

CARTERTON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2007
AT 7.45 P.M.

Present: Cllr P Scott - Town Mayor

Cllr Mrs. D.V. Bulley	Cllr P. Madden
Cllr. L.H. Giles	Cllr M. Townsend
Cllr D King	Cllr Mrs L Walcott
Cllr Mrs A Madden	Cllr W. Walcott MBE

Apologies: Cllr R.W. Crapper, Cllr P Handley, Cllr Mrs. M. Crossland, Cllr B Crossland, Cllr K Stone, Cllr N Tully and Cllr P Wesson

134. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 16 January 2007, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

135. MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk reported that she would be meeting with representatives from the Football Club the following morning and would report back. The Clerk said that OCC had said that more research would be needed before they could advise the Council on the purchase of a Vehicle Activated Speed sign.

136. FIRE COVER IN CARTERTON

Officers from the Fire Service were unable to attend the meeting because of ill health. Their visit would be rescheduled.

137. TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor reported that he had attended a briefing at RAF Brize Norton on the CATAR project. He had also welcomed the Princess Royal on her visit to the station. He had attended a dinner hosted by the Mayor of Bicester and a cheese and wine reception for Macmillan Nurses. The Mayor had given two radio interviews on the Council's proposals to develop a Youth Opportunity Fund and a Youth Council.

138. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Walcott declared an interest in all planning applications by virtue of his membership of the WODC Planning Committee. Cllr Scott declared an interest in item 10 of the Clerk's Report of 16 January.

139. ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC TO RAISE MATTERS

A resident raised issues relating to the married quarters, the site of the Osprey and Dovetrees.

140. 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.

141. PLANNING COMMITTEE

Council received the Minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 16 January and 6 February 2007. These were noted.

142. RECREATION COMMITTEE

Council received the Minutes of the meeting of the Recreation Committee held on 6 February 2007.

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

143. CARTERTON YOUTH COUNCIL

The Council received a paper prepared by the Youth Council Working Group together with details of a possible role description of youth councillors. The Council considered the proposals and agreed to accept them as drafted, subject to the suggestion that Burford School should be invited to send a delegate to the Youth Council.

It was agreed that the next step would be to circulate the paper to the organisations involved and seek views.

RESOLVED that the proposals for a Youth Council be accepted and details circulated for wider consideration.

144. EXCEPTIONAL CITIZEN'S AWARD

The Council received details of the costs of the Exceptional Citizen medal. The Clerk circulated nomination forms and it was agreed that a Press Notice should be issued.

RESOLVED that 20 medals be ordered and that the scheme be publicised.

145. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

146. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

147. OCC PENSION SCHEME

Council RESOLVED that Mrs S Catt, Administrative Assistant to Carterton Town Council, be a pensionable employee subject to the terms and provisions of the Local Government Superannuation Regulation and that she be admitted to the scheme on and from 9 August 2007, subject to her complying with the aforesaid terms and conditions.

The meeting ended at 8.40 pm

20 March 2007

Town Mayor

1. **Registrar Service.** To note the attached letter from OCC informing us that the Registrar Service is being withdrawn from the Town Hall. **It was agreed that the Clerk should write expressing regret at this decision and asking if a Broadband connection would allow the service to continue as at present.**
2. **Model Code of Conduct for Local Authority Members.** We have been sent a couple of copies of this document. Please would Councillors let me know if they would like a copy of their own? **Noted.**
3. **Silver Jubilee Bench by the Allandale.** This bench has been badly damaged over a period of time and now looks to be beyond repair. It has, in the past been well used. Would the Council like to consider installing a replacement? Mrs Seldon and her family have indicated that they would like to give the town a seat in Peter's memory. Initial discussions suggest that they would like to have this in the area of the Town Hall. **The Clerk was asked to explore the possibilities with the Seldon family.**
4. **Local Elections** – to note attached timetable. **Noted**
5. **Bus shelters** – The County Council has contacted the Clerk to say that the attached programme of provision and maintenance will be undertaken this Spring. The work will be funded from s106 money. The Town Council will place the order and the money reimbursed to us by the County Council. **Council expressed concern that s106 money was being used to provide things that were not a priority and which should have been funded from other sources.**
6. The following documents have been received and will be available at the meeting:
 - WODC publication – Looking Out...for others in our community.
 - Letter from the Leader of WODC to the Rt Hon Ruth Kelly opposing the Unitary Status bid made by Oxford City Council
 - WODC Adoption of the Statement of Community Involvement

The Clerk was asked to write to the Rt Hon Ruth Kelly opposing Unitary Status.

7. **The Clerk circulated an email from Thames Valley Police expressing concern about a recent spate of incidents in the town involving young people. It was noted that although there was an increased police presence during the day, more were needed at night when trouble occurred.**