

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE WANTAGE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD AT THE BEACON, PORTWAY
ON MONDAY, 19 AUGUST 2024, AT 7.30 PM**

Council members present: Councillors: E Johnson, T Gilhome, A Menzies, J Hannaby,
I Cameron, K Morris, L Todd

Others present: A Sweeney, C Morton, Oxfordshire County Council

Clerk: J Evans

Apologies for Absence: Councillors: V Wright, S Third, A Crawford

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

None

52. Statements and questions from the public

None

53. To approve the contractor for the installation of the 2024 Christmas Lights.

It was noted that the tree was not bright enough last year, more lights were required. It was agreed to appoint CDC.

ON THE PROPOSITION OF Councillor Cameron
SECONDED BY Councillor Menzies

It was RESOLVED that CDC be awarded the contract for the installation of the Christmas lights 2024.

The Clerk was authorised to negotiate a three-year contract. Ideally this would be a fixed price, but there was flexibility to allow for an RPI increase each year. **Action: Clerk**

ON THE PROPOSITION OF Councillor Cameron
SECONDED BY Councillor Hannaby

It was RESOLVED that the Clerk negotiate a three-year contract with CDC.

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54. Update on plans to pedestrianise the western end of the Market Place.

Presentation from Andy Sweeney of Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) regarding the enhancement of the Market Place.

This would be a co-produced project including all stakeholders and it would start from a blank slate. Co-production will give the community the opportunity to say what they would like.

The proposal was to work in partnership with OCC and stakeholders to enhance the market place.

ON THE PROPOSITION OF Councillor Hannaby
SECONDED BY Councillor Cameron

It was RESOLVED that the Town Council work in partnership with OCC and stakeholders to enhance the market place.

The meeting closed 21.03pm
