



WANTAGE TOWN COUNCIL
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Minutes of The Leisure & Amenities Committee meeting held on
 30 June 2025 7.30pm in The Beacon, Portway, Wantage, OX12 9BX
 The minutes are draft until approved at the next meeting

Committee Members Present:
 Councillors J Hannaby (Chair), S Cunningham, A Menzies, S Third & C Walters

Other councillors present:
 Councillor K Morris (Substitute member)

In Attendance: Deputy Clerk: S Sanders
 Members of the public: Two members of the public

		Action
11	Apologies for Absence None	
12	Declarations of disclosable interests None	
13	Minutes of the meeting held 19 May 2025 It was PROPOSED by Cllr Hannaby, SECONDED by Cllr Third and RESOLVED that the minutes were an accurate record of the meeting. The minutes were signed	
14	Statements and questions from members of the public None	
15	Income & expenditure report Members noted the report.	
16	Allotment Matters a) <u>Update regarding any relevant planning commitments by St Modwen</u> The district council planning officer responsible for the development has confirmed that fencing is proposed along the northern boundary, as approved under planning application P23/V1296/RM. It was agreed that Cllr Hannaby, accompanied by other members of the committee, would undertake a site visit to assess whether additional planting, such as a hedge, is required at the eastern end of the boundary.	ALL

	<p>b) <u>Water Pump at Letcombe Fields</u></p> <p>The water pump was now operational. The main issue was a separated joint in the ABS plastic valve housing cylinder that required welding back together with a specialised jointing solvent. This work was carried out by volunteers.</p> <p>c) <u>Allotment Waiting List</u></p> <p>The waiting list report had been circulated prior to the meeting. Members noted the report.</p>	
17	<p>Town Centre Matters</p> <p>.</p> <p><u>Update on the bus shelter and bench on the south side of Mably Way for westbound buses</u></p> <p>Primesite Media have confirmed their interest in supplying, installing and maintaining a new bus shelter on Mably Way to match the design of the recently installed shelter on Station Road, Grove, outside Williams Racing.</p> <p>In addition, Primesite expressed interest in taking over the responsibility for two shelters on Reading Road, originally installed as part of the Crab Hill development, as well as the two new shelters on Mably Way (note that the north side falls within Grove Parish). Investigations are underway to confirm the current ownership of these shelters before progressing further.</p> <p>a) <u>Planting at Alfred's Well</u></p> <p>Cllr Walters has visited the site and consulted with White Horse Horticulture regarding potential planting and general improvements. A proposed plan, including costings, is awaited and will be reviewed once received.</p>	<p>Deputy Clerk</p> <p>Deputy Clerk</p>

18	<p>Charter Markets</p> <p>a) <u>Report on recent market activity</u> A report from the market manager had been circulated prior to the meeting. Members noted the report and the addition of a butcher to the Wednesday market.</p>	
19.	<p>Cemetery Matters</p> <p><u>Update on the progress of the work to the cemetery expansion</u></p> <p>CDS have been reviewing the planning application P13/V1934/FUL related to the cemetery expansion. Their initial assessment suggests that development likely commenced within the three-year period stipulated in Condition 1 of the planning decision notice. To confirm this, CDS are currently seeking further details from council records to establish definitive evidence of commencement of the project.</p>	Deputy Clerk
20.	<p>Proposed Items for the next agenda</p> <p>Noted that the committee would like an update on the S106 leisure funds and learner pool progression. This was to be added to the council agenda.</p>	Clerk
21.	<p>Date of the next meetings</p> <p>15 September & 27 October 2025</p>	

The meeting closed at 8.00pm

Signed -----

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