

CARTERTON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 19 OCTOBER 2004
AT 7.45 P.M.

Present: Cllr B. Crossland – Town Mayor
Cllr P. Scott – Deputy Mayor

Cllr. Mrs. D.V. Bulley	Cllr Mrs. A. Madden
Cllr R. Crapper	Cllr. P. Madden
Cllr Mrs. M. Crossland	Cllr K. Stone
Cllr. L.H Giles	Cllr. M. Townsend
Cllr. P.J. Handley	Cllr. W. Walcott
Cllr. D. King	Cllr P. Wesson

Apologies: Cllr. Mrs. L. Walcott

77.MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 21 September 2004, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

78. MATTERS ARISING

Cllr Wesson mentioned that charitable funding was available to support the purchase of defibrillators (Minute 65). He also reported that there had been two cases of physical attacks over the weekend and the Clerk was asked to talk to Inspector Carver about this.

The Mayor reminded Councillors that the public adjournment should not be used by Councillors to report issues. Councillors should either contact the Town Hall or ask the Clerk to include the item on the agenda.

Cllr Handley expressed his concern that a confidential paper annexed to the minutes of 21 September had been released to a member of the public. The Mayor reminded Councillors that confidential papers were for their personal information and that the release of such papers could result in a complaint being made to the Standards Board for England.

Cllr Mrs Bulley recorded the names of Councillors wishing to visit the control room at Fire Service HQ and said that she would be having further discussions with the RBL about the roses at the War memorial.

79. TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor reported that he had attended a service at Broadwell to mark the induction of the new vicar, the Court Sermon at Christchurch and a Dinner at Warwick Hall in aid of Boscastle Flood Relief. He had had a useful meeting with the Headteacher at Carterton Community College who had agreed to distribute a questionnaire to pupils on recreational facilities. The Mayor reminded Councillors of the reception to be held at the Town Hall on 22 October.

80.DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs Handley and Walcott declared an interest in Item 83 (Planning) by virtue of their membership of the District Planning Committee. Cllrs Crossland, Mrs Crossland and Mrs

Bulley declared a prejudicial interest in Item 90 (Accounts for Payment) and Cllr Madden declared a personal interest in item 85 (Carterton Community College) and left the room for this item.

81. ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC TO RAISE MATTERS

A member of the public spoke on behalf of Shillbrook Residents Association on the subject of footpaths and parking.

82. 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'.

83. PLANNING COMMITTEE

Council received the Minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 21 September and 5 October 2004. These were noted.

84. TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Council received the Minutes of the meeting of the Traffic Advisory Committee held on 11 October 2004.

Council discussed the provision of a footpath to the Football Club and it was agreed that £10,000 should be included in the draft budget for 2005/06 and that the issue be considered further in that context. The Clerk was asked to contact the County Council to see if they were able to improve the lighting in Swinbrook Road and also request that Kilkenny Lane be restricted to access only.

The Council considered the problem of congestion on the roads surrounding local schools at the start and end of each day. It was suggested use might be made of the car park at the Roman Catholic Church. The Clerk was asked to write to the schools with the request that parents should park considerately.

RESOLVED that this report and its recommendations should be accepted.

85. REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The Clerk reminded Council of its powers under s137 to spend up to a prescribed limit for any purpose which in its opinion is in the interest of or will directly benefit the area or its inhabitants. Four grants totalling £2589 had been awarded in May 2004 leaving £4,911 in the budget.

The Council considered four applications and agreed the following grants

Organisation	Purpose	Total cost	S137 Grant
St John's Ambulance	First Aid Defibrillator package	£1575	£1575
Harefield Transplant Club	World Transplant Games	£1,500	£500

The grant to St John's Ambulance was to be divided with £789 going towards the cost of a defibrillator with the rest being used for training. The Council also agreed to award an additional £250 to the Carterton Cinema Club if alternative funding could not be found.

It was agreed that the Springboard Family Project be invited to submit a more detailed application to the next meeting. Pupils from Carterton Community College should be invited to contact the Council in April when they would have an idea of other sponsorship raised.

86. STANDARDS ISSUES

The Clerk reported that further advice had been received from the District Council on declarations of interest and advised Councillors of a training session to be held in the Town Hall in November. She also circulated forms to Councillors wishing to receive a full copy of the electoral register.

87. SWINBROOK ROAD: REMOVAL OF TREES

The Council received a letter from a resident asking for permission to reduce and remove trees from the boundary of the Swinbrook Road Recreation Ground to allow for the construction of a house extension.

RESOLVED that agreement be given but that the resident be asked to carry out the minimum work necessary and to take steps to ensure the well being of the remaining trees.

88. PORTABLE LOOP COMPRESSOR

Council received details of a portable loop compressor. It was noted that in the longer term a more sophisticated system might be needed but that at £140 this system represented good value for money.

RESOLVED to purchase a portable loop compressor for use in the Town Hall

89. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Financial Statement to 30 September 2004, set out at Annex ' B ' and previously circulated, was received.

90. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

The meeting ended at 9.20 pm.

16 November 2004

Town Mayor