

**CARTERTON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE AMENITIES AND
ECONOMIC REGENERATION COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE TOWN HALL ON WEDNESDAY 25TH MAY 2016
COMMENCING AT 7.30 PM**

Present: Cllr M Brennan - Chairman
Cllr Mrs S Scott-Stovold - Vice-chairman

Cllr Mrs D V Bulley Cllr Mrs L Little
Cllr R Crapper Cllr Mrs M Mead
Cllr Mrs C Delaney Cllr Mrs C Wilson

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

In attendance: One member of the public

1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

IT WAS RESOLVED that Cllr M Brennan be re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

2 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN

IT WAS RESOLVED that Cllr Mrs S Scott-Stovold be appointed Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

4 MINUTES OF THE ECONOMIC REGENERATION COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 1 September 2015, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

5 MINUTES OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 5 January 2016, copies of which had been previously circulated, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

6 ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC TO RAISE MATTERS

Mr Wesson congratulated the Chairman and Vice Chairman on their appointments and thanked the Council for the improvements taking place in the town centre.

7 TOWN CENTRE REPORT

(a) Skate Park – It is no longer cost effective to undertake any major repairs to the Skate Park as it is now far beyond its recommended life expectancy. A consultation was held prior to the meeting this evening with an experienced local skate park design company attended by

users of the park. The Clerk reported that the meeting had been a great success with 35 supporters, representing all age groups and types of equipment (skate boards, roller blades, scooters and bikes) taking part with great enthusiasm. This confirmed there was enough interest in this facility to warrant replacement of the currently failing ramps. The Clerk has commenced a Tender process - Expressions of Interest - through the Government's 'Contract Finder' website and is in the process of sourcing additional funding to offset the estimated £70 - £100K cost. Before the final design is put to Council for approval, further consultation is needed with the users as their input is vital to the successful completion of the project.

(b) Town Centre Crossroads – The Council has already approved the commissioning of West Oxfordshire District Council to produce a number of designs to improve the town centre crossroads. The Clerk confirmed that a public consultation is a vital part of the process and that there will be an as yet unknown cost implication to this. He estimated that the consultation should be programmed for February 2017.

(c) The Clerk asked the Committee to consider the installation of two picnic tables at the Alvescot Road Recreation Ground following requests from residents. There is a general lack of seating for families around the playground area so this would be the preferred place to site them. Cllr Mrs Mead felt that four to eight tables would be a more realistic figure to cater for the need. Concern was expressed that they should not be sited anywhere that might impede on regular functions held at the recreation ground.

It was RESOLVED to RECOMMEND to Full Council the purchase of up to eight tables subject to a site plan being drawn up as to where they could be suitably placed.

(d) The Clerk informed the committee that a major section of the wall at the front of Pampas Close Playground had to be demolished last week on the recommendation of the play ground inspector. A preferable replacement would be galvanised, black powder coated fencing which is RoSPA approved for play areas (an example picture was circulated). The fencing is urgent and Officers are seeking quotes for the work, but Council also needs to look at the long term prospects for the play area as it is in need of major refurbishment. A consultation with residents would be the first step of this process.

It was RESOLVED to RECOMMEND to Full Council the erection of fencing to replace the brick wall.

The meeting ended at 8.30 p.m.

July 20th 2016

Chairman