



WANTAGE TOWN COUNCIL
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Minutes of The Leisure & Amenities Committee meeting held on
 27 October 2025 at 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, L Todd & C Walters

Other councillors present:

Councillor K Morris

In Attendance:

Deputy Clerk: S Sanders

Members of the public:

One member of the public (part)

		Action
35	Apologies for Absence None	
36	Declarations of disclosable interests None	
37	Minutes of the meeting held 15 September 2025 PROPOSED: Cllr Hannaby SECONDED: Cllr Cunningham RESOLVED: That the minutes were an accurate record of the meeting. The minutes were signed.	
38	Statements and questions from members of the public None	
39	Income & expenditure report Members had received the report prior to the meeting. The report was noted.	
40	Draft Budget 26/27 A meeting was scheduled for 28 October 2025 to consider the draft budget for the 2026/27 financial year. The chairs of all committees had been invited to attend in order to review the preliminary figures and provide input prior to formal budget approval.	
41	Allotment Matters a) <u>Questions raised at the allotment holders' meeting.</u> There were several actions from the meeting. These will be followed up.	Deputy Clerk

	<p>b) <u>Grove Road – Landowner’s consent to plant hedges</u> Permission to plant a hedge at the east and west ends of the site had been given. Allotment holders had been consulted. The hedges were to be maintained by Wantage Town Council. The planting will be carried out between November 2025 and March 2026.</p>	
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42	<p>Town Matters</p> <p>a) <u>Weed Control</u> Members considered the use of acetic acid as an alternative treatment was considered expensive and not sufficiently effective. It was agreed to include a provisional sum of £10,000 in the 2026/27 budget to allow for further consideration of suitable options. Further discussions are to take place at the next meeting</p> <p>b) <u>Alfred’s Well improvements</u> Work is scheduled to commence at the beginning of November with the removal of ivy and weeds from the bank. This will be followed by preparations for bulb planting in the spring. Further works will include digging out chalk from the stream and beginning the creation of a series of small pools to enhance water flow and biodiversity in the area.</p> <p>c) <u>Charter market policy</u> Members had received the draft policy prior to the meeting. PROPOSED: Cllr Hannaby SECONDED: Cllr Walters RESOLVED: That the policy was agreed, for approval at the next council meeting.</p>	Deputy Clerk
.43	<p>Cemetery Matters</p> <p>a) <u>Cemetery Expansion</u> A certificate of lawful development had been applied for from the district council (planning application P/25/V2173/LDE). This is for the work to the car park following planning permission (P13/V1934/FUL).</p>	
44	<p>Proposed Items for the next agenda None</p>	
45	<p>Date of the next meeting 19 January 2026</p>	

The meeting closed at 8pm

Signed -----

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