to attend the Health Sub-Committee meeting. The Chairman agreed to send apologies to the Chairman of Grove Parish Council for calling the meeting without considering this conflict. For future meetings it was suggested that in setting dates, consideration should be given to all parties involved in the Sub-Committee. **Action: McCarthy**

Item 24 – District Councillors' report

It was noted that the ‘Ask Angela’ initiative had been rolled out to some pubs and bars in Wantage, but not to all.

Councillor Mrs Dickson agreed to investigate whether the problems arising from the barrier system installed at the Wantage Leisure Centre had been resolved. **Action: Mrs Dickson**

30. Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 25 June and 9 July 2018

Planning Committee meeting 25 June 2018

Item (e) Street naming – request for street names for the Naldertown development

It was noted that the street names accepted by the District Council were Woodfield Drive and Cedarholme Row.

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Planning Committee meeting 9 July 2018

Item 8(a) - Listing of HSBC building in Market Place

The application for listed building status was being progressed.

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

31. Minutes of the Leisure and Amenities Committee meeting held on 2 July 2018

Item 7(b) – Use by Sustainable Wantage of land at Stockham/Naldertown

The allotment holders at Stockham Park had indicated that they were not supportive of the Forest Garden project proceeding. The volunteer had been informed of this and advised that the project could not proceed at this site. Concerns were expressed that the Committee should have been consulted before any formal advice had been given to the volunteer. It was agreed that the Town Mayor and Clerk review together the situation and circumstances and then decide what further action should be taken. **Action: McCarthy/Clerk**

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

32. Minutes of the Promotion, Communications and Events Committee meeting held on 23 July 2018

Item 8 – follow up re Armed Forces Day event

The Chairman reiterated thanks to all those involved in making the event a success.

Item 7 – Council website

The arrangements for taking the headshots of Councillors had not proceeded. This was to be referred to the next Council meeting in October. **Action: Mabbett**

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

33. Minutes of the Policy, Management and Finance Committee meeting held on 16 July 2018

Item 15 – Wantage and Grove Joint Economic Forum

The Clerk was to give priority to producing the options for the distribution of the remaining JEF funds. **Action: Clerk**

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

34. District and County Councillors' reports

County Councillors' report

Cherwell District Council was proceeding to merge its administrative services with those of Oxfordshire County Council. Peter Clark, the County Council's Chief Executive, was to step down and Yvonne Rees, Chief Executive for Cherwell District Council, was to take over as Chief Executive for both Councils. Attention was being given to the route for the Oxford/Cambridge Expressway. The County Council had decided to seek borrowings in order to repair roads around the county.

District Councillors' report

Clearance has been given for the proposed parish boundary changes to proceed. The hearings relating to Local Plan 2021 Part 2 were proceeding and were due to complete in September. There had been objections to the proposals regarding a new reservoir. There remained outstanding funds which were available for grants to community organisations. The remains of the Council's headquarter buildings at Crowmarsh Gifford were to be knocked down and a new building constructed. The District Council was looking again at taking on civil parking enforcement. The District Council was refurbishing the bandstand at the Manor Road Memorial Park to commemorate World War 1. Proposals for a Unitary Authority were to be put on hold, at least for the period in which the services of Cherwell District Council and Oxfordshire County Council were being combined.

35. Town Mayor's communications

The Town Mayor had received a letter from Seesen which was awaiting translation.

The meeting closed at 8.08 pm.

WPF/ME
