

CARTERTON TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 14 DECEMBER 2004  
AT 7.45 P.M.

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

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

Apologies: Cllr Mrs M Crossland, Cllr. D. King and Cllr P. Wesson

104. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 16 November 2004, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

105. MATTERS ARISING

Cllr Mrs Madden reported that there had been a burglary at the veterinary surgery, that the police had been hard to contact and turned up many hours after the event. Cllr Handley reported continuing problems at Finchdale and Brizewood. Cllr Giles reported that a break-in at his shop had been given a Witney crime number. The Mayor reported on a meeting that he, Cllrs Mrs Crossland, Mrs Bulley and Walcott had had with two Superintendents from TVP. The meeting had covered a range of issues including the area reorganisation taking place in January, the Police Enquiry Centre, antisocial behaviour, local intelligence, support officers, CCTV, terrorism and safety in schools.

106. TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor reported he had attended the Songsters Christmas Concert, a reception at County Hall, a ceremony to mark the presentation of a cheque to St John's Ambulance First Response team, the opening of the new Chapel of Rest in Carterton, the switch on of the Christmas lights in the town centre, a visit to the Fire HQ in Kidlington, a Royal British Legion Reception, the Mayor of Banbury's Toy Fair, the Lord Mayor's Reception, the Rotary Christmas Carol Concert and a meeting with Thames Valley Police.

107. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs Handley and Walcott declared an interest in Item 110 (Planning) by virtue of their membership of the District Planning Committee.

108. ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC TO RAISE MATTERS

A resident raised a number of issues about dog fouling.

Cllr Handley mentioned changes in the arrangements for processing medical prescriptions and the Clerk was asked to check the facts.

#### 109. 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'. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact the new owners of the Health Centre to pass on the concerns of residents about the felling of the trees to the front of the property.

#### 110. PLANNING COMMITTEE

Council received the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 16 November 2004. These were noted.

#### 111. PRECEPT FOR 2005/06

The Clerk reported that the dwelling base for the year 2005/06 was 4547.1. She had made a number of small reductions to the budget to bring it in line with the percentage increase previously discussed by the Council.

RESOLVED that the precept for 2005/06 should be £243,350 which represented £53.62 per dwelling.

#### 112. NE CARTERTON DEVELOPMENT: PLAY AREAS

The Council received a note of a meeting held on 13 December between Councillors and officers from WODC.

It was noted that there was £263,000 in the s106 funding pot for playgrounds but that the Director of Finance at WODC said that some of this might be used on other projects with a higher priority. The District had agreed to provide periodic updates of the s106 funding.

It was RESOLVED that the preferred provider should meet with Councillors to discuss substituting certain items of equipment, that the Town Council should take ownership of the NEAP after completion, litter pick the area and maintain the equipment. The District would be responsible for cutting the grass and maintaining the landscaping. The Town Council would be responsible for purchasing the equipment for the two LEAPs and the LAPs.

#### 113. S 137 FUNDING

Further information had been received from Springboard in support of their application for funding. It was agreed that Cllrs Walcott and Scott would visit the project and report back to the next Council meeting.

Council RESOLVED to purchase a gift to the value of £150 for the local police officer who would be retiring in 2005.

#### 114. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

#### 115. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

116. The Mayor wished Councillors a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Council sent best wishes to the Deputy Town Clerk for a speedy recovery.

The meeting ended at 8.45 pm.

18 January 2005

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Town Mayor

1. **Standards Board.** Copies of a booklet on 'Lobby Groups, Dual Hatted Members and the Code of Conduct' will be available at the meeting. There is also one copy of 'Guidance for Monitoring Officers and Standards Committees' which will be available for inspection. **Noted.**
2. **Next meetings:**     Planning and Policy 4 January 2005  
                              Planning and Council 18 January 2005

**Noted**

3. **Publications:** The following publications have been received:
  - CPRE Magazine Autumn issue
  - The Journal of the Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management Winter issues

**Noted**

4. **Fire Service – Integrated Risk Management meeting.** The Clerk circulated details of two meetings to be held in January and asked Councillors wishing to attend to return completed forms to her.
5. **Trees in Alvescot Road –** the Clerk reported that she had received a number of complaints from residents about the felling of the trees at the Health Centre. The trees were not covered by a TPO nor any other form of protection so there was nothing that the Council could do to prevent their being felled. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the new owners of the Health Centre to express the concern of the residents and to ask if new trees could be planted. It was also agreed that the proposals to establish a Tree Trust should be worked up in detail.