



WANTAGE TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of Wantage Town Council Health Committee meeting held on 18 June 2025
at 7pm 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 J Hanna, J Hutchinson, Cllr J Leggott, J Parker, S Stevenson, M Swain.

In attendance: J Evans and L Brown

		ACTION
13	Apologies for Absence Cllr Ron Batsone, Julie Maberley, Cllr Victoria Wright.	
14	Declarations of Interest None.	
15	Minutes of the last meeting held on 21st May 2025 The minutes were approved. Proposed Cllr Hannaby Seconded Cllr Cunningham. RESOLVED.	
16	Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting. a) Schools conference. Schools to be contacted in September, b) Dentistry. Survey was live and responses were coming in. Cllr Hannaby suggested that it was communicated to the papers. It was agreed to leave the survey open ended. LB to send a link to the survey for others to share on their own social media accounts. She was also to share a report on the fluoridation of water. Cllr Hanna noted that she had reports on dentistry that could be shared.	LB
17	Statements and Questions from the Public None.	
18	Update on Wantage Hospital Cllr Hannaby read an update from Sue Butt regarding a delay to the refurbishment works. It was reiterated that there was no question of services not being delivered and the funds had been ringfenced. Clerk to write to Sue Butt expressing disappointment but understanding the position they are in. It was noted that the delay would give time to confirm which services will be brought into the hospital. Clerk to circulate the letter to members of the Health Committee and it was to be presented to the full council at the meeting on 23 rd June. After this LB would develop a statement for publication.	Clerk/LB

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19	<p>Defibrillators</p> <p>Town Council defibrillators had been identified. It was noted that The Circuit website was not accurate. An audit of defibrillators was required to identify where there was a need. A plan for the project was to be developed.</p> <p>The committee was to sponsor a Defibrillator training session.</p>	Clerk
20	<p>HOSC report</p> <p>HOSC had been reviewing the Marmot report. Rural inequalities in Health Care had been identified. The annual report would be available shortly. A lot of work had been done around protecting local budgets from centralisation. In September HOSC would be looking at GP access and Ophthalmology among other things. The ten year plan was due for release in July. All HOSC reports were available on the OCC website.</p>	
21	<p>Date of future meetings</p> <p>Hospital meeting on 24th June. LB to take a photograph.</p> <p>Future meetings: 3 July, 23 October, 8 December.</p> <p>Cllr Walters gave apologies for 3rd July.</p>	

The meeting closed at: 20.20

Signed: _____

Date: _____