

CARTERTON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2004
AT 7.45 P.M.

Present: Cllr P. Scott – Deputy Mayor

Cllr. Mrs. D.V. Bulley	Cllr K. Stone
Cllr. L.H Giles	Cllr N. Tully
Cllr. P.J. Handley	Cllr. M. Townsend
Cllr. D. King	Cllr. W. Walcott
Cllr. P. Madden	

Apologies: Cllr B. Crossland – Town Mayor, Cllr Mrs. M. Crossland, Cllr R. Crapper, Cllr Mrs. A. Madden, Cllr. Mrs. L. Walcott and Cllr P. Wesson

63. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 17 August 2004, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Deputy Mayor.

64. MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk reported that the PCT had replied saying that they would make the minutes of the meeting held on 28 July available shortly before the next meeting (Minute 59). On Minute 60 she had obtained quotes from three companies for signs at The Dell and had placed an order for two signs which would cost £500 each.

65. FIRST RESPONSE

Paul Montgomery of St John's Ambulance explained the First Response project which had recently been launched in Oxfordshire. The scheme was run by volunteers with the aim of providing treatment within 8 minutes of a cardiac incident. A delay in treatment of one minute reduced survival rates by 10%. There were already 14 volunteers working in the Carterton area and in the surrounding villages and these met regularly to receive training and agree a duty rota. Volunteers are trained in mouth to mouth resuscitation and in the use of defibrillators which cost in the region of £2,500 each.

Councillors expressed their gratitude to those volunteers who were running the scheme although there was some concern that this service was not being provided by the NHS. The statistics show that First Response can dramatically improve the chances of surviving a cardiac incident and it was suggested that the Council should consider purchasing a defibrillator for use within the town. It was agreed that this should be considered under the section 137 discussion that would be held at the October Council meeting.

66. TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

In August the Mayor had hosted a coffee morning reception for older residents and launched the new Heritage project for the town funded by the Local Heritage Initiative. He had also attended the launch of the new Carterton Football Club following the merger of Carterton Town and Rangers clubs and the RBL Poppy Fair on the recreation ground.

In September the Mayor had attended the launch of BIBS which provides assistance to breast-feeding mums. He had attended the Fun Day held to launch the 'Necklace' project organised by St. John's Church and based in the new primary school. He had also been at the service of welcome for the new Methodist Minister. Cllr Mrs Bulley had represented the Mayor at the civic service in Henley.

Several Town Councillors had been present at a meeting held with the Chief Fire Officer and David Cameron MP. It had been agreed that a party of Councillors should visit the control room at Kidlington and draw up a list of items that they would like to see included in the forthcoming review.

67. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs Walcott, Handley and Stone declared an interest in Item 70 (Planning) by virtue of their membership of the District Planning Committee. Cllr King declared a personal interest in the Squash Club and Cllr Giles declared a prejudicial interest in the Town Centre (minute number 71).

68. CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk's Report, copies of which had previously been circulated, was received. The decisions taken on the Report are recorded at Annex 'A'.

69. ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC TO RAISE MATTERS

Councillors raised a number of issues which the Clerk said she would pass on to Highways and to the District Council.

70. PLANNING COMMITTEE

Council received the Minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 17 August and 7 September 2004. These were noted.

71. POLICY COMMITTEE

Council received the Minutes of the meeting of the Policy Committee held on 7 September 2004.

Cllr Stone introduced paragraphs 1 to 7 of these Minutes. Council was pleased to note the progress that is being made on a range of projects being taken forward under the Carterton Fast Forward Project.

RESOLVED that paragraphs 1 to 7 of this report should be accepted.

72. WAR MEMORIAL

Cllr Mrs Bulley expressed concern over the condition of the two British Legion roses in the War Memorial Garden. The ground conditions were not suitable and it was agreed that she should discuss the options with the Council's contractor and then report back to the RBL.

Council asked that the contractor be congratulated on having maintained the garden so well during such a difficult summer.

RESOLVED that Cllr Mrs Bulley investigate the options for replacing the roses and discuss these with the RBL

73. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Financial Statement to 31 August 2004, set out at Annex ' B' and previously circulated, was received.

74. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Council RESOLVED that the Accounts set out at Annex 'C' be approved for payment.

75. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

RESOLVED that as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the Press and Public be excluded from the Meeting.

Cllr. Giles withdrew from the meeting at this point.

1. **Application for Modification to the Definitive Map of Public Rights of Way.** To see the attached letter from Oxfordshire County Council. **Noted.**
2. **Strategic Review of the Oxford Radcliffe Hospitals.** To see the attached letter. The full review document is held at the Town Hall for any Councillor wishing to see it. **Noted.**
3. **Local Democracy Week.** As a Quality Council, we have been invited to take part in Local Democracy Week (18-24 October). The theme is ' Young People - Making Your Mark' . I would welcome any ideas for an event that might be arranged for that week**It was suggested that the Council might like to publicise its Heritage projects during this week and also bring together the results of the various surveys currently underway to establish the priorities of the younger residents.**
4. **West Oxfordshire Area Forum Meetings** - Two meetings are being held, one at Chipping Norton Town Hall on 25 October and one at the Council Offices in Woodgreen on 22 November. Representatives are invited to attend. See attached letter. **Cllr Mrs Bulley and Handley said they would attend. Cllrs Walcott and Stone would probably be present in their District Council capacity.**
5. **Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association.** The Association' s AGM will be held on 4 November at Tackley Village Hall. There will be presentations on ' Funding Opportunities' and ' How Achieve your Goal' . Representatives are invited to attend(see attached leaflet). **Noted.**
6. **Carterton Squash Club.** A copy of the minutes of the 11 August meeting is attached. **Noted.**
7. **Thames Waterway Consultation Plan** will be held at Kennington Village Centre on Wednesday 22 September - see attached letter. **Noted.**
8. **Annual Report of the South East/South West Oxfordshire Primary Care Trust** and notification of their AGM on 28 September at Wantage Civic Hall. **Noted.**
9. **Off Licence at NAAFI Family Store** - Application for new Justice' s Licence**Noted.**
10. **Parish Link.** Autumn issue attached. **Noted.**
11. **The following consultation/information documents have been received:**
 - A Model Code of Conduct for Local Government Employees.
 - Review of Regulatory Framework governing the political activities of Local Government Employees.
 - Statement of Licensing Policy - consultation draft.
 - Network News - Issue 1. Progress of WODC Leader+ Programme.
 - Autumn edition of the ICCM Journal.