

CARTERTON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 16 JANUARY 2007
AT 7.45 P.M.

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

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

Apologies: Cllr W. Walcott MBE

121. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 December 2006, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

122. MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk reported that WODC Planners were pleased with the emerging design for the Community Hall. SWA would be staging a small display of plans in the Town Hall on Friday 19 January for Councillors and members of the Advisory Group. The Clerk confirmed that a gift had been ordered for Carterton District Council in New Zealand.

123. CCTV

The Mayor welcomed Bill Oddy, WODC Community Safety Officer to the meeting. Mr Oddy's presentation on CCTV is appended to these Minutes.

In discussion, Councillors expressed concern about the value for money of CCTV. It was felt that it would be preferable to have additional police on the beat although it was recognised that this would not happen in practice. It was noted that one in four crimes in Witney had been detected by CCTV cameras. It was not known how many convictions had resulted although overall the figure was 60%. Increasing use was being made of fixed penalty notices. Mr Oddy said that there was no evidence to demonstrate that CCTV in Witney had resulted in a displacement of crime to other towns but he recognised that this was a concern.

A majority of Councillors were sceptical of the benefits of CCTV but it was agreed that more information was needed to allow an informed decision. It was agreed that Bill Oddy and the Clerk should work together to produce a paper which could be considered by Councillors at a later date.

The Mayor thanked Mr Oddy for his presentation.

124. TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor reported that he had attended the Witney Town Mayor's Christmas Carol Concert and had presented RBL certificates. He and the Deputy Mayor had judged the Best

Decorated House and Business Premises displays and he had presented certificates and trophies to the winners. The Mayor thanked those who had participated in the Charity Walk on New Year's Day.

125. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Stone and Cllr Handley declared an interest in item 128 (Planning) by virtue of their membership of the District Planning Committee. Cllr Scott, Cllr Handley and Cllr King declared an interest in accounts for payment (item 133). Cllr Giles declared an interest in Item 1 of the Clerk's Report and left the meeting when this item was discussed.

126. ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC TO RAISE MATTERS

A resident raised two issues relating to Dovetrees.

127. 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'.

128. PLANNING COMMITTEE

Council received the Minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 12 December 2006 and 2 January 2007. These were noted.

129. POLICY COMMITTEE

Council received the Minutes of the meeting of the Policy Committee held on 2 January 2007.

The Clerk reported that the first meeting of the Youth Council Working Party had taken place that morning and that a paper would be put to the February meeting of the Council. Cllr Handley reported that there was a danger of duplication as the Fire, Police and Ambulance Services were all making Youth a priority.

Councillors welcomed the concept of the Exceptional Citizen Award. It was agreed that as this was a Town Council award, the panel should comprise Town Councillors. It was agreed that once launched, this scheme would need to be actively promoted on a regular basis.

RESOLVED to accept the recommendations set out in the Minutes of the Policy Committee.

130. CARTERTON FOOTBALL CLUB

The Council received the Minutes of a meeting with the Football Club held on 18 December. It was noted that shortly after this, the Chairman of the Club had resigned. The Clerk said that she had just met with the new Chairman and it was hoped that the issues outstanding could be resolved by the Spring.

The Clerk reported that the priorities of the new group in charge at the club were different in that they were looking to consolidate rather than expand. More time would be needed to decide how this might best be achieved.

131. SHILTON ROAD TRAFFIC CALMING

The Council received a report on the criteria needed to install Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) on roads in Carterton. After discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk should discuss with OCC the possibility of the Town Council purchasing a mobile VAS which could be used on Shilton Road, Alvescot Road and Upavon Way.

RESOLVED that the Clerk explore with OCC the possible purchase of a mobile VAS.

132. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Financial Statement to 31 December, set out at Annex 'B', was tabled. A summary of Income and Expenditure by Budget Heading was also provided at Annex 'B'.

133. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

20 February 2007

Town Mayor