

CARTERTON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 17 OCTOBER 2006
AT 7.45 P.M.

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

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| Cllr Mrs. D.V. Bulley | Cllr M. Townsend |
| Cllr R.W. Crapper | Cllr N Tully |
| Cllr Mrs. M. Crossland | Cllr W. Walcott MBE |
| Cllr B Crossland | Cllr Mrs L Walcott |
| Cllr P. Madden | Cllr P Wesson. |
| Cllr K Stone | |

Apologies: Cllr. L.H. Giles, Cllr D King and Cllr Mrs A Madden

74.MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 19 September 2006, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

75. MATTERS ARISING

There were none.

76. FIRE COVER IN CARTERTON

The Mayor welcomed Mr Gurr and Mr Bateman to the meeting. Mr Gurr presented statistics to the end of August 2006 (appended to these Minutes).

In response to questions, Mr Gurr explained that the Fire Service was working with local businesses to ensure the new Fire Risk Regulations were implemented. Mr Gurr confirmed that the co-responder calls were additional to the calls to deal with fires and undertook to provide copies of the map showing incidents reached within certain call out times. It was clarified that call out times started from the moment a call was received. Exit interviews showed that people left the Service for a number of reasons. The average period of service was six years.

77. TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Mayor reported that he had attended the launch of the 'Who's My Bobby' website on 21 September. He had hosted a coffee morning at the Town Hall on 22 September and had been a guest at the Macmillan Nurses coffee morning at Edith Moorhouse School.

78.DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs Handley, Walcott and Stone declared an interest in item 81 (Planning) by virtue of their membership of the District Planning Committee. Cllr Scott declared an interest in planning application 95/2005. Cllrs Crossland, Mrs Crossland and Stone declared an interest in Accounts for Payment (item 85). Cllr Wesson declared an interest in Black Bourton Burial

Ground (item 80) and Cllr Crossland and Cllr Mrs Crossland declared an interest in s137 payments (item 83).

79. ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC TO RAISE MATTERS

None were raised.

80. 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.

81. PLANNING COMMITTEE

Council received the Minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 19 September and 10 October 2006. These were noted.

82. RECREATION COMMITTEE

Council received the Minutes of the meeting of the Recreation Committee held on 10 October 2006.

It was noted that the total cost of the refurbishment of the new play area at Swinbrook Road would be approximately £49,000. The supplier would be asked to draw up final costs and revised plans.

RESOLVED to accept the recommendations set out in the report.

83. SECTION 137 GRANTS

The Council considered a number of applications received for s137 grants.

RESOLVED that, in the opinion of Council, it is in the interest of or will directly benefit the area or its inhabitants to make the following grants:

| Organisation | Purpose of grant | Amount requested | Amount awarded |
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| Jill Edwards Harefield Hamsters | World Transplant Games | Total cost £2,200 | £500 |
| Kilkenny Cricket Club | New equipment and OCA fees | £875 | Council asked for further information |
| West Oxon C.A.B. | Support for provision of free advice | Not specified | £1000 |
| Carterton Methodist Church | Installation of toilet for disabled. | £1,000 | £500 |

The Council agreed that S137 grants should be used to support smaller, local causes and therefore RESOLVED not to give grants to the Oxford Colon Cancer Trust, the Oxfordshire Carers Forum and the Thames Valley and Chiltern Air Ambulance Trust.

Cllrs Crossland and Mrs Crossland declared an interest in the application from the Methodist Church and left the room while this was discussed.

84. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

85. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

86. 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.

Town Mayor

21 November 2006

1. **Pampas Close Play Area.** As agreed at the last Council meeting, the Urgency Committee agreed to let the contract to rebuild the wall at Pampas Close to DMS Maintenance. They presented the cheapest quote to rebuild the wall. On Friday 6 October, the wall to the front of the Maples Play Area was damaged and a section fell down. I think that this must have been the result of a traffic accident but there were no witnesses. I am arranging for the wall to be repaired. **Noted**
2. **Replacement Drains at the Town Hall.** The contractor is due to start work on 16 October. **Noted**
3. **Playground Inspections.** WODC will start making playground inspections on our behalf during w/c 16 October. My thanks to Councillors who have carried out these checks over the summer. WODC will be providing us with an out of hours number to which problems on play areas can be reported. This will be especially helpful over the Christmas period. **Noted**
4. **Carterton Young Advisory Committee.** To see the attached email from Mr Wainman about the constitution of the Committee. Mr Wainman has sent a copy of the document should any Councillors wish to see it. **Cllrs Mrs Crossland and Wesson both commented on the fact that they were not being kept in touch about meetings. Cllr Mrs Crossland said she had resigned from the Committee as she did not feel able to contribute anything.**
5. **Standards Board advice on Parish Councils acting as Custodian Trustees.** It had been thought that the Council acting as Trustee (as Carterton Town Council does for the Alvescot Road Recreation Ground) was a breach of the Code and that dispensation would be needed. The Standards Board has reviewed this advice and has concluded that dispensations are not needed. **Noted**
6. **Burial Ground.** As Council will be aware, we have contracted out the maintenance of the Burial Ground following the retirement of our Groundsman. The contractor is cutting the grass, but we feel it would be very helpful to have someone living locally who could visit the cemetery once a week, clear any rubbish, take the bins in and out and pick any litter. This person could also report any problems to the Town Hall. Would the Council be willing for me to offer an Honorarium of say £500 a year to anyone willing to take on this task? **Agreed that an Honorarium of £520 pa should be offered.**
7. **Affordable Housing - Supplementary Planning Guidance.** Copies of this document will be available at the meeting. **Noted.**
8. **Forthcoming meetings and events:**
 - Friday 3 November - Town Mayor's Reception
 - Tuesday 7 November - Planning and Admin Committee
 - Sunday 12 November - Remembrance Service and Parade. Depart TH 9.45am
 - Tuesday 21 November - Planning and Council
 - Monday 27 November - Switch on of Christmas Lights
 - Tuesday 5 December - Town Council Christmas Dinner at Burford Golf Club
 - Tuesday 12 December - Planning and Council
 - Monday 1 January - Town Mayor's Walk

With the agreement of Council, I would like to suggest that the Town Hall be closed from Monday 25 December to Tuesday 2 January. **Agreed.**

- 9. Agreed that the Country Park should be named Kilkenny Country Park.**