

CARTERTON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 17 MAY 2005
AT 7.45 P.M.

Present	Cllr. Mrs. D.V. Bulley	Cllr. D. King	Cllr. N. Tully
	Cllr R. Crapper	Cllr. Mrs. A. Madden	Cllr. Mrs. L. Walcott
	Cllr. B. Crossland	Cllr. P. Madden	Cllr. W.O. Walcott
	Cllr. Mrs. M. Crossland	Cllr P. Scott	Cllr P.G Wesson
	Cllr. L.H. Giles	Cllr. K.W. Stone	
	Cllr. P.J. Handley	Cllr. M. Townsend	

1 ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR

IT WAS RESOLVED that Cllr B Crossland be elected Town Mayor for the ensuing year. Cllr. Crossland signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and thanked Council for his appointment.

2 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR

IT WAS RESOLVED that Cllr. P Scott be appointed Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year. Cllr. Scott signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

3 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 19 April, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

4. MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk reported that one Police Community Support Officer had been allocated to Carterton and would start in early June (minute 162)

5 TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Mayor reported that he had on 21 April been given a briefing at RAF Brize Norton about the Peace March. He and the Mayoress had attended the civic dinner at Chipping Norton on 22 April, the Town Council's St George's Day Charity Dinner on 23 April and receptions at Henley and Abingdon. The Town Council's civic service had taken place on 24 April but had been poorly attended. The Town Mayor had also presented a gift to PC Dave Rich on his retirement from Thames Valley Police and prizes to the winners of the St George's Day Colouring Competition.

6 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs Handley and Walcott declared an interest in Item 12 (Planning) by virtue of their membership of the District Planning Committee. Cllrs Mrs Bulley and Mrs Crossland declared an interest in Item 18 (Accounts for payment).

7 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES 2005/2006

IT WAS RESOLVED that the following Committees be appointed:-

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Quorum 5

Councillors B. Crossland, L.H. Giles, P. Madden, P. Scott, K.W. Stone, M. Townsend, Mrs L. Walcott and W.O. Walcott.

POLICY COMMITTEE

Quorum 5

Councillors Mrs D. Bulley, B. Crossland, Mrs M. Crossland, L.H. Giles, P.J. Handley, D. King, Mrs A Madden, P. Madden, P Scott, K.W. Stone, M. Townsend, N. Tully, Mrs L. Walcott, W.O. Walcott and P. Wesson.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Quorum 5

Councillors Mrs. D.V. Bulley, B. Crossland, Mrs M. Crossland, L.H. Giles, D. King, Mrs. A. Madden, K.W. Stone, M. Townsend, N. Tully and P.G. Wesson.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Quorum 5

Councillors Mrs D Bulley, B Crossland, Mrs M Crossland, L Giles, P J Handley, Mrs A Madden, P Madden and M Townsend.

TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Carterton Town Council Representatives:

Councillors Mrs D Bulley, L Giles, P Madden and P Wesson.

Mayor ex-officio non-voting.

CARTERTON FAST FORWARD

Membership to remain unchanged.

8 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

IT WAS RESOLVED to make the following appointments:-

Remembrance Day Observance (Royal British Legion)	Councillor Mrs. D.V. Bulley
Allotments Association	Councillor Mrs L. Walcott Councillor W.O. Walcott
Squash Club Committee	Councillor D King
Village Hall Management Committee	Councillor P. Madden
Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils	Vacant
Citizens Advice Bureau, Witney	Councillor W O Walcott

9. ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC TO RAISE MATTERS

The public raised concerns on highway matters and on the Skateboard Park at the Dell.

10. 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'.

11. THE DELL SKATEBOARD PARK

The Council noted with concern that a small number of youngsters were causing problems at the Dell late at night with loud music. It was also reported that cars were being driven onto the Skateboard Park in the evenings. It was agreed that the names of those responsible should be passed to the Community Safety Officer at WODC. Carterton Police had tasked the Dell and would now be visiting on a regular basis. The Clerk was asked to investigate the possibility of bollards or a lockable barrier to prevent cars getting on to the site.

The Clerk reported that the youngsters had been consulted about the sort of shelter that they would like to have at the Dell. The Viking Youth Shelter was a clear favourite. The cost of this was £5,237 for supply, £219 for delivery and £1,273 for installation on grass or £2,300 for installation on tarmac, making a total of between £6729 and £7756. The Council agreed that this shelter should be installed on a hard base. The Clerk was asked to apply to WODC for a grant but it was agreed that if this was not forthcoming, the extra cost of the shelter should be met from the reserve.

It was noted that the youngsters had asked for a professional display at the Xtreme Wheels Day. The cost of this would be about £2,000. The Council decided that this expense could not be justified but asked the Clerk to see if there was anyone at RAF Brize Norton who could give a display.

RESOLVED to ask the Community Safety Officer to target the young people responsible for the noise at the Dell, install bollards or a lockable barrier to prevent cars accessing the site and to install a Viking shelter unit.

Cllr Wesson left the meeting.

12. PLANNING COMMITTEE

Council received the Minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 19 April and 3 May 2005. These were noted.

13. POLICY COMMITTEE

Council received the Minutes of the meeting of the Policy Committee held on 3 May 2005. The Council noted the Committee's concerns about the community hall and associated car park. A further report would be made to the Council in due course.

RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the Policy Committee.

14. TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Council received the Minutes of the meeting of the Traffic Advisory Committee held on 2 May 2005.

RESOLVED that the recommendations contained in the Minutes should be accepted and that both of the Carterton County Councillors should be invited to attend future meetings.

15. REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The Council received one request for funding under s137.

RESOLVED not to make a donation but to invite the organisation to reapply in the autumn with details of help given in the Carterton area.

16. ST GEORGE'S DAY DINNER

RESOLVED that the Town Council should make a donation of £253.80 to the Mayor's charities to bring the total amount raised to £1,000. Cllr Townsend asked that it be noted that he opposed this resolution.

17. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Financial Statement to 30 April 2005, set out at Annex ' B' and previously circulated, was received.

18. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

The meeting ended at 8.50 pm

21 June 2005

Town Mayor