

**CARTERTON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE AMENITIES AND
ECONOMIC REGENERATION COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE TOWN HALL ON TUESDAY 4 OCTOBER 2016
COMMENCING AT 7.45 PM**

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

Cllr R Brooks
Cllr Mrs D V Bulley
Cllr Mrs C Delaney
Cllr J Hayes
Cllr N Leverton
Cllr Mrs L Little
Cllr Mrs M Mead
Cllr Mrs C Wilson

Officer: Teresa Whitford - Admin Officer

Apologies: Cllr R Crapper, Cllr D Melvin

Absent: Cllr Mrs N Miah

17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Mrs L Little declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 20(c) - ARRG Pavilion due to her involvement with the Foodbank housed there.

18 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 20th July 2016, copies of which had been previously circulated, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

19 ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC TO RAISE MATTERS

There were no members of the public present.

20 AMENITIES ISSUES

a) Roundabouts – As the Council is in the process of improving the appearance of the town centre and the approaches into the town, the Committee felt that the roundabouts along Monahan Way, a main route, should all be maintained and planted (only one is at present). The two in question are on the Teasel Way junction and in front of the Broadshires Health Centre. As Witney Rotary Club has kindly donated 5,000 bulbs to plant in and around the town, it would be an ideal opportunity to use them on these two areas. Quotes have now been received and UBICO were deemed to be the best value.

It was RESOLVED to RECOMMEND to full Council that UBICO clean, plant and turf two roundabouts at a cost of £2,292.28 plus VAT.

b) New play area on Empire Way – A well appointed playground has been installed on the new Swinbrook Park development. West Oxfordshire District Council has approached the

Clerk with the offer of a one off payment of £71K for the Town Council to take over ownership and maintenance of this area. Some Councillors had been to see the new play area and concurred it was a particularly well thought out feature on the estate. Officers had estimated the annual maintenance cost to be approximately £2,500 so the offer was acceptable; however Cllr Mrs Mead felt it would be prudent to check first whether any other play areas were planned on this project (as it is due to run for a few more years) and whether this payment was exclusively for the Empire Way playground or for all further planned playgrounds if applicable.

It was RESOLVED to RECOMMEND to full Council that the offer of ownership from WODC be accepted once it has been established that no further playgrounds are to be covered by this funding.

c) Alvescot Road Recreation Ground Pavilion Roof Repair – The Pavilion is currently being refurbished inside (free of charge) by local tradesmen in exchange for free use. However they do not have the expertise to repair the flat roof extension to the rear of the building which leaks severely during wet weather. It needs to be made safe and watertight before the onset of winter. The Council's preferred supplier has estimated the cost of repair at £2,100 plus VAT.

It was RESOLVED to RECOMMEND to full Council that KJC Roofing repair the pavilion at a cost of £2,100 plus VAT.

21 PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

It was 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.

22 CARTERTON FOOTBALL CLUB

Confidential item.

The meeting ended at 8.34 p.m.

7 February 2017

Chairman