



WANTAGE TOWN COUNCIL
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Minutes of The Leisure & Amenities Committee meeting held on
 19 January 2026 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 and S Third
 Other councillors present: K Morris (substitute for C Walters)
 Councillor K Morris
 In Attendance: Deputy Clerk: S Sanders

		Action
46	Apologies for Absence Cllrs C Walters & L Todd	
47	Declarations of disclosable interests None	
48	Minutes of the meeting held 27 October 2025 PROPOSED: Cllr Hannaby SECONDED: Cllr Menzies RESOLVED: That the minutes were an accurate record of the meeting. The minutes were signed.	
49	Statements and questions from members of the public None	
50	Income & expenditure report Members had received the report prior to the meeting. The report was noted.	
51	Allotment Matters a) <u>Notes from the allotment holders' meeting 27 October 25</u> Members had received the notes with updates prior to the meeting. An update for item 5 was given verbally: the land between the allotment site and King Alfred Way would have a zig-zig path approved under planning application: P23/V1296/RM b) <u>Allotment & Livestock policies</u> It was agreed that Cllrs Morris and Third would review the old policy against the new and bring recommendations to the next meeting.	Morris/Third

	<p>c) <u>Lark Hill allotment site hedge</u> It was noted that the hedge had not had any maintenance carried out for over 10 years. PROPOSED: Cllr Third SECONDED: Cllr Hannaby RESOLVED: to accept the quote from Whitehorse Horticulture which would not exceed £650 to include cutting back the hedge and any suckering growth to a height of 6ft, chipping the arisings and using them as mulch at the base of the hedge, cutting back as close as possible to the original hedge line, and strimming the long grass that could not previously be accessed due to overhanging branches.</p>	
52	<p>Town Matters</p> <p>a) <u>Formal arrangement for the placing of tables and chairs on the VC Forecourt</u> PROPOSED: Cllr Hannaby SECONDED: Cllr Cunningham RESOLVED: That all unauthorised items be removed from the VC Forecourt, and that businesses be written to informing them of this decision.</p> <p>b) <u>Policy for the removal of unauthorised fixings</u> Members had received a copy of the draft policy before the meeting. PROPOSED: Cllr Menzies SECONDED: Cllr Third RESOLVED: Subject to one amendment it was agreed that the policy should be included on the next council agenda for approval.</p> <p>c) <u>Installation of a double row hedge – Alfred’s Well</u> It was noted that there were c. 180 spare whips from recent planting projects available. Rabbit guards would need to be purchased estimated at c. £100. PROPOSED: Cllr Third SECONDED : Cllr Hannaby RESOLVED: to ask Wild Wantage if they could plant the trees along the boundary with The Mead.</p>	<p>Deputy Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Deputy Clerk</p>
53	<p>Cemetery Matters</p> <p>A certificate of lawful development had not yet been granted (planning application P25/V2173/LDE). Cllr Hannaby to chase the planning officer/district council legal team.</p>	<p>Hannaby</p>

54	Proposed Items for the next agenda None	
55	Date of the next meeting 2 March 2026	

The meeting closed at 8.38 pm

Signed -----

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