

CARTERTON TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2006  
AT 7.45 P.M.

Present:

Cllr P Scott            - Deputy Mayor

Cllr Mrs. D.V. Bulley	Cllr P. Madden
Cllr R.W. Crapper	Cllr K. Stone
Cllr. L.H. Giles	Cllr M. Townsend
Cllr. P.J. Handley	Cllr N Tully
Cllr D. King	Cllr W. Walcott

Apologies: Cllr B. Crossland - Town Mayor, Cllr Mrs. M. Crossland, Cllr. Mrs. A. Madden, Cllr Mrs L. Walcott and Cllr P Wesson

134. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 17 January 2006, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Deputy Mayor.

135. MATTERS ARISING

There were none.

136. TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Deputy Town Mayor reported that the Mayor and Mayoress had attended a small reception hosted by the Town Mayor of Bicester and a Charity Dinner hosted by the Chairman of WODC at RAF Brize Norton. On 10<sup>th</sup> February the Mayor and Mayoress had hosted a Musical Reception held at St. John' s Church with the County Youth Orchestra brass ensemble which had been a very successful evening.

137. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs Handley, Stone and Walcott declared an interest in Item 140 (Planning) by virtue of their membership of the District Planning Committee. Cllr Scott declared an interest in planning applications 05/2304 (39 Burford Road) and 06/0123 (24 Alvescot Road). Cllr Scott also declared an interest in Item 139 (the NAG). Cllrs Giles and Madden declared an interest in item 142 (request for a grant) and Cllr Stone in item 150 (staff salaries).

138. ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC TO RAISE MATTERS

Mr Coomber reported on the preparations for the Xtreme Wheels Day 2006 and PC Rich Barnes reported on policing within the town.

139. 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.

140. PLANNING COMMITTEE

Council received the Minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 17 January and 7 February 2006. These were noted.

141. ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Council received the Minutes of the Administration Committee meeting (paragraphs 17 to 22) held on 7 February 2006.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Administration Committee meeting (paragraphs 17 to 22) be accepted.

142. REQUEST FOR GRANT

Council Giles left the room while this item was discussed.

The Council received a letter from Carterton Football Club asking the Council to give a grant towards the cost of a trip by the U12 and U14 Girls teams to Holland.

RESOLVED that under s137 of the LGA 1972 the Football Club be given a grant to cover the cost of hiring the coach to take the teams to Holland.

143. GRANT FOR MAINTENANCE OF PLAYING FIELDS

The Council received from WODC details of expenditure incurred on maintaining the pitches on Monahan Way together with a request that the Town Council release a grant of £5,000 to the District Council. It was noted that the pitches were now in a very much better condition than two years ago.

RESOLVED that under S19 of the LG (MP) A 1976 the Council should pay a grant of £5,000 to West Oxfordshire District Council.

144. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

145. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

145. 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. **Fire Cover in Carterton.** Cllr Handley has asked that I bring the attached letter to your attention. Following the recent exchange of letters between the Town Council and the Chief Fire Officer, Mr Parry has suggested a Fire Advisory Committee for Carterton which would run along similar lines to the Traffic Advisory Committee. This Committee might meet twice a year and comprise representatives from the County, District and Town Councils, the Fire Service, RAF Brize Norton, surrounding parishes and other interested parties. The Council is invited to agree membership and set a date for the first meeting. **It was agreed that the Clerk should ask for details about the number of times the fire service had assisted the ambulance service. It was agreed that a Fire Advisory Cttee be set up to meet twice a year. County Councillors Stone and Couchman, District Councillor Handley and Town Councillors Bulley and Madden might serve on this Committee. In addition representatives from RAF Brize Norton and surrounding parishes might also be invited to attend.**
2. **Heritage Fund.** The Council has been awarded a further £20,300 from the Heritage Lottery Fund to carry out the Carterton Posterity Project. This includes producing a DVD of the Town, writing and producing a community play and carrying out a dig at Black Bourton Cemetery. **The Council was pleased to note that this funding had been awarded.**
3. **Swinbrook Road.** The Mayor and Cllr Giles signed the s106 agreement on behalf of the Council on Friday 10 February. **Noted.**
4. **The market** - CFF is to have discussions with the market stallholders about the future location of the market. The CFF Project Manager will let the Council know if its help is needed. **Noted.**
5. **Administration** fee for Temporary Loans – to see the attached letter. **The Clerk was asked to establish the reason for the introduction of this charge and suggest that a charge per withdrawal would be a fairer way of charging.**
6. **Phase 2 of the Leisure Centre** – to see the attached letter from the Head of Leisure and Tourism at WODC. **The Clerk was asked to reply expressing the Town Council's disappointment that WODC was not taking this forward more proactively.**
7. **Under Age Drinking** – to see the attached email correspondence from a resident. **The Council welcomed the fact that NAG and the Police had resolved this particular issue.**
8. **Monahan Way** – by the time the Council next meets, Monahan Way should have reopened. We have been advised that Broadshires Way will be closed from 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> March. **Noted.**
9. The following publications have been received and will be available at the meeting:
  - OCC News
  - West Oxfordshire School Sport Partnership
  - Parish Link

**10. The Clerk reminded Councillors of the Macmillan coffee morning on 10 March and the 10K Road Race on 26 March. Several Councillors said they would help with the Road Race.**