

CARTERTON TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 12 DECEMBER 2006  
AT 7.45 P.M.

Present: Cllr P Scott - Town Mayor  
Cllr P Handley - Deputy Mayor

Cllr Mrs. D.V. Bulley	Cllr Mrs A Madden
Cllr R.W. Crapper	Cllr P. Madden
Cllr Mrs. M. Crossland	Cllr K Stone
Cllr B Crossland	Cllr M. Townsend
Cllr. L.H. Giles	Cllr N Tully
Cllr D King	Cllr P Wesson.

Apologies: Cllr D King, Cllr W. Walcott MBE and Cllr Mrs L Walcott

105. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 21 November 2006, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

106. MATTERS ARISING

It was noted that the Stop the War Demonstration had been relatively poorly attended and had caused little disruption within the town.

107. NE CARTERTON COMMUNITY HALL

The Mayor welcomed Steve Wolstenholme of SWA to the meeting. Mr Wolstenholme outlined progress made on the planning application for the new Community Hall. He explained the constraints imposed by the site and in particular the easement along the northern edge. He also explained the need to ensure that this building was in keeping with other developments around the local centre. The Council considered sketches showing the possible elevations for the building and the room layout. In discussion it was noted that there needed to be vehicular access to the kitchen and easy access for disposing of waste. There was a discussion about whether or not the facility should have a permanent bar. It was noted that noise attenuation would be an issue. Mr Wolstenholme was invited to visit Gateway School to see the new demountable stage.

It was RESOLVED that the building should have an area which could be used as a temporary bar when functions were being held.

Mr Wolstenholme reported that he would be meeting with WODC planners before Christmas and was aiming to submit a planning application to the February WODC Planning Committee meeting. The Clerk said that she was due to have discussions with the Council's legal advisor about the transfer of the land to the Town Council and would report to a later meeting.

The Mayor thanked Mr Wolstenholme for his presentation.

108. TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor reported that he had attended the Chairman's Reception at Woodgreen; a concert organised by the Lions and a Reception at County Hall.

Theo Walcott had turned on the Christmas Lights on 27 November and the Mayor had given a radio interview the following morning. The Council's Dining In night at Burford Golf Club had been enjoyed by all. The Mayor had opened the Skills Exchange seminar held at the Town Hall and had formally launched the relocation of the market on 7<sup>th</sup> December. The Mayor reminded Councillors of his sponsored charity walk on 1 January.

Council said that they supported the Clerk's actions in writing to the Community College about an incident that occurred at the switch on of the Christmas lights.

#### 109. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Stone declared an interest in item 112 (Planning) by virtue of his membership of the District Planning Committee. Cllr Scott, Cllr Giles and Cllr Crossland declared an interest in accounts for payment (item 118). Cllr Wesson declared an interest in Black Bourton Burial Ground (item 120) and left the meeting when this item was discussed.

#### 110 ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC TO RAISE MATTERS

County Councillor, Jim Couchman, raised some issues relating to the Community Hall. He also asked that the Council consider allowing him to speak at Council meetings.

#### 111. CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk's Report, copies of which had previously been circulated, was received. The decisions taken on the Report are recorded below.

#### 112. PLANNING COMMITTEE

Council received the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 21 November 2006. These were noted.

#### 113. TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Council received the Minutes of the meeting of the Traffic Advisory Committee held on 23 October 2006.

It was agreed that the Clerk should make another request for a footpath to be installed between Northwood Crescent and Lilac Way.

The Clerk reported that a resident had requested that the Town Council fund a Vehicle Activated Sign for Shilton Road. The Clerk was asked to investigate this further and report to a future meeting of the Council.

RESOLVED to accept the recommendations set out in the Minutes.

#### 114. TREFOIL WAY PLAY AREA

The Council received the transfer documentation for the Trefoil Way play area. .

RESOLVED that the transfer documents be signed and sealed.

#### 115. BLACKTHORN AVENUE PLAY AREA

Cllr Mrs Crossland reminded Councillors that the Recreation Committee had raised a number

of concerns about the proposed layout of this area. She and Cllr Mrs Bulley had had a meeting with WODC which had resulted in three new possible designs. Cllr Mrs Crossland had discussed these with the School Council at the Community College and there had been a very clear preference for option 2 which shows the ball wall in the centre of a hard surfaced area.

RESOLVED to accept the layout in option 2 with some modifications to the shrub beds.

The Mayor thanked Cllr Mrs Crossland for carrying out this consultation exercise.

#### 116. CARTERTON NEW ZEALAND 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

The Clerk reported that Carterton New Zealand would be celebrating its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2007. Cllr Crossland, Cllr Mrs Crossland, Cllr Stone and Mrs Stone would be visiting New Zealand in February 2007 and it was agreed that they should take a gift from the residents of Carterton.

RESOLVED that under s111 of the Local Government Act 1972 a gift up to a value of £200 should be purchased.

#### 117. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Financial Statement to 30 November, set out at Annex 'B' was tabled. A summary of Income and Expenditure by Budget Heading was also provided at Annex 'B'.

#### 118. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

#### 119. 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. **Iron Bridge** – I reported at the last meeting that I had had assurances from OCC that the Iron Bridge was checked regularly. A copy of the email to me is attached. **Noted.**
2. **Street Naming** – The District Council is seeking Council's agreement to naming the new development off Black Bourton Road 'Barley Mews' – see attached plan. **Council objected to this name as it is too similar to Barley Crescent. Black Bourton Mews was suggested as an alternative or the name of an early settler.**
3. **Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service** have invited the Town Council to send a representative to the next meeting of the Direction of Travel Forum to be held on Wednesday 10 January 2007 at 10.30am at the Fire Service HQ at Kidlington. **It was suggested that Cllr Handley might wish to attend this meeting.**
4. **S 137 Grants**- the Council has received thank you letters from Kilkenny Cricket Club, Jill Edwards and the Methodist Church. **Noted.**
5. **ARRG hedges** – Cllr King has been approached by residents of Lawton Avenue who have asked if the Council's contractors would cut the ARRG hedge on the private garden side. This would set a precedent but I would appreciate the Council's views. **Agreed that this would set an unacceptable precedent.**
6. **Former Filling Station and Osprey Public House.** Cllr Crossland and I are due to meet the agents acting for the freeholder owners of this site on Friday 8 December. We will give a verbal report at the Council meeting. **Cllr Crossland outlined proposals to refurbish the garage area to include a small food store and takeaway and also to have a development of 70 dwellings, mostly flats on the Osprey site. The developer had had a meeting with WODC planners who had asked that a less dense development be drawn up. The Clerk was asked to consider whether section 106 money could be used to improve the road by the proposed development.**
7. **Copies of the Electoral Register** – We have received request forms for Councillors to complete if they wish to have a full copy of the register. These forms will be available at the meeting. **Noted.**
8. **Forthcoming Dates**
  - December 18<sup>th</sup> - Possible date for meeting with Carterton Football Club
  - Saturday 23 December to Monday 1 January inclusive - Town Hall closed for Christmas and New Year
  - Monday 1 January – Town Mayor's Sponsored Walk
  - Tuesday 2 January – Planning Committee **and Policy Committee**
  - Tuesday 16 January – Planning Committee and Council
9. **The Clerk reported that she had had to arrange emergency repairs to a leaking water main in the area to the front of the Town Hall.**