



WANTAGE TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of Wantage Town Council Health Committee meeting held on 21 May 2025 at 7.30pm in The Beacon, Portway, Wantage, OX12 9BX
The minutes are draft until approved at the next meeting

Committee Members Present:

J Hannaby (Chair), S Cunningham, K Morris (substitute member), C Walters.

Others Present:

Cllr P Barrow, Cllr R Batstone, S Butt (Oxford Health via Teams), Cllr J Hanna, J Hutchinson, Cllr J Leggott, J Parker, S Stevenson, M Swain.

In attendance: J Evans and L Brown

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1	Apologies for Absence Julie Mabberley.	
2	Declarations of Interest None.	
3	Briefing from Oxford Health. The project was currently at the procurement stage. Contractors were reviewing the design specifications in preparation for tender production. Tenders were to be shortlisted and the successful contractor was to be appointed in June. It was hoped that the project would be complete by late Q3 2025. Various community groups had been consulted. It was hoped that clinics would be able to continue while the work was in progress; this would be determined once the contractor had been appointed. The Health Committee was to be invited to attend a session at the hospital on 24 th June. Clerk to send out an invitation. The slides were to be emailed to the clerk.	Clerk
4	Minutes of the last meeting held on 9th January 2025 The minutes were approved. Proposed Cllr Hannaby, Seconded Cllr Hanna. RESOLVED.	
5	Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting. None.	
6	Statements and Questions from the Public None.	
7	Income and Expenditure Report Noted.	
8	Defibrillators A map showing the location of all the defibrillators was required. Clerk to action and to determine who was responsible for each one. All the defibrillators needed to be registered. Ray Collins to be contacted regarding spare batteries. It was suggested that a lifesaving event be held, to include an	Clerk

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	information stand advising people where they could get checks such as blood pressure monitoring. Peter Webb and David Kotch were to be contacted about this. To be held in late September either late morning or early afternoon. Proposed Cllr Hannaby, Seconded Cllr Walters.	Clerk/LB
9	Director of Public Health report The report had been circulated. Cllr Hanna noted that it had been scrutinised at HOSC. The DPH recognised the inequalities of rural health and it was suggested that the Committee could come up with some measures for this. It was noted that there was concern from young families about social media in schools and it was suggested that a conference be held with local schools to discuss this. An email to be sent asking members of their ideas.	Clerk
10	Dentistry Local dentists had not responded to requests for engagement. Cllr Hanna felt that the best thing the committee could do was campaign for fluoridation of water. A suggested questionnaire on the topic of dentistry and fluoridation of water to be circulated.	LB
11	ICB update. It was noted that there was a new director for the ICB,	
12	Date of future meetings 3 July, 23 October, 8 December. Cllr Walters gave apologies for 3 rd July.	

The meeting closed at: 20.34

Signed: _____

Date: _____