

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

Present: Councillor P M O'Leary (Town Mayor)
Councillor Major J Sibbald (Deputy Town Mayor)
Councillors Mrs P Brundle, E C Goldsmith, Ms N J Hanna,
P Kent, J Morgan, Mrs J Reynolds, Mrs L Todd (part) and
Dr I C E Turcu.

Clerk: Mr W P Falkenau.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors B H Armitage, A Crawford, M Green, Mrs J Hannaby, D B Standen and Mrs E A Turner.

Declarations of Interest

These were to be given as the meeting proceeded.

Minutes of Council Meeting held on 25 January, 2010

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor Morgan,
SECONDED by Councillor Kent,
IT WAS RESOLVED that the minutes be approved and signed.

57. Statements and Questions from the Public

None.

58. Matters Arising from Council Meetings held on 30 November, 2009 and 25 January, 2010

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ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor Dr Turcu,
SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Reynolds,
IT WAS RESOLVED that the Council should conduct discussions with Mr Buckle concerning his letter, but that no commitment should be made in any way to take over responsibility for the Manor Road recreation ground.

59. Minutes of the Planning Committee Meetings held on 14 December, 2009 and 18 January and 8 February, 2010

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor Major Sibbald,
SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Todd,
IT WAS RESOLVED that the minutes be adopted.

Councillor Mrs Todd left the meeting.

60. Minutes of the Recreation and Amenities Committee Meeting held on 25 January, 2010

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

61. Minutes of the Environmental Committee Meeting held on 18 January, 2010

22 – Matters Arising :

Condition of Roads in and Around Wantage

It was reported that there were potholes in almost every road in the town, but that those being reported to the County Council were being attended to. Councillors were urged to identify potholes around the town, and report these to the County Council.

Action : All Councillors

23 – Market Place :

(a) New Signage for Town Centre

The information on a number of fingerposts around the Town Centre was out-of-date. Councillor Kent asked for guidance on whether the direction sign to the Magistrates' Court should be removed and whether other updating should be postponed to await other changes? It was agreed that whilst the Magistrates' Court remained open, the fingerpost sign should be retained.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor Kent,
SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Brundle,

IT WAS RESOLVED that the up-dating of other fingerpost information should proceed.

Action : Clerk

It was noted that traffic signing around the town remained unsuitable and inadequate.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor Major Sibbald,
SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Brundle,

IT WAS RESOLVED that this should be referred as an agenda item to the next full Planning Committee meeting for consideration.

Action : Clerk

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor Kent,
SECONDED by Councillor Major Sibbald,

IT WAS RESOLVED that the minutes, as amended, be adopted.

62. Minutes of the Policy, Management and Finance Committee Meeting held on 1 February, 2010

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor Dr Turcu,

SECONDED by Councillor Morgan,

IT WAS RESOLVED that the minutes be adopted.

63. Town Mayor's Communications

(a) Civic Visit to Seesen : 2010

An invitation had been received for a party of up to ten Councillors and civic dignitaries to visit Seesen this year on dates to be agreed. (Previous visits have coincided with the Sehusafest event held in early/mid September). Councillors were asked to indicate, as soon as possible, if they were interested in being part of the visit. If they were not, the Town Mayor would extend the invitation to others representing local organisations.

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(b) Nominations for High Sheriff's Awards : 2010

The Town Mayor had submitted two nominations.

(c) Visits and Events

The Town Mayor reported on activities in which he had been involved since the previous Council meeting.

(d) RAF Welford Community Liaison Meeting : 3 March, 2010

The Mayor had received the above invitation. He and the Deputy Town Mayor were unable to attend. It was agreed that Councillor Morgan should attend.

Confidential Items 64 and 65

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 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 8.13 p.m.

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