

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WANTAGE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE BEACON, PORTWAY, WANTAGE, ON
MONDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER 2019, AT 7.30 P.M.**

Councillors present: Councillor Major J Sibbald (Town Mayor)
Councillors A Dunford, T Gilhome, J Goodman,
E L Johnson, A C Menzies, I L Sheldon, Dr C Walters
and C H Wills-Wright.

Others present: Two members of the public

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

Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors I R Cameron, A Crawford,
A Duveen, J T Hannaby and J E Nunn-Price.

Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests

None.

34. Statements and questions from the public

None.

35. Honorary Freedom of the Town

It was noted that Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972 allows a relevant authority, such as Wantage Town Council, to admit to be honorary freemen or honorary freewomen of the place or area for which it is the authority:

- (a) persons of distinction, and
- (b) persons who have, in the opinion of the authority, rendered eminent services to that place or area.

This requires a resolution passed by not less than two thirds of the members voting on it at a meeting of the Council, specially convened for the purpose and where notice of the object of the meeting has been given.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor Major Sibbald
SECONDED BY Councillor Goodman

IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that in accordance with the provisions of Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972 the Council admit The Reverend Canon Peter Turbitt, being a person of distinction, in recognition for the thirty years of valuable and devoted services rendered as the Parish Priest to the community of Wantage.

The meeting closed at 8.38 p.m.