

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
OF THE WANTAGE TOWN COUNCIL, HELD IN WANTAGE CIVIC HALL
PORTWAY, ON MONDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER 2009 AT 7.30 P.M.**

Committee Members Present: Councillor P Kent (Chairman)
Councillors E Goldsmith, M Green, Mrs J Hannaby,
P O'Leary, Major J Sibbald and Mrs L Todd

Deputy Clerk: Mrs H Kell

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors B Armitage, A Geden and Mrs E Turner.

Declarations of Interest

None

Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 July 2009

The minutes were approved and signed, following an amendment to item 8 (b) to read: "...outside Sainsbury's shop, giving directions to the Town Centre, Library and Mill Street."

10. Statements and Questions from the Public

None

11. Matters Arising

(a) Bus Shelter, Harcourt Road

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor Mrs Hannaby.

SECONDED by the Chairman,

IT WAS RESOLVED: that a letter be sent to the County Council requesting the removal of the bus shelter in Harcourt Road, and approving a contribution of £1,300 from the Town Council.

(b) Seat Seesen Way

The Committee noted the seat in Seesen Way had now been installed.

12. Market Place

(a) Bronze Plaque

The Deputy Clerk reported that Mr Humphries hoped to erect the new bronze plaque on Sunday, 20 September. The Committee noted that it was Battle of Britain Sunday and requested Mr Humphries carry out the work in the morning.

(b) New Signage, Town Centre

The Deputy Clerk reported that the cost of providing two new finger posts at Sainsburys and the junction of Grove Road and Kings Walk, plus additional direction fingers to the existing finger

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posts at the western and eastern end of the Market Place, together with delivery costs, was £1,931.14 plus VAT. The cost of installation by the District Council would amount to £1,020 plus VAT. The total cost of the project would be £2,951.14 plus VAT.

ON THE PROPOSITON of the Chairman,
SECONDED by Councillor O'Leary

IT WAS RESOLVED that an application be made to JET for a grant towards the cost of purchasing and installation of the new finger posts and additional fingers to the existing posts.

Action: Deputy Clerk

(c) New Car Park Signage

The Committee enquired whether costs and designs for two new cast signs, giving car parking regulation on the Market Place had now been moved forward. Verbal quotations of £1,000 had been received for the design and purchase of the signs.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor O'Leary
SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Hannaby

IT WAS RESOLVED that two new car parking signs be purchased, at a cost of approximately £1,000.

Action: Deputy Clerk

(d) To discuss policy of towing away illegally parked vehicles from the Market Place.

The Committee noted that following a problem which had occurred when an illegally parked vehicle had been left on the Market Square prior to an event organised by the Rejuvenation Committee, a policy for removing illegally parked vehicles from the Market Place should be considered.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor O'Leary
SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Hannaby

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Council consider a policy of towing away illegally parked vehicles. The cost of removing was to be recovered from the owner. The Committee proposed that the Deputy Clerk contact local garages to obtain information regarding their policy and costs for removing vehicles. The District Council's Legal Department should always be approached for legal advice.

Action: Deputy Clerk

(e) Refurbishment of Market Place

The Committee noted that the Market Place refurbishment project was now the responsibility of the Policy, Management and Finance Committee.

(d) Other Market Place Matters

(i) French Market, 15 November 2009.

Councillor P O'Leary reported, following the proposal that the French Market be included in the events organised by the Rejuvenated Committee, that the Deputy Clerk was requested to give advice to the Rejuvenated Committee on obtaining an Alcohol and Entertainment Licence.

Action: Deputy Clerk

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13. Cemetery Matters

- (a) Tree works at the vehicular entrance improvements – update

The Committee noted that the tree works to improve the visibility at the Cemetery entrance had been completed. The Committee requested confirmation be obtained from Enterprise for a date when work to improve the cemetery entrance would commence. **Action: Deputy Clerk**

- (b) Enquiry from Mrs Weal concerning replacing a crematorium plaque for her parents on her grandparents grave.

The request was noted and after discussion,

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor Goldsmith
SECONDED by Councillor Green

IT WAS RESOLVED to recommend approval of the request on the understanding that a note was received from Mrs Weal's aunt giving her permission. It was also recommended that the size of the plaque be obtained to ensure this would not cause problems in the future. **Action: Deputy Clerk**

14. Any Other Business

Letter from resident re nuisance at Smith's Wharf

The Committee received and noted a letter from a resident of Smith's Wharf with regard to noise and nuisance to residents in Smith's Wharf following the approval of the licence to the Kebab van to trade in the Sainsbury's car park.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor Green
SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Hannaby

IT WAS RESOLVED that the resident be requested to direct the complaint to the District Council which is the authority for issuing trading licences; also if any of the neighbours have similar complaints, they should also write to the District Council. **Action: Deputy Clerk**

A letter was to be sent to the District Council requesting them to keep local residents informed of when the licence would be renewed/ **Action: Deputy Clerk**

The meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.

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