

**CARTERTON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE TOWN HALL ON TUESDAY 5TH JANUARY 2016
COMMENCING AT 7.45 PM**

Present: Cllr M Brennan - Chairman
 Cllr Mrs N Miah - Vice-chairman

 Cllr R Brooks Cllr Mrs L Little
 Cllr Mrs D V Bulley Cllr D Melvin
 Cllr Mrs C Delaney Cllr Mrs S Scott-Stovold
 Cllr R Crapper Cllr Mrs C Wilson

Officers: Ron Spurs - Town Clerk
 Teresa Whitford - Admin Officer

In attendance: Cllr N Leverton
 Cllr M Steward

 One member of the public

27 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr N Leverton declared a personal interest in item 37.

28 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th October 2015, copies of which had been previously circulated, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

29 ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC TO RAISE MATTERS

The member of the public present did not wish to speak.

30 TOWN CENTRE FURNITURE

It has been identified that much of the existing furniture (wooden planters and hanging baskets) is now beyond repair. As the Council is actively working towards improving the town centre to encourage businesses, residents and visitors, quotes to replace and enhance the existing items have been obtained. After discussion and with Cllr Mrs Little reminding the Committee that in April the Council is hosting the RAF Freedom of Carterton Event, it was felt that Option 2 was more appropriate. This comprises 22 x one metre square planters and 4 x three-tier planters for the town centre, all from Amberol, and 20 x standard columns from Broxap, amounting to a total cost of £36,446. However Cllr Steward requested that the decision should be 'subject to amendments' when presented to full Council and this was agreed.

It was RESOLVED to RECOMMEND Option 2 to Full Council, subject to amendments.

31 APPOINTMENT OF WARDEN

The Clerk informed the Committee that Alex Fleming had been appointed as the new Town Warden and would be commencing his duties on Monday 11th January. He will be provided

with Personal Protective Equipment (bearing Carterton Town Council so he is identifiable to the public) and any other equipment deemed necessary to help him fulfil his duties. He will work approximately 10 hours per week which will be flexible Monday to Sunday and the post is subject to a probationary period of six months.

32 MARKET TRADERS

The Clerk confirmed that the Market Traders are still struggling in the current economic climate and proposed that the rent free period should be extended and reviewed at the end of the current financial year.

Members RESOLVED to RECOMMEND to Full Council that the rent free period be extended to 31 March 2016.

33 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. Confidential items follow.

34 TOWN BOUNDARY ENTRANCE GATES

35 TOWN BOUNDARY ENTRANCE SIGNS

36 REPLACEMENT BENCHES

37 PETITION RE CARTER'S WALK STATUES

The Meeting finished at 9.10 pm

Chairman