

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WANTAGE TOWN  
COUNCIL HELD IN THE BEACON, PORTWAY, WANTAGE  
ON MONDAY, 8 OCTOBER 2018 AT 7.30 P.M.**

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

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

**Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs C E C Dickson, E C Goldsmith and Mrs M Gradwell. Councillors Mrs Hannaby and Harris had given apologies for possible late arrival.

**Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

None.

**Minutes of the Council meeting held on 30 July 2018**

The minutes were approved and signed.

**36. Statements and Questions from the Public**

None.

**37. Matters arising from the Council meeting held on 30 July 2018**

Page 3 Item 25 – Town Mayor's Communications

It was noted that the letter from Seesen was to congratulate the Town Mayor on his appointment. A copy of this letter was to be passed to the twinning group. **Action: McCarthy**

It was reported that a civic visit from Seesen was due to proceed between 6 and 10 December. McDermid had agreed to host a lunch on Friday 7 December. The Burgermeister was to be invited to open the Dickensian Evening on 7 December.

**38. Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 30 July, 20 August and 17 September 2018**

It was noted that Councillor Trinder had acted as Chairman at the meeting on 20 August.

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

**39. Minutes of the Leisure and Amenities Committee meeting held on 10 September 2018**

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

Councillor Harris arrived.

**40. Minutes of the Promotion, Communications and Events Committee meeting held on 1 October 2018**

Item 13 – Arrangements for Remembrance Sunday

The arrangements for the opening event for the bandstand were proceeding. All parties involved with the parade had been informed.

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

**41. Minutes of the Policy, Management and Finance Committee meeting held on 24 September 2018 and to note arrangements for replacing the Council's photocopier**

Photocopier lease. The current photocopier lease was due to terminate at the end of November. The Clerk had sought quotes from three suppliers for a new copier. The Clerk recommended that another five year lease be entered into, rather than purchase the equipment outright, because it created an obligation on the supplier to maintain the equipment throughout the lease period. The quotes received from the suppliers were all of a similar price. It was agreed to place the lease through Red Corner Document Solutions Ltd. **Action: Clerk**

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

Councillor Mrs Hannaby arrived.

**42. External Auditor report and Certificate 2017/18 and Notice of Conclusion of Annual Audit**

The letter with attachments from Moore Stevens, the external auditor, dated 27 September 2018, was noted. Their External Auditor Report and Certificate 2017/18 made no recommendations.

**43. District and County Councillors' reports**

District Councillors' report

The examination of Local Plan Part 2 had recently concluded. Cooking oil had been added to the items that could be recycled.

County Councillor's report

The new Chief Executive for the County Council had taken up office. No bonds or guarantees had been provided by Carillion and therefore the County Council was having to pick up the costs associated with the terminated contracts. County Councillor Mrs Hannaby was the Chair for a group which was looking into the suitability of contracts relating to roads.

**44. Town Mayor's communications**

The Town Mayor had been contacted by the Tennis Club concerning the switch on ceremony for the new floodlights for the public tennis courts. Councillors would be advised of the arrangements in due course. **Action: McCarthy**

The meeting closed at 19.55 pm.

WPF/ME