

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LEISURE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE OF  
THE WANTAGE TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE BEACON, PORTWAY, ON MONDAY,  
13 JANUARY 2020 AT 7.30 P.M.**

Committee members present: Councillor J T Hannaby (Chairman)  
Councillors A Duveen, T Gilhome, J Goodman, E L Johnson,  
J E Nunn-Price (part), I L Sheldon and Major J Sibbald

Others present: Four members of the public.

Deputy Clerk: S Sanders

**Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors A C Menzies and P M O’Leary.

**Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

None

**Minutes of the meeting held on 28 October 2019**

The minutes were approved and signed.

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

None

**24. Allotment Matters**

(a) Current status of allotment plot availability

The Deputy Clerk reported on current availability of allotment plots across all five sites. There was a small waiting list of people looking for specific plots.

(b) Review of allotment policy/agreement

ON THE PROPOSITION OF Councillor Sibbald  
SECONDED BY Councillor Johnson

IT WAS RESOLVED that the tenancy agreement and shed/greenhouse agreement be amended to reflect the decision to withdraw the requirement for a monetary bond. Sheds may be left on the plot by the outgoing tenant. The plot will subsequently be offered with a shed and will become the responsibility of the new tenant. It was agreed to return any current bonds to tenants following an inspection. **Action: Deputy Clerk**

(c) Re-location of access gate to Grove Road site.

ON THE PROPOSITION OF Councillor Sheldon  
SECONDED BY Councillor Sibbald

IT WAS RESLOVED that the gate be moved approximately 1.5m forwards to enable vehicles to safely enter the site without obstructing the pavement. **Action: Deputy Clerk**

(d) Other allotment matters

None.

3 members of the public were thanked for attending and left the meeting.

## 25. Cemetery Matters

(a) Cemetery Art Project

The artwork had not been yet been installed. It was hoped that installation would take place by the end of January 2020.

Councillor Nunn-Price joined the meeting.

(b) Conifer trees on left hand side of road entrance

There was no update.

**Action: Chairman**

(c) Update on repairs to uneven areas of the cemetery approach road

The Deputy Clerk had arranged a site meeting with a second contractor in order to obtain a comparable quotation.

**Action: Deputy Clerk**

(d) Cemetery sign review

It was agreed not to review the sign.

**Action: Deputy Clerk**

(e) Planting of saplings along border of new cemetery land

The Deputy Clerk was to engage with The Conservation Volunteers & Woodland Trust. It was noted that planning permission might be required.

**Action: Deputy Clerk**

(f) Other cemetery matters

None.

## 26. Town Centre Matters

(a) Seasonal change of use for west end of the Market Place

Storage space for tables and chairs to be purchased by the Town Council had not yet been found.

**Action: Goodman**

(b) Update regarding Changing Place facility in the Town Centre

ON THE PROPOSTION OF Councillor Sibbald  
SECONDED BY Councillor Goodman

IT WAS RESOLVED to support the installation of a Changing Place facility within the Portway car park subject to funds, maintenance and feasibility to accommodate in the existing facility.

**Action: Deputy Clerk**

(c) Market Place bollards and arrangement with County Council to replace damaged ones

Three bollards had been received from Oxfordshire County Council. Six were to be ordered, funded from County Councillor Hannaby's Priority Fund allocation.

**Action: Deputy Clerk**

(d) Purchase of a bus shelter for Charlton Road (opposite the Nelson Public House)

ON THE PROPOSTION OF Councillor Hannaby

SECONDED BY Councillor Sibbald

IT WAS RESOLVED that the purchase of the bus shelter opposite the Nelson public house on Charlton Road be purchased from County Councillor Hannaby's priority fund and the budgeted funds be used for a shelter on Charlton Road near the community hospital.

**Action: Deputy Clerk**

(e) Alternatives to chemical weed killing

It was agreed that there was not a suitable alternative to chemical weed killing.

(f) Arrangements for Christmas decorations 2020

It was agreed to keep the same arrangement as in 2019 and for the decorations to be removed by the twelfth night.

(g) Arrangements for floral displays 2020

It was agreed to keep the same arrangement as in 2019 and for the displays to be removed in accordance with the recommendation of the supplier.

(h) Other Town Centre Matters

Councillor Hannaby gave an update regarding Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE).

Plans to improve the parking in Wantage were discussed. It was suggested that bus companies should be involved in future discussions.

**22. Other business**

None

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

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