

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

Present: Cllr B. Crossland - Town Mayor
Cllr P Scott - Deputy Mayor

Cllr Mrs. D.V. Bulley	Cllr P. Madden
Cllr R.W. Crapper	Cllr K. Stone
Cllr Mrs. M. Crossland	Cllr M. Townsend
Cllr D. King	Cllr N Tully

Apologies: Cllr. L.H. Giles, Cllr. P.J. Handley, Cllr. Mrs. A. Madden, Cllr Mrs L. Walcott, Cllr W. Walcott and Cllr P. Wesson.

151. MINUTES

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

152. MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk reported that the cost of the coach to take the girls football team to Holland was in excess of £3,000. Following consultation with the Urgency Committee it had been agreed to offer a grant of £1,000 to the CFC and this had been very gratefully accepted.

153. TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Mayor reported that he and the Mayoress had attended civic dinners hosted by the Mayor of Didcot and the Chairmen of Cherwell and South Oxfordshire District Councils. The Mayor and Mayoress had also attended the 1st anniversary concert by the County Centre for Music and had hosted a coffee morning where he had presented a cheque to Macmillan for the proceeds of the Mayor's Walk. The Mayor reminded Councillors of St George's Day Dinner and drew attention to the Carterton Heritage Display Boards.

154. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Stone declared an interest in Item 157 (Planning) by virtue of his membership of the District Planning Committee. Cllr Scott declared an interest in planning applications 05/1513 and 06/0404. Cllr Madden declared an interest in item 152 (request for a grant) and Cllrs Madden and Mrs Crossland declared an interest in the Clerk's Report (item 156) as Governors of St John's School.

155. ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC TO RAISE MATTERS

No matters were raised.

156. 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.

157. PLANNING COMMITTEE

Council received the Minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 21 February and 7 March 2006. These were noted.

158. POLICING IN CARTERTON

Cllr Mrs Bulley reported on vandalism that had occurred in Swinbrook Road on the evening of 24 February. This was linked to a private party that was being held at the Football Club. Councillors discussed the issues.

It was suggested that the Football Club might arrange to have people patrolling Swinbrook Road but it was noted that the police had opposed this. It was noted that the police had attended another similar incident very promptly and it was agreed that it was important for residents to report problems as soon as they begin to develop. It was thought that it would be helpful if residents were made aware of dates when private parties were to be held and it was agreed that the NAG might be involved.

RESOLVED that the Clerk should write to the Football Club to ask them to consider measures to reduce vandalism.

The Clerk reported that she had been contacted by a resident from North East Carterton about a series of car crimes that had occurred. She had passed details to the police and the NAG, both of whom had contacted the resident.

159. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Financial Statement to 28 February, set out at Annex ' B' and previously circulated, was received.

160. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

160. 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. **Transaction fees.** Please see attached letter from WODC about the introduction of a transaction fee. **Noted.**
2. **Planning Forum Meetings** – WODC are holding three planning forum meetings in May and Councillors are invited to consider whether they wish to attend. (Dates will be available at the meeting). **Noted.**
3. **CCTV.** Town Councillors are invited to attend open days at the CCTV Room in Witney on either 23rd or 27th March between 4.00 p.m. and 7.00 p.m. Please let me know if you would like to attend. **Cllr Scott said he would like to attend.**
4. **The Thames Valley Air Ambulance Helicopter** will be operating between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Thursday 6 April at Hinksey Heights Golf Club, South Hinksey, Oxford. If any Councillor would like to go to this event, would they please let me know. **Noted.**
5. **Carterton 10K.** This road race takes place on the morning of Sunday 26 March, starting close to the Leisure Centre at 10.30 a.m. Grateful thanks to those who have volunteered to help on the day. Everyone is invited to watch and cheer. The awards ceremony will be at about 11.30 a.m. at the Leisure Centre. **Councillors noted that there were 260 runners taking part.**
6. **St George's Day Dinner.** Saturday 22 April. Anyone wanting tickets is reminded that these need to be purchased by 8 April. **Noted.**
7. **Publications**
 - Home to School
 - The Journal of the Institute of Cemetery Management Spring 2006
8. **The Clerk reported that David Wilson Homes had contacted St John's School withdrawing parking with effect from May. It was agreed that the Clerk should write asking that building work be phased to ensure that some parking is available throughout the build period.**
9. **It was agreed that WODC should be asked to quote for carrying out a survey of the Town Council's trees.**
10. **The Clerk reported that the Council's insurers had written requesting the removal of a hedge in Garner Close. The cost of this would be covered by the insurer. RESOLVED that the hedge be removed.**