

WANTAGE TOWN COUNCIL

Council Offices,
Portway, Wantage, OX12 9BX

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9 October 2019

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am instructed by the Town Mayor, Councillor Major J Sibbald, to convene a special meeting of the Wantage Town Council to be held in The Beacon, Portway, Wantage, on Monday 14 October 2019 following a meeting of Wantage Town Council at 7.00 p.m.

Yours faithfully,

W.P. Falkenau
Town Clerk/Treasurer

BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED

Apologies for absence.

To receive any declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests.

46. Statements and questions from the public.

47. Honorary Freedom of the Town

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.

The Town Mayor, Councillor Major Jim Sibbald, will move the following motion at the Council Meeting:

That in accordance with the provisions of Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 the Council admit Her Majesty's Ship Queen Elizabeth and Ship's Company, being persons of distinction, in recognition of their service to the Defence of the Realm and grant them the Honorary Freedom of Wantage whereby permitting Freedom of Entry into the Town with the right, title, privilege, honour and distinction of marching through the streets of Wantage on ceremonial occasions with swords drawn, bayonets fixed, drums beating, bands playing and Colours flying.

Statements and Questions from members of the public

There is an agenda item at the beginning of each meeting "Statements and questions from the public". This is an opportunity for members of the public to personally raise with the Council points of issue or concern. Advance notice must be given. A guide on the rules and procedures relating to this is available from the Council Office or from the website www.wantagecouncil.gov.uk under 'Council Information'.