

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PROMOTION, COMMUNICATION AND EVENTS
COMMITTEE OF THE WANTAGE TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE BEACON,
PORTWAY, ON MONDAY, 4 FEBRUARY 2019 AT 7.30 PM.**

Committee members present: Councillor B Mabbett (Chairman)
Councillors C S Dickson, J A Goodman, Mrs J T Hannaby,
K Harris, Mrs M Gradwell, D Richardson, Major J Sibbald and
S Trinder.

Deputy Town Clerk: M Davies.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor C McCarthy.

Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest

None.

To sign the minutes of the meeting held on 12 November 2018

The minutes were approved and signed.

20. Statements and Questions from the Public

None.

21. Matters arising from the minutes

a) Update on Volunteers' Reception on 19 October 2018

A provisional date of the 18th October was agreed. Deputy Clerk was to confirm with Mayor and book room. **Action: Deputy Clerk**

b) Update on Council website

No current updates. Councillors were to forward updates to Deputy Clerk as required. **Action: Deputy Clerk**

c) Update on the Draft Communications Strategy

The draft has not been reviewed. It was to be available for discussion at the next meeting. **Action: Mabbett/Deputy Clerk**

d) Update on "Silent Soldiers" initiative

The Silent Soldiers silhouettes had not been re-installed and were currently in storage. Silhouettes were to be installed in recognition of the 75th anniversary of the D Day landings, subject to agreement from the next Council. The silhouettes were to be moved to the Council shed. **Action: Goodman**

e) Liaison with Oxfordshire County Council regarding emergency planning promotion

The Deputy Clerk emailed the Emergency Planner, but had no response. The Deputy Clerk was to approach again and copy in Councillor Mrs Hannaby. **Action: Deputy Clerk**

f) Update on Market Place Licensing

The forms have been submitted and accepted and were now ready for consultation. **Action: Clerk**

g) Update on Estimates 2019/2020 – re Mobiloo alternative

Quotes have been attained by alternative suppliers. It was agreed to continue to use Mobiloo and promote use of this service across the Council website and social media.

22. Wantage Town Guide – update on publishing arrangements.

The Deputy Clerk was to forward information from the publisher to the Chairman for review. A possible handout pack could be created for distribution to new residents. It was discussed that local Churches already provide a similar service, and that the Council could potentially work with the churches on this. It was also discussed that a “Geocache” type exercise highlighting Wantage attractions could be created, and that the future Town Centre manager would be able to assist with this along with Councillor Richardson.

Action: Chairman/ Deputy Clerk/ Richardson

23. To consider arrangements for the closure of the area at the western end of the Market Place on two Sundays during the summer.

Letters were being sent to those that might be affected by the proposed closures and no set number of dates had been agreed. The Committee felt that this item should remain with the Leisure and Amenities Committee until a decision had been made to host an event.

24. Other Business.

The next meeting had been moved as it coincides with the institution of The Reverend Philip Wells as Vicar of Wantage. It was requested that the Town Clerk resend the invitation to the institution event to Councillors.

Action: Clerk

King Alfred’s Academy had requested that councillors assist in the upcoming Youth Town Council election. The committee felt this could be carried out “cross party”. The Deputy Clerk was to inform the school of this decision and forward any meeting requests to councillors.

Action: Deputy Clerk

The meeting closed at 7.56 pm.

MD/ME