

CARTERTON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2005
AT 7.45 P.M.

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

Cllr. Mrs. D.V. Bulley
Cllr R. Crapper
Cllr Mrs. M. Crossland
Cllr. P.J. Handley

Cllr Mrs. A. Madden
Cllr. P. Madden
Cllr. M. Townsend
Cllr N Tully

Apologies: Cllr. W. Walcott, Cllr. Mrs. L. Walcott and Cllr K. Stone (all on District Council business), Cllr. L.H Giles and Cllr. D. King

130. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 January 2005, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

131. MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk confirmed that there had been further correspondence with the solicitor about the boundary dispute (Minute 126) and that she would report in detail to the next meeting. A letter had gone to the residents of the Tower Centre about the H3G proposal (Minute 127). The Post Office had indicated that they would install a post box on the NorthEast Carterton development by the new play area.

132. TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor and Mayoress had attended a Burn's Night at Abingdon and had hosted a very successful musical reception at St John's Church. The Mayor and Mayoress and the Chairman of WODC had attended the funeral of former Councillor Ken Winterbottom. The Mayor had unveiled the intergenerational tapestry at Edith Moorhouse School and this event had received excellent publicity in the local paper.

133. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Handley declared an interest in Item 135 (Planning) by virtue of his membership of the District Planning Committee.

134. ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC TO RAISE MATTERS

There were none.

135. 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'.

136. PLANNING COMMITTEE

Council received the Minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 18 January and 1 February 2005. These were noted.

137. RECREATION COMMITTEE

Council received the Minutes of the meeting of the Recreation Committee held on 1 February 2005.

The Council welcomed the fact that the Area Manager for the Youth Service had agreed to attend the next Council meeting to talk about the Allandale Centre.

The Council received additional information about the maintenance of the playingfields. It was agreed that the Town Council's £5,000 contribution should be released but that the District should be asked to explain the maintenance programme and report to the Town Council on a quarterly basis during 2005/06. It was also suggested that the District might consider employing a qualified grounds maintenance officer.

RESOLVED that the £5,000 contribution to the maintenance of the playingfields be released and that the Minutes of the Recreation Committee meeting be accepted.

138 OCC TRANSPORT NETWORK REVIEW

The Council received a copy of the Transport Network Review. The Council welcomed the proposed upgrading of the B4477 to an A road providing this upgrading meant improved maintenance and signage. Councillors were however very disappointed to note the proposal to remove the Shilton Dip improvements from the list of retained schemes and to cease protection of the line. It was agreed that the Council should press for this to be retained. It was also agreed that the Council should press for a park and ride scheme in Carterton (in addition to one at Witney) and also for a west bound entry onto the A40 at Minster Lovell.

RESOLVED that the Clerk should respond to the consultation document making the points summarised above.

139. SECTION 137 FUNDING

Cllr Scott reported that he and Cllr Walcott had visited Springboard and had been very impressed by their activities. The Councillors had seen that much of the equipment was old and Cllr Scott said that he would have no hesitation in recommending that the organisation be given a grant of £745 to buy the equipment listed in their application.

RESOLVED that a grant of £745 be made to Springboard to purchase equipment.

140. EXTERNAL AUDIT FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 2004.

The Council received the report of the external auditors on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2004. It was noted the auditors recommended that the Council's asset register needed to be updated to include date acquired, purchase cost, site location and current valuation. The Clerk was asked to do this as soon as possible.

The Council congratulated the Town Hall staff on achieving a good external audit report.

141. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Financial Statement to 31 January 2005, set out at Annex ' B' and previously circulated, was received.

142. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

The meeting ended at 8.40 pm.

29 March 2005

Town Mayor