

CARTERTON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 21 JUNE 2005
AT 7.45 P.M.

Present: Cllr B. Crossland – Town Mayor

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

Apologies: Cllr L.H Giles, Cllr P Scott and Cllr N Tully.

19 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 17 May 2005, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Mayor subject to noting that Cllr Wesson left the meeting after item 14.

20. MATTERS ARISING

It was noted that a group of Councillors are to meet with the District Council on 22 June to discuss litter picking.

21. TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

During the month the Mayor had attended the Change of Command Ceremony at Fairford; the installation of the Lord Mayor of Oxford; the Civic Service at Bicester and the Community Briefing Day and Annual Reception at RAF Brize Norton. He had opened the new playground at Trefoil Way, presented cheques to the British Heart Foundation and West Oxfordshire Carers for money raised at St George's Day; attended the retirement of the Adult Education Outreach Worker and the Annual Review of Girl Guiding.

The Mayor said that the CFF Town Centre Group had been working on the development of the south-west quadrant of the town. Following a concept planning day it had been decided to hold an event at which the public could comment on the basic principles of the development. This event had been arranged for Thursday 28 July at the Town Hall between 2.30 p.m. and 8 p.m. The Mayor asked Councillors to publicise the event and also to make known the Council's commitment to the continuation of the weekly market within the town.

22. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs Handley, Stone and Walcott declared an interest in Item 12 (Planning) by virtue of their membership of the District Planning Committee. Cllrs Crossland and Mrs Crossland declared an interest in Item 30 (Accounts for Payment). Cllrs Handley and Walcott declared an interest in item 24 (licensing issues) by virtue of their membership of WODC Licensing Committee and left the room when this was discussed.

23. ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC TO RAISE MATTERS

A resident of Kestrel Close thanked the Council for taking prompt action at the Skateboard Park, and PC Barns introduced himself to Councillors and outlined changes in the policing of the town.

24. 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', see below.

25. PLANNING COMMITTEE

Council received the Minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 17 May and 7 June 2005. These were noted.

26. RECREATION COMMITTEE

Council received the Minutes of the Recreation Committee meeting held on 7 June.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Recreation Committee be approved.

27. THE ANNUAL RETURN TO 31 MARCH 2005

The Council received the draft Annual Return for the period to March 2005. The Clerk reported that this would be submitted to the internal auditors who would be carrying out their audit between 4th and 6th July. The Council congratulated Town Hall staff on the production of the accounts.

28. TOWN CENTRE LANDSCAPING

The Council received a letter from the agent representing the owner of the Tower Centre asking for a contribution towards the costs involved in seeding and planting the grassed area. Councillors felt that because of the location this would not be robust enough. It was felt that paving would be a better option.

RESOLVED that the Clerk asks the agent to consider paving the area and that a revised quotation be presented to the Council. The District and County Councils might also be asked to contribute to the cost.

29. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

30. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

31. 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. **Land off Milestone Road** - To consider the attached correspondence with the planners at WODC. **It was noted that there were a number of issues that would need to be considered including noise pollution, planning gain, poor access and lack of employment. It was felt that the site was better suited to industrial use. The Clerk was asked to write to the District asking that the Town Council be involved in this proposal from an early stage.**
2. **Neighbourhood Management Policing** – To see the attached letter from Thames Valley Police. **Noted.**
3. **Community Safety Partnership** – to note that there is a Public Meeting of the Partnership at Carterton Community College at 7.30 pm on Monday 27 June. **Noted.**
4. **Publications received:**
 - Carterton Town Council Annual Report 2004/05
 - Home 2 School
 - News for Towns and Parishes from Oxfordshire County Council
 - Parish Link
 - Making it Happen – the Rotary Club newsletter
 - The ICCM Journal

These will be available at the meeting. **Noted.**

5. **Licensing Issues.** The Clerk reported that she had received copies of applications for Licences for new premises wanting to serve food after 23.00. One was applying to stay open to 24.00 on Saturday, another 1.30 every night and a third until 3.00 on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. It was noted that late night opening in the town centre was causing problems for the police and also resulting in large amounts of rubbish. Councillors discussed the issue and wondered whether the clearance of rubbish could be made a condition of granting a licence. It was noted that there were a number of residents in the town centre who could be disturbed by late night opening. It was agreed that the Council should ask that all three premises close no later than 24.00 every night of the week. Cllr Wesson voted against this proposal.