

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WANTAGE TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN
WANTAGE CIVIC HALL, PORTWAY, ON MONDAY, 12 APRIL, 2010, AT 7.30 P.M.**

Present: Councillor P M O’Leary (Town Mayor)
Councillors B H Armitage, Mrs P Brundle, E C Goldsmith,
Mrs J Hannaby, P Kent, J Morgan, Mrs J Reynolds,
Major J Sibbald and Mrs E A Turner.

Clerk: Mr W P Falkenau.
Deputy Clerk: Mrs H Kell.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Crawford, M Green, Ms N J Hanna, D B Standen, Mrs L Todd and Dr I C E Turcu.

Declarations of Interest

These were to be given as the meeting proceeded.

Minutes of Council Meeting held on 22 February and Special Council Meeting held on 22 March, 2010

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor Major Sibbald,
SECONDED by Councillor Armitage,
IT WAS RESOLVED that the minutes be approved and signed.

68. Statements and Question from the Public

None.

69. Matters Arising from Council Meeting held on 22 February and Special Council Meeting held on 22 March, 2010

None.

70. Minutes of the Planning Committee Meetings held on 22 February, 15 March and 29 March, 2010

Minutes 15 March, 2010

E – Planning Appeal : 16 Grove Street, Wantage

This should refer to 16 Mill Street not 16 Grove Street.

Minutes 29 March, 2010

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It was noted that the response had omitted reference to the need for flood prevention measures. These were to be added.

Action : Deputy Clerk

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The Deputy Clerk was thanked for the accuracy of her minute taking. There was a need to keep pressure on the District Council regarding the provision of infrastructure. It was agreed to write to the Primary Care Trust asking for an explanation about why it had supported housing development in Wantage rather than in Abingdon.

Action : Deputy Clerk

Reference to the moving of the parish boundary to incorporate the development to the north-east of Wantage, should also include the leisure land that formed part of the development.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor Major Sibbald,
SECONDED by Councillor Goldsmith,
IT WAS RESOLVED that the minutes, as amended, be adopted.

**71. Minutes of the Recreation and Amenities Committee Meeting held on
15 March, 2010**

34(e) – Spring Allotment Inspections

Dates for allotment site visits had yet to be settled.

Action : Reynolds

36 – Youth and Leisure Facilities in Wantage and Grove

It was reported that Councillor Mrs Hannaby was due to attend the next stakeholder meeting regarding the future of the Sweatbox, its re-launch and continuance.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor Mrs Reynolds,
SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Hannaby,
IT WAS RESOLVED that the minutes, as amended, be adopted.

72. Minutes of the Environmental Committee Meeting held on 1 March, 2010

27(a) – Condition of Roads in and Around Wantage

There was a need to put pressure on the County Council to attend to potholes and other road failures. It was agreed that the Deputy Clerk should refer matters to Rodney Rose of the County Council.

Action : Deputy Clerk

28(c) – Adopt a Public Telephone

A response from BT was still awaited.

30 - Any Other Business

(b) – Inadequate Street Lighting, Belmont : Footpath 13

It was suggested that a note be sent to owners asking them to cut back foliage in the vicinity of the street lights in order to reduce shadows. It was agreed that this be referred to the next committee meeting.

Action : Clerk

The support of the Police was also to be sought for the provision of an additional lighting along footpath 13.

Action : Deputy Clerk

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor Kent,

SECONDED by Councillor Goldsmith,
IT WAS RESOLVED that the minutes, as amended, be adopted.

**73. Minutes of the Policy, Management and Finance Committee Meeting held on
22 March, 2010**

63(b) – Town Council Website

The Clerk was to investigate whether a counter could be provided on the website to indicate the number of visitors to it. **Action : Clerk**

63(c) – Pedestrian Crossing at Limborough Road

A meeting with County Council officers was to be held on 23 April, 2010.

63(f) – Reception for Volunteers

The reception had been well-received by the volunteers. The Town Mayor was thanked for suggesting the reception and for his support in achieving its success.

64(e) – Sainsbury’s Car Park

The parking notices advise that the car park is solely for the use of Sainsbury’s customers when it had been intended that the car park should be used by visitors to other shop units in the development. The County Council was attempting to sort out the legal situation.

63(g) – Consideration of the Appropriate Level of Funding of the Vale and Downland Museum Trust relating to the Town Council’s Collection

It was suggested that if the links from the Mayor’s Chain of Office could be retrieved from the Museum, these could be incorporated into the Deputy Mayor’s regalia. **Action : Clerk**

It was agreed to encourage the Museum to lend any items that were left in store to other museums.

68 – Consideration of Items for Discussion at Town Electorate Meeting on 15 April, 2010

It was agreed that the Clerk should provide explanation and comments under items 3 and 6 of the agenda –

- Explanation of respective roles of Town, District and County Councils
- Wantage Market Place layout changes
- Civic Hall
- Youth facilities

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor Armitage,
SECONDED by Councillor Goldsmith,
IT WAS RESOLVED that the minutes, as amended, be adopted.

74. Town Mayor's Communications

The Town Mayor reported on activities with which he had been involved since the previous Council meeting. The Deputy Town Mayor had stood in for him on various occasions. Councillor Morgan had attended the liaison meeting at RAF Welford. It was noted that there were a number of tickets available for the Betjeman Festival event to be held on 17 April, 2010.

Confidential Items 75 and 76

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor O'Leary,
SECONDED by Councillor Major Sibbald,
IT WAS RESOLVED that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it was advisable in the public interest that the public and press be temporarily excluded, and they were instructed to withdraw.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor O'Leary,
SECONDED by Councillor Major Sibbald,
IT WAS RESOLVED that the resolutions made in confidential session be adopted.

The meeting closed at 8.36 p.m.

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