

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WANTAGE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN WANTAGE CIVIC HALL, PORTWAY, ON MONDAY,
3 AUGUST, 2009, AT 7.30 P.M.**

Present: Councillor P M O'Leary (Town Mayor)
Councillor Major J Sibbald (Deputy Town Mayor)
Councillors B H Armitage, Mrs P Brundle, Ms N J Hanna, P Kent,
J Morgan, Mrs L Todd and Mrs E A Turner.

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

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Crawford, A J Geden, E C Goldsmith, M Green, Mrs J Hannaby, Mrs J Reynolds and Dr I C E Turcu.

Declarations of Interest

These were to be given as the meeting proceeded.

Minutes of Council Meeting held on 29 June, 2009

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

22. Statements and Questions from the Public

None.

23. Matters Arising from Council Meeting held on 29 June, 2009

None.

24. Minutes of Planning Committee Meetings held on 6 and 27 July, 2009

Minutes 27 July, 2009

9(a) - Wantage Market Place : Update and Proposals to Alter Location for Buses Waiting. David Taylor, a County Council officer, had suggested that an informal meeting involving Councillors and representatives of the bus companies be held in advance of him attending a Planning Committee meeting. It was agreed that his proposal be accepted. **Action : Deputy Clerk**

It was agreed that the comments made by the Committee concerning the layout should be passed to the consultants with the message that the points were not immutable. **Action : Clerk**

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

25. Minutes of the Recreation and Amenities Committee held on 6 July, 2009

8(a) – Grove Road Allotments. It was noted that despite the recent incidents of vandalism, the allotment-holders were still leaving the entrance gate open.

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

26. Minutes of the Environmental Committee Meeting held on 13 July, 2009

7(a) – Bus Shelter : Harcourt Road. The bus shelter had not yet been removed.

8(a) – King Alfred’s Statue : Bronze Plaque. It was reported that this would be in place by the end of August, 2009.

9(c) – French Market. Wantage Rejuvenated would take over responsibility for arrangements for the French markets. They were also seeking to hold regular events in the Market Place on the second Tuesday of each month. It was agreed that this be referred to the Policy, Management and Finance Committee for consideration.

Action : Clerk

8(b) – New Signage for Town Centre : Fingerposts. An additional pointer was to be provided to/from Mill Street to Angels Walk.

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

27. Minutes of the Policy, Management and Finance Committee Meeting held on 20 July, 2009

20(g) – Organisational Arrangements of the Displays Committee. The Clerk had not yet produced a draft constitution. It was reported that the Displays Committee had not proceeded with the extended scheme for the current year. The Clerk was to contact Mr Turnbull, the Chairman of the Displays Committee, to clarify what arrangements had been made.

Action : Clerk

20(b) – Community Group Discounts : Wantage Civic Hall. Meetings had been called by Councillor Richard Webber for users of the Civic Hall on Friday, 14 August and Monday, 17 August, 2009. Councillors were urged to attend.

21 – Signage for Alfred’s Bath. The provision of the sign had been delayed because a logo from a sponsoring organization had arrived late, and not because of the wording.

Financial Statements to July, 2009. The financial statements were noted.

Report on donations arising relating to Community Group Discounts for Civic Hall. The Clerk had been unable to prepare recommendations for consideration at this meeting.

Action : Clerk

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

28. Town Mayor’s Communications

The Mayor reported on events and activities which he had participated in over the past month. He advised that he intended to refer to the next Policy, Management and Finance Committee meeting, a suggestion that a volunteers’ reception be held. This

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would recognize those volunteers who had given their time freely over a number of years for the benefit to the community.

Confidential Item 29

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 be excluded, and they were instructed to withdraw.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor O'Leary,
SECONDED by Councillor Morgan,
IT WAS RESOLVED that the resolutions made in the confidential session of the Policy, Management and Finance Committee meeting held on 20 July 2009 be adopted.

The meeting closed at 8.22 p.m.

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