

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WANTAGE TOWN
COUNCIL HELD IN THE BEACON, PORTWAY, WANTAGE
ON MONDAY, 9 MAY 2022 AT 7.30 P.M.**

Present: Councillor J Sibbald (Town Mayor)
Councillors I R Cameron, A Crawford, A Dunford, JT Hannaby, E L Johnson,
A C Menzies, J E Nunn-Price, P M O’Leary, S Third, C Walters and C H Wills-
Wright.

Others present: Cadet Sergeant G Radcliffe – Wantage Detachment of Army Cadet Force
Cadet Flight Sergeant A Dwight – 1861 (Wantage) Squadron, Air Training Corps
Four members of the public.

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

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Duveen, T Gilhome, A Przybysz and I Sheldon.

Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

None.

Statements and Questions from the Public

None.

1. Election of Town Mayor

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor Cameron
SECONDED BY Councillor Menzies
IT WAS RESOLVED that Councillor Sibbald be Town Mayor.

2. Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Councillor Sibbald signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

3. Election of Deputy Town Mayor

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor Wills-Wright
SECONDED by Councillor O’Leary
IT WAS RESOLVED that Councillor Dunford be Deputy Town Mayor for the ensuing year.

4. Appointment of Standing Committees, sub-committees and of Committee Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen.

Appointment of Standing Committees and sub-committees

Councillors had indicated their committee preferences prior to the meeting. Councillor Dunford had advised that she wished to stand down from the Planning Committee.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor Johnson
SECONDED BY Councillor Hannaby
IT WAS RESOLVED that the committee and sub-committee memberships be as follows:

- (a) Planning Committee: Councillors Cameron, Gilhome, Johnson, Menzies, Sheldon, and Sibbald.

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- (b) Leisure and Amenities: Councillors Duveen, Hannaby, Johnson, Menzies, Nunn-Price, O’Leary, Sheldon, Sibbald and Walters.
- (c) Promotion, Communication and Events Committee: Councillors Crawford, Gilhome, Hannaby, Nunn-Price, Sibbald and Wills-Wright.
- (d) Policy, Management and Finance Committee: All Councillors.
- (e) Health Sub-committee: Councillors Crawford, Dunford, Hannaby, Johnson, Menzies, Sheldon, Sibbald and Walters.
- (f) Staffing sub-committee: Councillors Crawford, Hannaby, Johnson, Sibbald and Wills-Wright.
- (g) Climate Emergency sub-committee: Councillors Cameron, Crawford, Dunford, Duveen, Hannaby, Johnson, Nunn-Price, A Przybysz, Walters and Wills-Wright.

Appointment of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Committees and sub-committees

These are as follows:

(a) Planning Committee:

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor Sibbald
SECONDED BY Councillor Dunford
IT WAS RESOLVED that Councillor Johnson be Chairman of the Planning Committee.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor Wills-Wright
SECONDED BY Councillor Menzies
IT WAS RESOLVED that Councillor Cameron be Vice-Chairman of the Planning Committee.

(b) Leisure and Amenities Committee:

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor Menzies
SECONDED BY Councillor Johnson
IT WAS RESOLVED that Councillor Hannaby be Chairman of the Leisure and Amenities Committee.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor Sibbald
SECONDED BY Councillor Hannaby
IT WAS RESOLVED that Councillor Johnson be Vice-Chairman of the Leisure and Amenities Committee.

(c) Promotion, Communication and Events Committee:

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor Hannaby
SECONDED BY Councillor Walters
IT WAS RESOLVED that Councillor Wills-Wright be Chairman of the Promotion, Communication and Events Committee.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor Wills-Wright
SECONDED BY Councillor Hannaby
IT WAS RESOLVED that Councillor Gilhome be Vice-Chairman of the Promotions, Communication and Events Committee.

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(d) Policy, Management and Finance Committee:

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor Hannaby
SECONDED BY Councillor Walters
IT WAS RESOLVED that Councillor Crawford be Chairman of the Policy, Management and Finance Committee.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor Johnson
SECONDED BY Councillor Cameron
IT WAS RESOLVED that Councillor Sheldon be Vice-Chairman of the Policy, Management and Finance Committee.

e) Health Sub-committee

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor Crawford
SECONDED BY Councillor Menzies
IT WAS RESOLVED that Councillor Hannaby be Chairman of the Health Sub-committee.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor Sibbald
SECONDED BY Councillor Johnson
IT WAS RESOLVED that Councillor Sheldon be Vice-Chairman of the Health Sub-committee.

f) Staffing Sub-committee

Councillor Sibbald, as Town Mayor, was to be Chairman of the Staffing Sub-committee.

g) Climate Emergency Sub-committee

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor Cameron
SECONDED BY Councillor O'Leary
IT WAS RESOLVED that Councillor Dunford be Chairman of the Climate Emergency Sub-committee.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor Dunford
SECONDED BY Councillor Walters
IT WAS RESOLVED that Councillor Johnson be Vice-Chairman of the Climate Emergency Sub-committee

5. Appointment of Members on Joint Committees

(a) Wantage and Grove Traffic Advisory Committee:

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor Crawford
SECONDED BY Councillor Hannaby
IT WAS RESOLVED that Councillors Cameron, Gilhome and Nunn-Price, and Sue Thwaite of the mobility group, be members of the Wantage and Grove Traffic Advisory Committee.

