

CARTERTON TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2006  
AT 7.45 P.M.

Present: Cllr P Scott - Town Mayor

Cllr Mrs. D.V. Bulley	Cllr Mrs A Madden
Cllr Mrs. M. Crossland	Cllr P. Madden
Cllr B Crossland	Cllr K Stone (from item 66)
Cllr. L.H. Giles	Cllr M. Townsend
Cllr D King	Cllr W. Walcott MBE

Apologies: Cllr R.W. Crapper, Cllr P Handley, Cllr N Tully, Cllr Mrs L Walcott and Cllr P Wesson.

PART 1

61 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 15 August 2006, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

62. MATTERS ARISING

It was confirmed that Town Hall staff were now having discussions with WODC and OCC about the temporary closure of Black Bourton Road on Thursdays to allow for the relocation of the market from its present site (Item 47).

It was noted that WODC had dropped proposals to locate a public house on the community hall site on the NE Carterton development (Item 54)

The Clerk reported that she was meeting the Area Youth Worker later in the week (Item 55).

63 TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Mayor reported that he had attended a Community Information Meeting to discuss the protestors at Alvescot. He had hosted a small reception for those involved in organising the Extreme Wheels event and had attended a meeting of NAG. On 7th September, the Mayor and a number of Councillors had attended the RAF Community Briefing Day and Flight. The Mayor had also been present at a photo shoot on Ventura Park to mark the start of building there.

64 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs Walcott and Stone declared an interest in item 67 (Planning) by virtue of their membership of the District Planning Committee. Cllr Scott declared an interest in planning applications 68/2006 and 87/2006. Cllrs Crossland, Mrs Crossland and Cllr Stone declared an interest in Accounts for Payment (item 72).

65. ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC TO RAISE MATTERS

A resident thanked Councillors for sponsoring her parachute jump.

66. 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.

67. PLANNING COMMITTEE

Council received the Minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 15 August and 5 September 2006. These were noted.

68. RECREATION COMMITTEE

Council received the Minutes of the meeting of the Recreation Committee held on 5 September 2006.

It was noted that Cllr Mrs Crossland had presented the various designs for the play area at Swinbrook Road to two groups of school children. The children had favoured a more traditional design including swings and a number of other smaller items of equipment. It was therefore agreed that a representative from SMP should be asked to attend the next meeting of the Recreation Committee to discuss more detailed plans.

RESOLVED to accept the recommendations set out in the report.

69. PAMPAS CLOSE PLAY AREA

The Clerk reported that part of the wall at the Pampas Close play area was unsound. Given the health and safety issues, she had invited three building firms to quote for repairing and/or rebuilding the wall.

RESOLVED that the Urgency Committee should have delegated authority to award the contract.

70. UPGRADING OF OFFICE EQUIPMENT

The Council received a report from the Clerk on the possible replacement of the IT equipment at the Town Hall.

It was noted that staff were still using Windows 98 and that the PCs were struggling with the increasing number of programmes that are in use. Council discussed the merits of upgrading existing PCs but felt that it would be more sensible to go for new equipment and that the cost of this should be funded from the reserve. It was agreed that quotes should be obtained. It was also agreed that once new PCs had been installed it should be possible to revert to using Smart Stamp.

RESOLVED that the Council should purchase three new PCs.

71. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Financial Statement to 31 August, 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'.

72. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

PART 11

(As Trustees of the Alvescot Road Recreation Ground Charity)

73. PLAY EQUIPMENT

The Council noted that the roller equipment had worn out and that it was not possible to repair this as spare parts were no longer being made. This is a very popular piece of equipment and it was agreed that it should be replaced with something as similar as possible to the existing equipment at a cost of about £900.

RESOLVED that the roller equipment should be replaced with a similar piece of equipment.

The meeting ended at 8.40 p.m.

17 October 2006

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Town Mayor

1. **Temporary Road Closures** – OCC has notified us of the closure between 28 September and 3 October of a section of Carterton Road (from just east of the main gate up to and including the roundabout by the garage). We have also been notified of the closure between 11 and 16 September of the Burford Road, Brize Norton, in the area where it joins the Carterton Link Road. Both closures are to allow resurfacing to be carried out. **Noted.**
2. **Complaints about smells** have been received from a number of residents. One lady has taken the issue up with the Environmental Services Department and asked for the Town Council support. We contacted WODC who were sympathetic but need more specific details to enable them to take action. If Councillors are approached by residents could they please try to pinpoint the source! **It was noted that this had been a problem for many years. The smell was from the sewage works and was only noticeable when the wind was in a certain direction.**
3. **Allandale Youth Centre e-update** is attached. **Noted. Council asked that the Clerk raise a number of questions with the Area Youth worker.**
4. **The Maples Play area.** Council will recall that there have been complaints about ball games in the Maples play area and that we agreed to provide planting against the wall of the house to try to ease the problem. I will be arranging this in the next few weeks. We have now received complaints from another resident whose fence is being damaged by balls. The Council has again been asked to consider banning ball games in the play area. Would the Council like me to offer the resident more planting along the fence and also reconsider the question of banning ball games? **Council asked the Clerk to draw up some ideas for planting and to discuss these with local residents.**
5. **Archaeological Excavation at Black Bourton.** The full report has been received and a copy will be available at the meeting. **Noted. Cllr Madden borrowed the report.**
6. **Future Meetings**
7. **3 October – Planning and Recreation** – to discuss detailed proposals for Swinbrook Road Play area. Please note that I am suggesting that we do not have a Policy Committee meeting in October due to holidays and the absence of any issues for discussion. **Agreed that Recreation Committee should be moved to 10 October when a number of Councillors would have returned from holiday.**  
  
**17 October – Planning and Council**
8. **Extended Schools.** Cllr Mrs Crossland reported on a meeting that she had attended on the subject of extended schools and gave a brief report on the subject. It was noted that the District was working on the same issues and that the two groups needed to speak to each other. Council agreed that Cllr Mrs Crossland should continue to represent CTC on this group.
9. **The Council received a thank you letter from Home Start.**
10. **The Clerk reported that the Victoria County History had published Volume IV which contained a chapter on Carterton. A copy of the book would be held in the Town Hall.**

