



WANTAGE TOWN COUNCIL  
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Minutes of The Leisure & Amenities Committee meeting held on  
 11 May 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) A Menzies, S Cunningham, S Third (Vice-Chair), L Todd and C Walters  
 Other councillors present: K Morris

In Attendance: Deputy Executive Officer (DEO): S Sanders  
 One member of the public (part)

		Action
65	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> None	
66	<b>Fire Safety &amp; Emergency Evacuation Procedure</b> Members noted the procedure.	
67	<b>Declarations of disclosable interests</b> None	
68	<b>Minutes of the meeting held 2 March 2026</b> It was noted that Cllr Cunningham was missed off as being present. The minutes were amended.  PROPOSED: Cllr Walters SECONDED: Cllr Hannaby RESOLVED: That the minutes were an accurate record of the meeting. The minutes were signed.	
69	<b>Statements and questions from members of the public</b> None	
70	<b>Income &amp; expenditure report</b> Members had received the report prior to the meeting. The report was noted.	
71	<b>Allotment Matters</b> a) <u>Accessible Plot Kingsgrove</u> Members considered how the large plot should be divided once the allotments had been handed over. PROPOSED: Cllr Hannaby SECONDED: Cllr Walters RESOLVED: That the plot be divided into four accessible plots and advertised accordingly. The eligibility criteria and	DEO

	<p>application conditions will be agreed once the allotments have been formally handed over by the developer.</p> <p>b) <u>Quote to cut back a willow tree – Letcombe Fields</u>  A quote for £300.00 had been received to pollard the willow tree near the water pump to 6ft or £350.00 to pollard the tree and level the elder tree either side. It was not thought that the work was urgent.  PROPOSED: Cllr Menzies  SECONDED: Cllr Third  RESOLVED: That Cllr Third will look at the tree with a view to carrying out any necessary work in spring 2027.</p>	Cllr Third
72	<p><b>Town Matters</b></p> <p>a) <u>Manor Road Memorial Park</u>  PROPOSED: Cllr Cunningham  SECONDED: Cllr Hannaby  RESOLVED: To invite the appropriate person from the district council to attend site with councillors look at the concerns raised about the park.</p> <p>b) <u>Review of VC Forecourt use policy</u>  The policy and recommendations for an amendment had been circulated to members prior to the meeting.  PROPOSED: Cllr Cunningham  SECONDED: Cllr Third  RESOLVED: To change the policy to be clear that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not for profit organisations can use the forecourt.</li> <li>• The policy does not apply to council run/supported events (eg Food Festival)</li> </ul> </p> <p>c) <u>Land at Grove Road (old sewer beds)</u>  A site visit had been carried out.  PROPOSED: Cllr Hannaby  SECONDED: Cllr Cunningham  RESOLVED: to erect signage to say, 'uneven surfaces, enter at your own risk'. Permission from MacDermid to be sought to erect the sign on their fence.</p>	<p>DEO</p> <p>DEO</p> <p>DEO</p>
73	<p><b>Items for the next agenda</b></p> <p>Alfred's Well Lectern/noticeboard</p>	
74	<p><b>Date of the next Meeting</b></p> <p>29 June 2026</p>	

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm

Signed -----

Date -----