

CARTERTON TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2005  
AT 7.45 P.M.

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

Cllr Mrs. D.V. Bulley	Cllr K. Stone
Cllr Mrs. M. Crossland	Cllr M. Townsend
Cllr. L.H. Giles	Cllr N Tully
Cllr D. King	Cllr. P. Wesson (from Item 65)
Cllr P. Madden	

Apologies: Cllr R.W. Crapper, Cllr. P.J. Handley, Cllr. Mrs. A. Madden, Cllr J Walcott and Cllr Mrs. L. Walcott.

PART I

63 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 16 August 2005, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

64. MATTERS ARISING

Item 57 (Grounds Maintenance Issues) - Cllr Mrs Bulley reported that the Princess Diana rose garden requires further attention, and that the Browne's Lane sign is obscured by the hedge which needs to be cut back.

Item 58 - Oxfordshire County Council have advised that 'sufficient pension contributions' means 'having an entitlement under the pension regulations', which currently means 2 years' contributions to qualify and 5 years' to get an enhancement.

Clerk's Report, Item 3 - the Clerk has made another request to WODC for TPOs.

65. TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Mayor had attended the Xtreme Wheels event on 20 August and presented prizes to the winners, and had presented a prize to Veronica Collicut on 24 August on behalf of Garden News for winning Britain's Best Allotment Competition. On 25 August the Mayor had presided over a Citizenship Ceremony at Oxford Town Hall and on 26 August there was a short reception in the Mayor's Parlour in honour of Sandra Kibble's 25 years service with the Council. On 10 September the Mayor had attended the Gala Concert of the Oxfordshire County Youth Orchestra at the Oxford Town Hall.

The Mayor reminded Councillors of the Heritage Reception on Friday 30 September, the Mayor's Civic Reception on Friday 28 October, and the Christmas Meal on 6 December. An invitation from USAF Fairford for their 'Tops in Blue' Concert on Saturday 8 October was circulated.

66 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

67 ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC TO RAISE MATTERS

No issues were raised.

68. 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'.

69. PLANNING COMMITTEE

Council received the Minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 16 August and 6 September 2005. These were noted.

70. POLICY COMMITTEE

Council received the Minutes of the Policy Committee meeting held on 6 September. These were approved.

71. FLORAL DISPLAYS

The Clerk had contacted Oxford City Council and Bicester and Banbury Town Councils regarding their floral displays, all of whom had reported few problems, and the main reason given for this was CCTV cameras. After considerable discussion it was **RESOLVED**

- ◆ that the trees in the boxes be retained, but pruned back and fed and watered more frequently.
- ◆ to consider the cost of further raised baskets, similar to those in situ.
- ◆ in the long term to consider the cost of the installing CCTV cameras.

72. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

73. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

PART 2

(As Trustees of Carterton Recreation Ground)

74. ANNUAL ACCOUNTS - CARTERTON RECREATION GROUND CHARITY

The Annual Accounts were approved and signed by the Mayor.

75. QUOTATION

A quotation had been received from Cotswold Playgrounds for the removal and replacement of two 'Springers' in the Play Park. Councillors requested that alternative pieces of equipment be investigated before making a decision.

The meeting ended at 8.38 p.m.

18 October 2005

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Town Mayor

1. **Neighbourhood Update.** To see the attached email reporting on an exercise carried out in the Town on 19 August to target underage drinking. **Council welcomed the initiative and hoped that any future operations would be as successful.**
2. **Moorview Hospital** – to see the attached letter from North Oxfordshire PCT. **Council agreed to contest any withdrawal of services from Moorview Hospital.**
3. **WODC Recreation Grant.** Council will be pleased to note that WODC has awarded us a grant of £3,000 towards the youth shelter at the Dell. The installation of the shelter was completed over the Bank Holiday weekend and it has been well used since then. **Noted with pleasure.**
4. **Claim against the Council.** We have received a letter from a legal company acting on behalf of a resident in Carterton seeking compensation for damage to his house resulting from trees planted on a nearby open space. I have forwarded all the correspondence to our insurers. **Noted.**
5. **Application for Licence** – Alex Kebab van has applied for a new plot in the entrance to the disused Esso Garage. This is because the ‘previous and still paid up plot in the Osprey car park is no longer accessible’. **Councillors were concerned at the close proximity of the van to the highway and suggested that an alternative site near the Spar Supermarket would be preferable.**
6. **Crimestoppers Briefing.** Thames Valley Crimestoppers is holding a briefing session on the morning of Wednesday 5 October (9.30 to 12 noon) at BMW Cowley. The briefing will cover topics such as drugs and alcohol, violence, anti-social behaviour and road safety. **The Deputy Mayor and Councillor Stone agreed to attend.**
7. **Primary Care Trust** - Health Summit originally planned for 28/29 September has been postponed until January 2006. **Noted.**
8. **Temporary Traffic Regulation Order** - Notification from County Council of the temporary closure of Brize Norton Road from Wycombe Way junction to Upavon Way/Carterton Road junction on Monday 3rd October 2005 for road resurfacing works. **Noted.**
9. **May Day Fair** - Carterton Branch of Save the Children Fund have requested use of Alvescot Road Recreation Ground 1st May 2006 for their annual May Day Fair. **Agreed.**
10. **Publications Received:**
  - ◆ WODC - Parish Link
  - ◆ Institute of Cemetery & Cremation Management Journal.