



WANTAGE TOWN COUNCIL
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Minutes of The Climate Emergency Committee meeting held on
 10 November 2025 at 7.30 pm in The Beacon, Portway, Wantage, OX12 9BX
The minutes are draft until approved at the next meeting

Committee Members Present:

Councillors V Wright (Chair). A Dunford, P Kirby Harris, K Morris and C Walters

Substitute Committee Members Present:

None

Other Councillors present:

None

In Attendance:

Deputy Clerk: S Sanders
 Members of the public: J Harvey – Sustainable Wantage
 G Wilkin – The Wantage & Grove Active Travel Group

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| 26 | Apologies for Absence None | |
| 27 | Declarations of disclosable Interests None | |
| 28 | Minutes of the meeting held 15 June 2025 It was resolved that the minutes were an accurate record of the meeting. The minutes were signed. PROPOSED: Cllr Morris SECONDED: Cllr Kirby - Harris RESOLVED | |
| 29 | Statements & Questions from members of the public None | |
| 30 | Income & Expenditure Report Members received and noted the report. | |
| 31 | Climate Emergency Plan The committee agreed that Councillor Kirby- Harris will assume responsibility for updating the Climate Emergency Plan. This will include reviewing the existing plan, organising its contents into clear categories, and identifying which actions remain active or require further action. Members will meet prior to the next committee meeting to review and discuss the updated plan. | Kirby-Harris All committee members |

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| | Recent data from the air quality monitoring stations in Wantage was to be circulated to members. | Deputy Clerk |
| 32 | <p>Great Big Green Week 6 – 14 June 2026 PROPOSED: Cllr Wright SECONDED: Cllr Walters RESOLVED: that the Great Big Green Week event in 2026 be delivered in the same format as the 2025 event. Funding was approved up to £250 per applicant, to maximum of £3000. Clerk to confirm whether businesses are eligible to apply in accordance with the Council's Grants Policy.</p> <p>Promotion should be included in the next newsletter and social media etc.</p> | <p>Clerk</p> <p>Comms Officer</p> |
| 33 | <p>Funding for trees and hedging – Wantage Memorial Park PROPOSED: Cllr Kirby-Harris SECONDED: Cllr Dunford RESOLVED: That trees and hedging be purchased to replace those that have not survived, at a total cost of £633.50.</p> | |
| 34 | <p>Verbal Update from Sustainable Wantage Jo Harvey gave a verbal update.</p> | |
| 35 | <p>Verbal Update from The Wantage & Grove Active Travel Group Guy Wilkin gave a verbal update. The LCWIP will produce a list of projects to inform developers of planned infrastructure improvements when bringing forward new developments. Clarification about the funding for the signage was needed from OCC.</p> | <p>Deputy Clerk</p> <p>Deputy Clerk</p> |
| 36 | <p>Report from the Town Centre Manager Members noted the report that had been circulated by the TCM.</p> | |
| 37 | <p>Items for the next agenda LCWIP – Project list. Joining the Nature Towns & Cities Organisation which is committed to bringing the benefits of nature and green spaces to everyone in the UK Great Big Green Week.</p> | <p>Deputy Clerk</p> <p>Kirby-Harris</p> |
| 38 | <p>Dates for future meetings It was agreed to hold an extra ordinary meeting on 5 January 2026 to commence at 7pm prior to the planning meeting which will start at the later time of 8pm subject to room availability. It was agreed that meetings for 2026/2027 should be held quarterly in Jan, Apr, July and October.</p> | <p>Deputy Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> |

The meeting closed at: 8.50pm

Signed: _____

Date: _____