6. Appointment of Representatives on Other Bodies

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor Sibbald
IT WAS RESOLVED that the following be appointed as representatives on other bodies:

- (a) Vale and Downland Museum (Wantage) – Councillor Cameron
- (b) Letcombe Brook Project – Councillors Crawford and Gilhome
- (c) Vale Community Impact – Councillor Walters
- (d) Parish transport representative – Councillors Gilhome and Nunn-Price
- (e) Executive Committee of Wantage, Grove and District Twinning Association – Councillor Hannaby

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- (f) Dickensian Evening Working Party - Councillors Hannaby, O'Leary and Third.
- (g) Friends of Sweatbox – Councillor Menzies
- (h) Wantage and Grove Community Led Children's Services - Councillor Hannaby
- (i) Trustee of Robert Stiles Almshouse – Councillor Sibbald

7. Appointment of Town Mayor's Cadets

The Town Mayor welcomed Cadet Sergeant Grace Radcliffe and Cadet Flight Sergeant Albert Dwight to the meeting. Both had been put forward, for a second year, by their detachments to be the Town Mayor's Cadets for the coming year. He was delighted to appoint them as his cadets, representing their detachments and the youth of Wantage, and assisting him with his duties in the year to come. The Town Mayor hoped that, with the pandemic almost over, they would be participating in more activities and events over the coming months.

8. To approve payment of grants for 2022/2023

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor Hannaby
SECONDED BY Councillor Wills-Wright

IT WAS RESOLVED that the following grants be paid over, by the Clerk, during the coming year, when they become due:

Dickensian Evening	£2,000
Be Free Young Carers	£5,000
GROW Children's Centre	£11,500
Vale Community Impact – general (includes £5,000 approved for accommodation)	£11,000
Letcombe Brook Project	£10,500
Wantage Museum - general	£19,000
Wantage Museum - Visitor Information Point	£6,350
Sweatbox	£13,500
October Club	£5,500
Wantage Summer Festival	£2,000

9. Approval of Signatories for Bank Mandate

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor Sibbald
SECONDED by Councillor Wills-Wright

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Town Mayor, Deputy Town Mayor, Committee Chairmen and Town Clerk be cheque signatories, with any three to sign.

10. To note that Councillors Nunn-Price and Przybysz are currently unable to attend Council meetings and to consider whether to approve their absences to 9 November 2022

It was noted that due to Councillor Nunn-Price's attendance at this meeting, it was unnecessary to approve her absence. Councillor Przybysz was currently unable to attend meetings due to work commitments.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor Sibbald
SECONDED by Councillor Walters

IT WAS RESOLVED to approve Councillor Przybysz's absence from meetings up to 9 November 2022, but that his membership of committees and sub-committees be suspended for meetings he is unable to attend.

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11. To approve and sign minutes of the Council meetings held on 28 March and 25 April 2022, and consider matters arising

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor Menzies
SECONDED by Councillor O’Leary
IT WAS RESOLVED that the minutes be approved and signed.

92. Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE)

The District Council was updating its parking orders. It had been suggested that these could be widened to include the Town Council’s parking spaces in the Market Place. This could enable enforcement to be undertaken by the contractor working for the District Council.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor Hannaby
SECONDED by Councillor Crawford.
IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk engage with the District Council officers to see whether this was feasible and to ascertain the costs involved. **Action: Clerk**

12. To review Flag Flying Policy

The government had recently updated its guidance for flying flags on government buildings.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor Sibbald
SECONDED by Councillor Nunn-Price
IT WAS RESOLVED that the following policy be adopted:

The Wyvern flags will be flown on days when other flags are not specified.

UNION FLAG (Both flagpoles to fly Union Flag, unless inferior flag of the day present)

- 06 February - Her Majesty’s Accession
- March - Commonwealth Day (second Monday in March) (Commonwealth)
- 21 April - Birthday of Her Majesty the Queen
- 23 April - St. George’s Day (St George’s Cross)
- 02 June - Coronation Day
- June - Official celebration of Her Majesty’s birthday
- November - Remembrance Day (11th and Sunday)
- 14 November - Birthday of the Prince of Wales

ARMED FORCES DAY FLAG

- June - Armed Forces Day (Last Saturday)

WHITE ENSIGN

- 21 October - Trafalgar Day (Wyvern)

RAF ENSIGN

- September - Battle of Britain Day (15th and Sunday) (Wyvern)

PRIDE FLAG

- June - Date to be agreed

The meeting closed at 7.59 p.m.
