



WANTAGE TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of Finance & Grants meeting held on 1 June 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, C D'Arcy, A Dunford, J Hannaby, E Johnson, K Morris, S Third, C Walters

Also present:

In attendance: Julia Evans, Executive Officer

		ACTION
1	Apologies for Absence Cllrs P Kirby-Harris, A Menzies and V Wright	
2	Declarations of Interest Cllr A Crawford for agenda items 11 and 12. Cllr J Hannaby for agenda item 11	
3	To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 13 April 2026 The minutes were approved and signed. Proposed Cllr Cameron Seconded Cllr Third RESOLVED	
4	Statements & Questions from the Public None.	
5	Matters arising from the minutes a) Update on laptop refurbishment. All the old laptops had been refurbished but they were still slow. Meeting to be arranged to discuss the way forward. Cllr Crawford to contact Mr Duveen regarding a council laptop.	KM/ST & EO AC
6	To receive and sign the end of year financial statements for April and May 2026. The Income and Expenditure report, balance sheet and payments list were reviewed, approved and signed. Proposed Cllr Walters Seconded Cllr Johnson RESOLVED	
7	To sign the bank reconciliation statements The reconciliation reports were noted and signed. Proposed Cllr Cameron Seconded Cllr Walters RESOLVED	
8	To review the Barclaycard Statements for April and May. The statements were reviewed, approved and signed. Proposed Cllr Johnson Seconded Cllr Walters RESOLVED	

9	Date of next meeting 6 July 2026	
	It was agreed to go into confidential session. Proposed Cllr Walters Seconded Cllr Cameron RESOLVED	
10	To consider a grant application for Amegos Theatre £850 requested. The full amount was awarded. Proposed: Cllr Dunford Seconded: Cllr Hannaby RESOLVED	
11	To consider a request from the Wantage Literary Festival to change the sponsorship level Cllrs Hannaby and Crawford left the room. Members were reminded of the six month rule. For the matter to be re-opened a minimum of 8 Councillors were required to write to the Executive Officer requesting this. Details of the Platinum package to be obtained and the matter deferred to the next meeting if sufficient request were received. Cllrs Hannaby and Crawford returned	All councillors EO
12	To consider a response regarding the contract for CCTV maintenance Cllr Crawford left the room. The Council had been requested to reconsider its previous response. Members were again reminded of the six month rule. It was agreed that this would not be reconsidered. Minutes showing the previous agreement to install a camera in Wallingford Street to be obtained. Cllr Crawford returned.	EO
13	Update on the transfer of land at Kingsgrove a) Awaiting an MPO application to vary the S106 agreement. The last parcel of land was awaiting adoption. b) The lease for the allotments had been signed. Keys were due to be handed over in the coming week. Cycle racks had been moved. Awaiting landlord permission to carry out the other works. An opening ceremony was to be organised to include the new plot holders. 19 th July was the suggested date. Allotments Officer to organise this. End of Confidential session	Allotments Officer

The meeting closed at: 20.13

Signed: _____

Date: _____