

CARTERTON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 18 MARCH 2008
AT 7.45 P.M.

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

Cllr Mrs D V Bulley	Cllr N A MacRae MBE
Cllr A D Coomber	Cllr P Madden
Cllr R W Crapper	Cllr Mrs S E Stone
Cllr B Crossland	Cllr Mrs L Walcott
Cllr A Farmer	Cllr W O Walcott MBE
Cllr E Liston	Cllr E Wearing
Cllr S Lodge	

Apologies: Cllr Mrs N Miah

163. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 19 February 2008, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

164 MATTERS ARISING

It was agreed that the Town Clerk should obtain a personal licence (item 154).

165. PRESENTATION FROM CARTERTON YOUTH COUNCILLORS

Two of the officers from Carterton Youth Council gave a presentation on the achievements of the Youth Council to date including their fund raising activities, their involvement with the extreme wheels project and work on addressing anti-social behaviour. The Youth Councillors explained that they were pursuing a number of ideas but that they wished to secure Council agreement to their making a grant of £500 to the Extreme Wheels Day and also to setting up a Youth Council web site at an approximate cost of £200.

Councillors congratulated the Youth Councillors on their excellent presentation and RESOLVED that funding should be released to support Extreme Wheels and the production of a web site.

166. TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Mayor reported that he had attended the civic ball in Abingdon, the funeral of the former Mayor of Bicester, a dinner with the Station Commander RAF Brize Norton, the presentation of ISIS Challenge awards and a meeting of Carterton Youth Council. The Mayor and other Councillors had been present when David Cameron MP had visited Stanmore Post Office. The Mayor had hosted a musical reception and a coffee morning and thanked those Councillors who had supported both events.

167. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Madden declared an interest in planning (item 171) by virtue of his membership of the WODC Planning Committee. Cllrs Coomber and Scott declared an interest in item 175 as members of the NAG. Cllrs Crossland, Mrs Crossland, Farmer and Mrs Stone declared a

personal interest in item 173 (Burial Ground) as owners of plots at the cemetery. Cllr Mrs Stone declared a prejudicial interest in 181 as a relative of a member of staff and left the room while this item was discussed.

168. ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC TO RAISE MATTERS

No issues were raised

169. ADJOURNMENT FOR THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR TO RAISE MATTERS

Cllr Handley reported that OCC was opposing the closure of post offices in the county. A series of meetings were to be held to promote the sixth form at Carterton Community College. A small sum of money had been set aside under s106 for the fire service and Cllr Handley asked that the Town Council press the case for money for the fire service with all major new developments. Cllr Handley said he would be attending a public meeting with the ambulance service on 27 March. He added his congratulations to the Youth Councillors on their presentation and noted that additional money was being made available by OCC for youth facilities.

170. 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'.

171. PLANNING COMMITTEE

Council received the Minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 19 February and 4 March 2008. These were noted.

172. RECREATION COMMITTEE

Council received the Minutes of the meeting of the Recreation Committee held on 4 March 2008.

RESOLVED that the recommendations of the Recreation Committee be accepted.

173. ADMINISTRATION

Council received the Minutes of the meeting of the Administration Committee held on 4 March 2008.

RESOLVED that the following recommendations of the Administration Committee be accepted:

- Increased burial fees with effect from 1 April 2008
- The tendering of a programme of work for improvements to the cemetery
- The acceptance of a quote from Manuscript of £287.88 to scan the Council's burial records
- A 25-year lease between the Council and the management committee for the new community centre. Under this lease the Town Council will insure the Community centre and the management committee undertake repairs and maintenance
- The refurbishment of the war memorial and surrounding bollards and chains.

Council asked that the Administration Committee give further consideration to the proposed regulations for the burial ground. Councillors were asked to let the Clerk have any detailed comments.

174. COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

It was noted that Cllr Mrs Stone had replaced Cllr MacRae on this Committee. Cllr Crossland reported latest developments on the Community Café and drew attention to the proposed opening event on 10 October.

175. CCTV

The Council received a letter from the Head of Community Services at WODC setting out proposals for the introduction of CCTV in the town centre. In discussion the Council welcomed proposals to introduce CCTV in the town and WODCs offer to pay the capital costs. Councillors were however concerned about the high revenue costs and the apparent inequity in the size of the contribution made by Witney Town Council where there is a much larger number of cameras.

It was noted that there would be a presumption that the Town Council would fund replacement cameras in seven years time and that a reserve would need to be established. It was also noted that RAF Brize Norton were thought to be interested in providing a camera in Black Bourton Road and it was suggested that there should also be a camera in the local centre on the North East Carterton development.

RESOLVED that the Council give approval in principle to the introduction of CCTV in Carterton but that the Clerk be asked to negotiate a lower revenue contribution.

176. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Financial Statement to 29 February 2008, set out at Annex 'B', was approved. A summary of Income and Expenditure by Budget Heading was also provided at Annex 'B'.

177. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

178. 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. WODC Play Ranger Project. This scheme will start in Carterton during the Spring school holidays (details are attached). **Noted. Councillors felt that this scheme would need to be publicised.**

2. Mini-motor cycles in the Country Park. Cllr MacRae has asked if there is anything that can be done to prevent mini- motorcycles being ridden in the country park. I have asked the police to raise this in schools and also for WODC to consider what action it can take. The matter has also been referred to the NAG. **Noted. It was agreed that the leaflet setting out the legal position should be circulated to Councillors. WODC was considering regulations for the Country Park.**

3. S137 Grants. We have received letters and emails of thanks from CAB, Jill Edwards and Rachel Mills.

4. Publications

The Journal of ICCM – Spring edition.

5. Forthcoming meetings

- 1 April – Planning and Policy
- 14 April – Traffic Advisory Committee
- 15 April – Planning and Council
- 6 May – Planning
- 13 May – Town Assembly
- 20 May - Planning and Annual Council

6. Iron Bridge – OCC advise that the repainting will take place between 28 July and 29 August.

7. A funfair is to be held on the old market site over Easter. Environmental Health should be notified about any noise problems.