

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RECREATION AND AMENITIES
COMMITTEE OF THE WANTAGE TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN WANTAGE CIVIC HALL,
PORTWAY, ON MONDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2009 AT 8.35 PM**

Committee Members Present: Councillor Mrs P Brundle, Mrs J Hannaby,
J Morgan and Major J Sibbald

Members of the public: 3 members of the public

Deputy Clerk: Mrs H Kell

Election of Chairman

Due to the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman,

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor J Morgan
SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Hannaby
IT WAS RESOLVED that Councillor Major J Sibbald be Chairman for the meeting.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors B Armitage, A Crawford, A Geden,
P O'Leary, Mrs J Reynolds (Chairman), Dr ICE Turcu and Mrs E Turner (Vice Chairman)

Declaration of Interest

Councillor Mrs Hannaby declared a personal interest in the Letcombe Brook Project.

Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 July 2009

The minutes were approved and signed

13 Statements and Question from the Public

None

14 Matters arising

a) Stockham Park Amenity Area

Following the proposals from the July meeting of the Committee,

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor Morgan
SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Hannaby
IT WAS RESOLVED that a sign stating 'No Cars Beyond This Point' and a sign stating 'Do Not Allow
Your Dog to Foul the Play Area' be purchased at a cost of £ 125.00 each, plus installation.

15 Allotment matters

a) Plots 25 and 26 Stockham Park

The Deputy Clerk reported that the possible clearing of the two plots was still being investigated.
Councillors were anxious that the soil was tested for contamination prior to the plots being let.

b) Allotment Inspection – 1 October 2009

The Committee noted and approved an allotment inspection on Thursday 1 October 2009, commencing at
1 pm.

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c) Gate at Grove Road allotment

The Deputy Clerk reported that following advice from a local engineering company, the installation of a metal gate at Grove Road allotment site would not be beneficial to security if additional high security fencing was not also erected.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor Mrs Hannaby

SECONDED by Councillor Major Sibbald

IT WAS RESOLVED that the cost of the metal gate plus requesting additional fencing from the landowner could not be justified.

d) Allotment holders meeting

The Committee approved an allotment holders meeting to be held on Monday 5 October at 7.30 pm if confirmation was received that County Council Officers can attend and give advice on composting etc.

16 Alfred's Bath

The Committee received and noted a report from Ms Sally Wallington on behalf of the Letcombe Brook project for the refurbishment of board walks, clearing of rubble and undergrowth together with pruning and removal of shrubs at Alfred's Bath. The cost of the project was reported as:

Option 1: To include new wooden board walks - £ 6138.37

Option 2: Replace wooden board walks with footpath and culverts - £ 5488.89

ON THE PROPOSITION OF Councillor Mrs Hannaby

SECONDED by Councillor Major Sibbald

IT WAS RESOLVED that Option 1, at a cost of £ 6138.37 be presented to the Policy, Management and Finance Committee with an application of funding to be made to Wantage JET, the Lottery or WREN Recycling by Ms Wallington.

It was noted that the Letcombe Brook Project would project manage the work on behalf of the Town Council. The Letcombe Brook Project would also draw up a specification for future maintenance of the site, which it was envisaged would be funded by the Town Council. The recommendations of the Vale Tree Officer that the Town Council should fund a tree survey of all its trees which should be undertaken every three to five years for Health and Safety issues, was noted. The Committee felt that this should be considered by the Council in its 2010/11 budget.

17 Update regarding leisure facilities in Wantage and Grove

A report was still awaited from Gary Kingett with regard to a 'wish list' for youth facilities for Wantage and Grove. Members suggested that both school premises and church halls could be considered as future facilities for youth and leisure.

18 General correspondence

None

The meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.

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