

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WANTAGE TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE BEACON, PORTWAY, WANTAGE ON MONDAY 3 OCTOBER 2022, AT 7.30 P.M.**

Councillors present: Councillor Major J Sibbald (Town Mayor)  
Councillors I R Cameron, A Crawford, J T Hannaby,  
A Menzies, P O’Leary, I L Sheldon, S Third  
and C Walters.

Others present: Five members of the public

Clerk: W P Falkenau.

**Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Dunford, A Gilhome, E L Johnson A Przbysz and S Third.

**Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests**

None.

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

None.

**39. 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 Crawford

IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that in accordance with the provisions of Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 the Council admit Wantage Silver Band having rendered eminent services to Wantage over the past 50 years and in recognition of their dedication to supporting events in the Town and surrounding environs; providing musical education to many, irrespective of age and ability, and promoting Wantage throughout the world; we hereby grant them the Honorary Freedom of Wantage which is the highest honour that this Council can bestow.

The meeting closed at 7.33 p.m.

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