



WANTAGE TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of Finance & Grants meeting held on 12 January 2026 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), I Cameron, S Cunningham, J Hannaby, A Menzies, K Morris, S Third

Also present: Barry Gooch, FFRG

In attendance:

Julia Evans

Town Clerk

		ACTION
61	Apologies for Absence Cllrs Dunford, Johnson, Kirby-Harris, V Wright	
62	Declarations of Interest None	
63	To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 1 December 2025 The minutes were approved and signed. Proposed Cllr Menzies Seconded Cllr Third RESOLVED	
64	Statements & Questions from the Public a) Mr Gooch spoke in support of the FFRG grant application. He outlined the group's plans for water monitoring, which would include weather stations and run-off plots to measure surface water flow and soil erosion. They also plan to purchase an infiltrometer to measure the rate of water percolating through the soil. Mr Gooch was thanked for attending.	
65	Matters arising from the minutes None	
66	To receive and sign the financial statements for December 2025 Approved and signed. Proposed Cllr Third Seconded Cllr Menzies RESOLVED	
67	To sign the bank reconciliation statements The reconciliation reports were noted and signed. Proposed Cllr Morris Seconded Cllr Third RESOLVED	
68	To review the Barclaycard Statement for January The Barclaycard statement was reviewed and signed. Proposed Cllr Crawford Seconded Cllr Hannaby	

	RESOLVED	
69	<p>To review the Council's bank accounts It was agreed to close one of the Mayor's Charity accounts and the Co-op sweep account. The co-op savings instant access account was to be retained. The Bath Building Society account was to be changed to a notice account. The Clerk was to manage the cash flow.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Crawford Seconded Cllr Third RESOLVED</p>	
70	<p>Date of next meeting 23 February 2026</p>	
	<p>It was agreed to go into confidential session. Proposed Cllr Hannaby Seconded Cllr Cameron RESOLVED</p>	
71	<p>To receive an update on the transfer of land at Kingsgrove</p> <p>a) Update on the legal transfer of the allotments and open space There was to be a site visit for an inspection of the allotments and there would be a follow-on teams meeting. The remainder of the open space was awaiting planning agreement.</p> <p>b) To consider plans for tendering for new responsibilities The allotment work would not be included in the tender. The Clerk was to work on a specification for work to be carried out. This would be sent out for pre-market assessment. The Clerk was to develop a procurement policy. A working group was to be established to determine weights etc for the final tender.</p>	Clerk
72	<p>To consider the following grant requests:</p> <p>a) FFRG – requested £2180. Awarded £2180 less VAT. £1698 to come from the planning budget. Proposed Cllr Cameron Seconded Cllr Morris RESOLVED Communication on the work of the group to be developed.</p> <p>b) Home Start Southern Oxfordshire Requested £2k. £2k awarded. Proposed Cllr Cameron Seconded Cllr Third RESOLVED Communication on the work of the group to be developed.</p> <p>c) Wantage Arts Group - requested £544. £250 awarded Proposed Cllr Menzies Seconded Cllr Hannaby RESOLVED</p> <p>End of confidential session</p>	<p>Communications Officer</p> <p>Communications Officer</p>

The meeting closed at: 20:44 pm

Signed: _____

Date: _____