

CARTERTON TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 18 JULY 2006  
AT 7.45 P.M.

Present: Cllr P Scott - Town Mayor

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

Apologies: Cllr P Handley (on District Council business), Cllr Mrs Madden and Cllr W. Walcott MBE

The Council asked that the Clerk send best wishes to Cllr Mrs Madden and Cllr Walcott for a speedy recovery.

31 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 20 June 2006, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

32. MATTERS ARISING

One item was raised in confidential session, see item 45 below.

33 TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Mayor reported that he had attended two consultation meetings on the new Community Hall. He had then been on holiday for 10 days.

34 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Stone declared an interest in item 37 (Planning) by virtue of his membership of the District Planning Committee. Cllr Scott declared an interest in planning applications 39/2006, 46/2006, 49/2006 and 68/2006. Cllr Crossland and Cllr Mrs Crossland declared an interest in Accounts for Payment.

35. ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC TO RAISE MATTERS

Ady Coomber answered questions on the Extreme Wheels Day. The Mayor thanked Ady for all the work that had gone into organising the event and said he hoped it would go well.

36. 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.

37. PLANNING COMMITTEE

Council received the Minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 20 June and 4 July 2006. These were noted.

38. RECREATION COMMITTEE

Council received the Minutes of the meeting of the Administration Committee held on 4 July 2006.

RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the Recreation Committee. The Clerk was asked to establish details of the terms on which WODC might transfer the ownership of the Country Park to the Town Council.

39. CARTERTON COMMUNITY FACILITY

The Council received a report on various issues related to the development of the new Community Hall. It was noted that SWA had now prepared an outline brief which would be discussed by the Advisory Group on 19 July. The Clerk reported that the WODC Cabinet would be deciding on whether or not there should be a Public House on the site at their meeting on 2 August. Indications seemed to be that residents were strongly opposed to the pub but it was noted that there was a misunderstanding in some areas about the form that the pub might take.

ClIr Giles and the Clerk reported on the VAT position. It was complicated and there was conflicting advice. Broadly it seemed that the best approach would be for:

- The Town Council to place the construction contract with project management support from the District or from another body;
- The hall not to have any office accommodation other than that needed to manage the facility;
- The land and the hall to have charitable status;
- The public and user groups to be involved in the management of the hall.

It was agreed that, given the sums of money involved, the Council should employ an independent expert to review the options and advise on the best course of action. The Clerk said that she would aim at preparing a report to be put to the August meeting of the Council. It was agreed that the consultant should also be retained to help with correspondence to the VAT Office.

40. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

41. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

42. 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.

## **Clerk's Report – 18 July 2006**

1. **Road Closure** – Council is invited to note the attached report summarising responses to the proposed closure of Black Bourton Road. We will be meeting with OCC officers to discuss these concerns. **The Clerk reported that the request to close the road would be considered by OCC Cabinet in September. Council noted the concerns and in particular those relating to safety issues. It was agreed that the County Council should be asked to install such safety measures as might be needed and to carry the cost of these. It was also agreed that business in Black Bourton Road and in the industrial estate should be consulted.**
2. **Ball Games** – to consider the attached email from a resident of the Maples. **It was agreed that the Clerk should consider whether it might be possible to plant against the wall to prevent ball games.**
3. **Internal Audit** – our internal audit was carried out during the first week in July and went well. The auditor has made one or two minor adjustments. The Return for the year 2005/06 will be submitted to the August Council meeting. **Noted.**
4. **Grant to support participation in European Transplant Games** – see attached letter. **Noted. The Clerk was asked to send a letter from the Council.**
5. **Neighbourhood Management Policing** – to see attached letter and note date of meeting on **19 July** at Carterton Community College. **Noted.**
6. **Publications – the following will be available at the meeting**
  - Our Choice, Their Future
  - Oxfordshire
  - News from the County Council
7. **Future meetings**
  - 1 August** – Planning Committee
  - 15 August** – Planning Committee and Council preceded by award of Allotment and Carterton in Bloom trophies.