

CARTERTON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 19 JULY 2005
AT 7.45 P.M.

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

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| Cllr Mrs. D.V. Bulley | Cllr P. Madden |
| Cllr R. Crapper | Cllr K. Stone |
| Cllr Mrs. M. Crossland | Cllr M. Townsend |
| Cllr L.H Giles | Cllr Mrs. L. Walcott |
| Cllr D. King | Cllr W. Walcott |
| Cllr Mrs. A. Madden | Cllr P Wesson (from item 35) |

Apologies: Cllr P.J. Handley and Cllr N Tully.

33 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 21 June 2005, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

34. MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk reported that the internal audit had taken place and that no issues of significance had arisen. The Mayor reported that he had asked residents to raise issues concerning licensing with WODC.

35. DISCUSSIONS WITH THE YOUTH WORKER

The Mayor welcomed Shelley Vaisey to the meeting and reminded Councillors that she was reporting back with proposals for events to be held over the summer. The Council had allocated up to £3,500 to fund such events to be held during the current financial year.

Shelley circulated a report detailing a number of activities that might be arranged. She had used the Town Council's survey as a starting point. After discussion the Council agreed that funds be allocated as follows:

Parkour/free running - £250 for 1 day workshop plus £250 as matched funding for equipment

Rock Climbing - Up to £130 for costs associated with hiring the mobile wall from WODC

DJ' ing- £100 for 10 hours with a DJ

Basketball - £60 for two half day sessions with coach on the court at Trefoil Way

Canoeing - £115 for a taster session at the Riverside Centre

Archery - £110 for a session at Youlbury Scout activity centre.

Shelley said that she would report back to the Council with an evaluation including number and gender of those involved. Further events might then be arranged for later in the year. The Mayor congratulated Shelley on putting together an attractive package and said that the Council looked forward to a number of successful events being arranged over the summer.

36. TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Since the last meeting the Mayor had attended St John's School fete, the High Sheriff's Garden Party, Carterton Open Gardens, a dinner at Dorchester Abbey, the Banbury Hobby Horse event, a service at Christchurch to mark the 60th anniversary of the end of WWII, a civic garden party at Chipping Norton, a performance by the Songsters and the Air Tattoo at Fairford. He had attended the AGM of Save the Children and of the Scouts and a breakfast with the Chamber of Trade. He had spoken at a Committee meeting at WODC on the need for a Fire Station in Carterton and had given an interview to Radio Oxford on the same subject. The Mayor thanked those Councillors who had been involved with the School Swimming Gala which had been a great success.

The Mayor drew attention to the Town Centre consultation day to be held at the Town Hall on Thursday 28 July between 2.30 p.m. and 8 p.m. and asked Councillors to publicise the event. He mentioned that the Council Christmas Dinner had been arranged for Tuesday 6 December. The Mayor said that he had asked the Clerk to contact the Officer Commanding RAF Brize Norton about low flying planes in the run up to the Air Tattoo.

37. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Walcott declared an interest in Item 40 (Planning) by virtue of his membership of the District Planning Committee. Cllrs Crossland and Mrs Crossland declared an interest in item 45 payment 7862.

38. ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC TO RAISE MATTERS

No issues were raised.

39. 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' below.

40. PLANNING COMMITTEE

Council received the Minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 21 June and 5 July 2005. These were noted.

41. ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Council received the Minutes of the Administration Committee meeting held on 5 July.

RESOLVED that items 1 to 7 of the Minutes of the Administration Committee be approved.

42. LITTER PICKING

The Council received a note of a meeting that Cllrs Mrs Bulley and Mrs Crossland had had with officers from WODC to discuss litter picking in the town.

It was agreed that the Clerk should ask WODC to assess its litter picking schedule to see if it was possible to include more frequent litter picks on Swinbrook Road, all the roads immediately adjacent to the town centre, the area by the Community College and the path through to Church View. Councillors would provide details of other areas in need of litter picking to the Clerk for onward transmission to the District.

The Council was concerned to learn about the lack of litter picking on the NE Carterton Development. District Councillors agreed to raise this, and the absence of grass cutting on the new estate, with officers at the District Council.

43. CLEAN NEIGHBOURHOOD AND ENVIRONMENT ACT 2005

The Clerk reported that the Clean Neighbourhood and Environment Act 2005 would give parish councils a range of new powers to issue fixed penalty notices for litter, dog control, graffiti and fly posting offences. Further guidance was awaited from the Home Office but the indication was that there would be no extra resources to cover additional staff or training.

Councillors recognised that there would be a number of practical difficulties involved in enforcing the new powers and that the costs of disputing a fixed penalty in court could be very high. It was considered unlikely that the Town Council would be in a position to take on the new powers but it was agreed to await further advice from Government.

44. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

45 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

46. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

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

1. **West Oxfordshire Local Plan 2011 Inspectors Report.** This has now been published. I hold a full copy in the office and will have copies of the Carterton Chapter available at the meeting. We are now waiting to hear how WODC intend to respond to this report. Noted. **The Clerk was asked to write correcting factual errors (particularly the comments that a 6th Form and fire station were not needed in the town). Councillors were asked to pass comments to the Clerk who would compile a joint letter of comment.**

2. **Ventura Park** – development brief. We have been sent a copy of the Ventura Park development brief. (A copy will be available at the meeting.) It sets out in broad terms, details of the site, proposed land uses, built form and the landscape strategy. The intention is to leave individuals as much scope as possible for designing 'tailor made' facilities at a later stage. The Planning Committee will be considering an application for access to the site and landscaping at its meeting on 19 July. **Noted.**

3. The following publications have been received:
 - Health Scrutiny News
 - Oxfordshire Magazine
 - Emergency Plan for Local Council

4. **Sponsored Walk.** I completed a 28 mile sponsored walk on 25 June in 9 hours. My thanks to all who sponsored me. I should raise about £750. In all the organisers expect to raise more than £500,000.

