

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WANTAGE TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE BEACON, PORTWAY, WANTAGE ON MONDAY 2 AUGUST 2021, AT 7.30 P.M.**

Councillors present: Councillor Major J Sibbald (Town Mayor)  
Councillors T Gilhome, J T Hannaby,  
E L Johnson, A Menzies, I L Sheldon and C Walters.

Others present: One member of the public

Clerk: W P Falkenau.

Councillors A Dunford, A Duveen and C Wills-Wright and two members of the public observed the meeting via Zoom.

Representatives of Wantage District Girlguiding, Wantage Detachment of Nivelles Company Oxfordshire Army Cadet Force, 1861 (Wantage) Squadron Air Training Corps and The Sweatbox Youth Centre observed the meeting via Zoom.

**Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors I R Cameron, A Crawford, O Curley, J E Nunn-Price and P O'Leary.

**Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests**

None.

**22. Statements and questions from the public**

None.

**23. 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.**

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor Major Sibbald

SECONDED BY Councillor Johnson

IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that in accordance with the provisions of Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 the Council admit:

Wantage Scout Group

Wantage District Girlguiding

Wantage Detachment of Nivelles Company, Oxfordshire Army Cadet Force

1861 (Wantage) Squadron Air Training Corps

The Sweatbox Youth Centre

having rendered eminent services to Wantage and in recognition of their long service to the development of the youth of Wantage and hereby grant them the Honorary Freedom of Wantage which is the highest honour that this Council can bestow.

Representatives of the recipient organisations expressed their thanks for the honour via Zoom.

The meeting closed at 7.39 p.m.

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