



WANTAGE TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of Finance & Grants meeting held on 13 October 2025 at 7.30pm in The Beacon, Portway, Wantage, OX12 9BX

The minutes are draft until approved at the next meeting

Councillors Present: A Crawford (Chair), J Hannaby, E Johnson, A Menzies, K Morris, S Third, L Todd, C Walters

In attendance:

Julia Evans

Town Clerk

		ACTION
38	Apologies for Absence Cllrs Cameron, Gilhome, Kirby-Harris, O'Leary, Wright	
39	Declarations of Interest None	
40	To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 8 September 2025 The minutes were approved and signed. PROPOSED BY Cllr Third SECONDED BY Cllr Menzies RESOLVED	
41	Statements & Questions from the Public None	
42	Update from Wantage Town Football Club An update was presented. Key points were: <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) The artificial grass pitch has been installed early and training on the pitch had started. It was also being used by various organisations during the day. Teams no longer need to travel to Harwell in the winter.b) Recreational football and football for children with disabilities was to start soon.c) The Town Council was thanked for the grant toward the ramp for the changing rooms. This had been installed.d) The pitches at Kingsgrove were due to come on stream soon. The site will include a pavilion and a MUGA. This will enable more local clubs to use the facilities.e) There will be an official opening of the new site. It was suggested that an article about the new pitches could be included in the next newsletter.	Communications Officer

43	<p>Presentation from Steve Houseman on behalf of the Scouts Cllr Crawford outlined the project: The freehold of the Scout HQ building had been transferred to the local scout group which meant that they could now work on making improvements to a very old building. Plans included a new kitchen, windows, heating and insulation. It was to be a staged development so that the Scouts could continue to use the building. There was S106 funding available to the Scout</p>	
	group for this.	
44	<p>To consider supporting S106 request for The Scouts project to refurbish their HQ. It was agreed to support the request for S106 funding.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Johnson Seconded Cllr Walters RESOLVED.</p> <p>Mr Houseman to be asked to attend a future meeting with detailed plans for the work. It was suggested that Council members might also visit the building.</p>	Clerk
45	<p>Matters arising from the minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Update re community bus service working group. It was reported that the working group had been looking at buses and costs were being negotiated. Grove business park were looking at using the service for a works bus. b) Asset of Community Value – Lark Hill and Grove Road sites. Work in progress. c) Emergency Plan. Work in progress. Clerk to send a copy of the current plan. Telephone tree to be updated as per last meeting. 	<p>Deputy Clerk</p> <p>Clerk / Lynn Wignall</p>
46	<p>To receive and sign the financial statements for October 2025 It was noted that the I&E was on target. No issues were raised on the Balance Sheet. The reports were signed. It was noted that an investment strategy was required.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Third Seconded Cllr Hannaby RESOLVED</p>	Clerk
47	<p>To sign the bank reconciliation statements The statements were approved and signed.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Third Seconded Hannaby RESOLVED</p>	
48	<p>To review the Barclaycard Statement for September The statement was reviewed and signed.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Menzies Seconded Cllr Walters RESOLVED</p>	

	Date of next meeting 1 December 2025 This will be the budget setting meeting	
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The meeting closed at: 20.09

Signed: _____

Date: _____