

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LEISURE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE OF
THE WANTAGE TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE BEACON, PORTWAY
ON MONDAY, 1 JULY 2024, AT 7.30 PM**

Committee members present: Councillors J Hannaby (Chair), S Third, L Todd and C Walters

Other members present: Councillors P Kirby-Harris and K Morris

Members of the public: One member of the public

Deputy Clerk: S Sanders

10. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor A Menzies.

11. Declaration of disclosable pecuniary interests, other registrable interests and any non-registrable interests.

None

12. To agree and sign the minutes of 20 May 2024

The minutes were agreed and signed.

13. Statements and Questions from the public

None

14. To agree three substitute members of the committee.

Councillors Kirby-Harris and Morris agreed to be substitute members of the committee. One further substitute member was required. **Action: Hannaby**

15. To receive the income and expenditure report dated 28 June 2024

Members noted the report.

16. Allotment Matters

a) To receive an update on the anti-social behaviour at the Stockham Park site

The newly erected fence had been reinstated following damage caused by youths entering the area. Several checks had been made over the past few weeks -the fence and the 'keep out/private property signs were intact. It was agreed to revisit the area in September to reassess the need for further fencing. **Action: All**

b) To receive an update on tree planting – Stockham Park

The large area of debris needed to be removed before any planting could be carried out by OCC. It had been confirmed that the delivery and planting of the trees would be covered by funding available to OCC.

c) To receive an update on tree planting – Grove Road

The proposed planting plan had been sent to the landowners (Crab Hill Developments Ltd) seeking permission to plant five fruit trees. **Action: Deputy Clerk**

d) Other allotment matters

It was noted that the application for the Grove Road allotment site to be an asset of community value (ACV) was being worked on. **Action: Clerk**

17. **Town Centre Matters:**

a) To receive an update on the history information boards.

The artwork was with the designer. The final copy for approval was due in the next week.

Action: TPC

b) To receive an update on leisure facilities assessment.

Plans for the new swimming pool facility at Wantage Leisure Centre had not yet been received from the district council.

c) To agree members of the working group to look at the issues associated with the dual use of the market square as a parking area and charter market venue, to include reviewing the current parking order.

Councillors Gilhome, Hannaby, Kirby-Harris, Walters, Third and Todd had agreed to join the working group. The TCM and deputy clerk would also be part of the group. The group were to meet on 18 July 2024.

Action: Deputy Clerk

d) To receive feedback from meeting with OCC place, planning and coordination officer Andy Sweeney.

An informal online Teams meeting had taken place with Mr Sweeney and two of his colleagues.

e) To receive feedback from the meeting with OCC TRO's and schemes officer Mike Horton.

Mr Horton met with Councillor Hannaby and the deputy clerk to look at parking issues in Maryfield, Mill Street, Church Street and Priory Road. A report was to follow.

f) To consider an application for Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) which allows more powers for PCSO's relating to ASB.

Unfortunately, PCSO Horner could not attend the meeting to give a brief overview of the PSPO due to an incident he had to attend. It was agreed that he should be invited to another meeting.

Action: Deputy Clerk

g) Other town centre matters

None.

18. Cemetery Matters:

- a) To receive an update on development to the cemetery extension

ON THE PROPOSITION OF Councillor Kirby-Harris

SECONDED BY Councillor Walters

IT WAS RESOLVED TO accept the quotation of £4115 from GM Drilling to drill a 25m borehole and install a 25m well. It was noted that further costs of sampling and dipping was not included. It was thought that most of this work could be carried out by volunteers but a cost for the analysis of the water would be needed. **Action: Deputy Clerk**

- b) To note the installation of no dog signs

No dog signs had been installed in the cemetery but had been removed by someone.

- c) Other cemetery matters

None

19. Agenda items for the next meeting Monday 16 September 2024

None

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm
