

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WANTAGE TOWN
COUNCIL HELD IN THE BEACON, PORTWAY, WANTAGE
ON MONDAY, 26 NOVEMBER 2018 AT 7.30 P.M.**

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

Others 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 Mrs C E C Dickson, Miss K Gill and E C Goldsmith. Apologies were received from Councillor B Mabbett for his late arrival.

Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

None.

Minutes of the Council meeting held on 8 October 2018

The minutes were approved and signed.

45. Statements and Questions from the Public

Mrs Maberley asked for an update on the delivery and re-filling of grit bins. The Deputy Clerk reported that the County Council had advised her that it was behind in its schedule of work. It was hoped to deliver these items fairly soon.

46. Matters arising from the Council meeting held on 8 October 2018

Item 41 – Photocopier

The new photocopier had been installed.

Item 44 – Tennis court floodlight switch on

The switch on ceremony had recently taken place.

47. Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 8 and 29 October 2018

Meeting 8 October 2018 – Item D (a)

The word “unwanted” was deleted from the comment.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor Mrs Reynolds

SECONDED BY Councillor Crawford

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

48. Minutes of the Leisure and Amenities Committee meeting held on 22 October 2018

Item 17 (b) - Allotment sites as asset to community value

The Clerk had been contacted by the County Council concerning the Larkhill allotment site lease. They were willing to renew the lease, but would retain the right to terminate it on 15 months' notice. They still had ambitions to develop the site for residential use. This was unlikely to occur

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in the near future because the site was not included in the Local Plan to 2030 and change of use from an allotment site was difficult to secure.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor Trinder
SECONDED BY Councillor Goodman

IT WAS RESOLVED to restate that the Council's policy was to retain the Larkhill site for allotment use, if possible.

Item 19 (g) – Christmas lighting arrangements

It was reported that the battery lights had been passed to the owner of the record shop in the Arbery Arcade. Councillor Trinder agreed to contact him regarding the use of the lights.

Action: Trinder

If the lights were unavailable consideration would be given to purchasing new lights.

Action: Clerk

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor Trinder
SECONDED BY Councillor Goodman

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

49. Minutes of the Promotion, Communications and Events Committee meeting held on 12 November 2018

Item 17 (e) – Update on Silent Soldiers Initiative

The figures were to be put back in the various locations around the town. **Action: Goodman**

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor Goodman
SECONDED BY Councillor O'Leary

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

50. Minutes of the Policy, Management and Finance Committee meeting held on 5 November 2018

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

51. District and County Councillors' reports

County Councillor's report

Ms J Hanna had recently been elected as County Councillor for Wantage and Grove. She was to be added to the list of those receiving agendas. **Action: Clerk**

There had been at least two accidents arising from mud on the road from the Grove Airfield development. There was a similar problem arising at the Naldertown development. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Planning Enforcement Officer requesting that the building site be closed down until this problem was resolved. The Clerk was also to write to the District Council Planning Department and the Health and Safety Executive bringing this problem to their attention. The HGVs of contractors were also continuing to access the airfield site via Oxford Lane/Denchworth Road rather than via Mably Way. The Clerk was also to refer this to the Planning Enforcement Officer. Copies of correspondence were to be passed to Grove Parish Council. **Action: Clerk**

County Councillor Mrs Hannaby advised that she would be attending a meeting of the Oxfordshire Growth Board the following day.

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District Councillors' report

The response to the Inspector's recommendations on District Council Local Plan Part 2 had been agreed. The refurbishment of the bandstand at the Manor Road Memorial Park had been completed in time for Armistice Day.

Councillor Mabbett arrived.

52. Town Mayor's communications

The Town Mayor outlined arrangements for the imminent Seesen civic visit. An itinerary and other paperwork was distributed. There was to be a quiz evening on Sunday 9 December.

Councillor Dickson agreed to provide questions for this. **Action: Dickson**

Councillors were asked to give feedback to the Town Mayor on the arrangements. The contact list for those participating in the civic visit was to be prepared. **Action: Clerk**

Updates to the paperwork were to be passed to all Councillors. **Action: Clerk**

The meeting closed at 8.17pm.

WPF/ME
