

CARTERTON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 17 JULY 2007
AT 7.45 P.M.

Present: Cllr P Scott – Town Mayor
Cllr Mrs M Crossland – Deputy Mayor

Cllr Mrs D V Bulley	Cllr S Lodge
Cllr A Coomber	Cllr N MacRae MBE
Cllr R Crapper	Cllr P Madden
Cllr B Crossland	Cllr Mrs N Miah
Cllr Miss E Liston	Cllr Mrs S E Stone

Apologies: Cllr A Farmer, Cllr Mrs L Walcott, Cllr W O Walcott MBE and Cllr E Wearing

PART 1
AS CARTERTON TOWN COUNCIL

35 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 26 June 2007, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

36. MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk reminded new Councillors of the need to take identification to the bank in support of the new bank mandate.

37. TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor reported that he had attended the Annual Reception at RAF Brize Norton and a BBQ at the Station Commander's home. He had also attended a reception at the home of the High Sheriff and been to the Air Tattoo at Fairford. The Mayor had attended a performance by the Songsters and awarded the prizes at the Council's Annual Swimming Gala. The Mayor thanked those Councillors who had helped at the Gala.

38. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Madden declared an interest in planning (item 41) by virtue of his membership of the WODC Planning Committee. Cllr Madden declared a personal interest in item 42 (The Dell) as a School Governor. Cllr MacRae declared a personal interest in item 40 (Swinbrook Road Allotments Association) as the joint holder of an allotment.

39. ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC TO RAISE MATTERS

No matters were raised.

40. 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.

41. PLANNING COMMITTEE

Council received the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 3 July 2007. These were noted.

42. RECREATION COMMITTEE

Council received the Minutes of the meeting of the Recreation Committee held on 3 July 2007.

It was agreed that the Council's contractor should be asked to remove the hedge at the Squash Club and that the Council should not erect 'No ball games' signs. The Clerk reported that she had spoken to the resident in Finchdale Close about hedge planting and he was content. It was agreed that the Council should replace those fence panels that adjoined public open space.

Three Councillors reported that they had visited the Dell. It was noted that there was a thick hedge in some areas but there was evidence that people had cut their way through this. Even if a fence were to be installed, it was possible to gain access to the neighbouring land from the road. Councillors felt that the cost of installing a fence could not be justified but did agree that the Clerk should write to the school asking that pupils be reminded that they should not cross onto private land.

RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Recreation Committee.

43. REVIEW OF CARTERTON MARKET.

The Council received a report on the first six months of the Town Council operating the market on the new site.

Council commented on the public response to the market which had been positive. The new site was popular with both customers and stallholders and had increased trade in the town. It was recognised that it had increased traffic in Wycombe Way and in the Co-op car park but this seemed to be manageable.

Councillors felt that some stalls looked untidy and asked the Clerk to discuss with the market manager ways of improving the appearance of these. It was noted that the market should produce a profit of about £10,000 in its first year and it was agreed that this should be used to improve the appearance of the town centre.

RESOLVED that the market should continue on its present site and with its current fees until March 2008 when the licence would need to be renewed. It was agreed that the net receipt from the market should be used to improve the town centre.

44. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Financial Statement to 30 June, set out at Annex 'B', was approved. A summary of Income and Expenditure by Budget Heading was also provided at Annex 'B'.

45. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

PART 11
AS TRUSTEE OF ALVESCOT ROAD RECREATION GROUND

46. CHARITY BANK ACCOUNT

The Trustee received a letter from the external auditor advising that the Charity Commission required that all charities had separate bank accounts.

RESOLVED to set up a new bank account to be called the Alvescot Road Charity Account. The Clerk was also asked to check directly with the Charity Commissioners that this was required.

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AS CARTERTON TOWN COUNCIL

47. 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. Swinbrook Road Allotments Association **have sent the attached letter formally requesting that the Council provide additional land for allotments. Our agent is in contact with a number of landowners in and around Carterton but has not so far been able to secure any land..** The Clerk reported the efforts that had been made to purchase additional land. It was believed that the Association was taking steps to relet those plots which were not being maintained.
2. Lottery funding for a new play area in the Country Park. **To see the attached press release from WODC** Noted. Council expressed concern about the lack of parking in the country park and also about possible maintenance issues if the play area had to be unfenced.
3. Section 106 funding. **Councillors might find it helpful to have the attached background note on s106 funding.** Noted.
4. Thames Valley Police Open Day – 11 August. **Details will be available at the meeting.** Noted.
5. Confidential papers. **As Councillors know, any report on pink paper is confidential. If Councillors no longer need papers they are asked to shred them or alternatively return them to the Town Hall where we will dispose of them.** Noted.
6. Publications
 - Burial Law and Policy in the 21st Century - Ministry of Justice
 - Playingfield Magazine
7. **Forthcoming meetings:**
 - August 7 – Planning (I am trying to arrange a meeting with the developer of the Osprey site for this evening)
 - August 21 – Planning and Council
 - August 23 – Additional Council meeting to consider tenders for the Community Hall
 - September 4 – Planning
 - September 18 – Planning and Council