

CARTERTON TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2007  
AT 7.30 P.M.

Present: Cllr Mrs M Crossland – Deputy Mayor

Cllr Mrs D V Bulley	Cllr N A MacRae MBE
Cllr B Crossland	Cllr P Madden
Cllr A Farmer	Cllr Mrs N J Miah – until item 80
Cllr S D Lodge	Cllr Mrs L Walcott

Apologies: Cllr A D Coomber, Cllr R W Crapper, Cllr Miss E L Liston, Cllr P Scott, Cllr Mrs S E Stone, Cllr W O Walcott MBE, Cllr E Wearing.

In Attendance: Steve Wolstenholme (SWA), Catherine Chater, CFF Project Manager.

69. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 21 August 2007, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Deputy Mayor.

70. MATTERS ARISING

There were none.

71. TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor attended an Art Exhibition at Didcot Town Council on 24 August and RAF Brize Norton's Party in the Park on 1 September. The Deputy Mayor made a presentation on the Youth Council to St. John's School on 10 September, and attended the Lord Lieutenant's Millennium Celebrations in Trinity College on 16 September. On 17 September the Deputy Mayor made a further presentation on the Youth Council to Gateway School.

72. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Madden declared an interest in planning (item 57) by virtue of his membership of the WODC Planning Committee and a personal interest in the football club (item 76) due to family involvement. Cllr Mrs Bulley declared a prejudicial interest in Kilkenny Lane (item 74) as a resident of Swinbrook Road.

73. ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC TO RAISE MATTERS

Mr. Anthony Watts spoke about his new development in Black Bourton Road which he would like to name Valiant Court in memory of his grandfather who served on HMS Valiant many years ago. Mr. Harry Watts spoke about his concern that the recent flooding in Witney almost reached the electricity sub-station which supplies power to the whole district. Mr. Watts has mentioned his concern to Barry Norton and suggests that the Town Council has discussions with SEB. The Deputy Mayor said that the Town Council would follow this up.

Cllr. Peter Handley spoke about the Community Hall and expressed his disappointment that so much money was being spent on one resource when he felt there were many other calls on the Town Council's finances.

74. 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.

75. PLANNING COMMITTEE

Council received the Minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 21 August and 4 September 2007. These were noted.

76. RECREATION COMMITTEE

Council received the Minutes of the meeting of the Recreation Committee held on 11 September 2007.

Cllr. Mrs. Bulley explained to Council the discussions that had taken place concerning funding for the Football Club. The Committee supported their endeavours to overcome their current financial difficulties but felt that improvements needed to be seen before more funding could be approved.

Cllr. Farmer gave an update and confirmed that the Club's finances are now on budget. The Witney Boxing Club are using the Clubhouse two nights a week which will soon be expanded to three. The upgrade of the hall has been done and they are trying hard to increase income by increasing social events. The Playing Fields Association and WODC were suggested as two possible sources of funding.

Cllrs. Madden and MacRae felt that any decision on this item should be deferred due to the absence of a number of councillors at the meeting.

RESOLVED to defer this item until the next meeting of the Town Council.

Cllr. Mrs. Crossland explained the background to the boundary issue and the suggested course of action suggested by the Council's solicitor.

RESOLVED to issue a formal licence to the owner for the strip of land in question at a peppercorn rent.

77. LAND TRANSFER NE CARTERTON

Council authorised the transfer of land in North East Carterton and the Transfer documents were duly signed by two councillors.

78. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Financial Statement to 31 August 2007, set out at Annex 'B', was approved. A summary of Income and Expenditure by Budget Heading was also provided at Annex 'B'.

79. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

Cllr. Mrs. Miah left the meeting

80. 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. **Public Toilets.** Council has expressed concern about the proposals to replace the existing public toilets with two new units (one for general use and one disabled). There was a suggestion recently that other towns in the District had managed to secure increased provision. I have checked this with the District who advise that this is not the case. In common with other towns, we have been told that if we wish to increase provision, we would need to pay the extra costs involved. I would be grateful for Council's instructions. **Councillors suggest that the Clerk looks back over previous correspondence to confirm the Council's response that one toilet would be insufficient. It was suggested that a study should be carried out to see just how much the existing toilets are used.**
2. **Flooding Working Group.** WODC is to set up a Working Group at the request of Bampton PC to consider issues arising from the recent floods. It is suggested that each Council send two representatives. The first meeting is to be held between 16.30 and 18.00 on Tuesday 25 September. Would one or more Councillors like to serve on this group? **Cllr. Madden indicated a willingness to serve on this group. Absent councillors will be canvassed on their return.**
3. **The Iron Bridge.** OCC has advised that the iron bridge will be repainted during the school summer holidays 2008. We are asked to advise on the colour that we would like to be used. **Councillors approved the colour grey.**
4. **Kilkenny Lane.** OCC has not yet responded to the issues raised at the last meeting. The Town Council has however received a number of letters from residents opposed to the reopening of Kilkenny Lane. We have forwarded these to OCC. **OCC replied on 11 September, stating that the link road for Carterton and the closure of Kilkenny Lane have formed part of the long term strategic planning of OCC and WODC for over two decades and have been the subject of extensive public consultation. OCC feel that to re-open Kilkenny Lane would be an extremely retrograde step which would be strongly opposed. The bulk of Kilkenny Lane is actually within the parish of Brize Norton and residents there have been campaigning for its closure for many years. Traffic surveys will be undertaken in the autumn to gauge the impact of the road closure, and the OCC Traffic Signal Team will look at the phasing of the Upavon Way lights to assist smoother movement of traffic.**
5. **Street Naming.** The Council is asked to comment on the proposed name (1-7 Valiant Court) for the new development off Black Bourton Road to the north of Pampas Close. **Council approved the name Valiant Court.**
6. **OCC Speed Limits Order.** We have been advised that a new Order has been introduced which confirms and extends existing limits on Carterton Road, Brize Norton, and which introduces a new 50 mph limit on the link road (rural section) between Minster Road and Burford Road. **Noted**
7. **Stealing of Road Signs** – to see attached letter from OCC. **Noted**
8. **Publications available at the meeting:**
  - Home2School Newsletter Autumn 2007
  - Looking Out Newsletter – Community Safety Partnership

- Parish Link – WODC Newsletter