

CARTERTON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 19 AUGUST 2008
AT 7.45 P.M.

Present: Cllr Mrs Maxine Crossland - Town Mayor

Cllr Mrs D V Bulley	Cllr S Lodge
Cllr A D Coomber	Cllr P Madden
Cllr R W Crapper	Cllr P Scott
Cllr B Crossland	Cllr E Wearing
Cllr E Liston	

Apologies: Cllr N A MacRae MBE, Cllr A Farmer; Cllr Mrs N Miah and Cllr Mrs S E Stone

59. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 15 July 2008, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

60. MATTERS ARISING

There were none.

61. TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor said that she had attended the Scouts AGM and was pleased to report that Scouts would be re-launched in Carterton in October. She had attended the Community College Awards ceremony, the High Sheriff's Reception and the Youth Orchestra's Gala performance. She had provided refreshments for the youngsters painting the skateboard equipment and had hosted a day of activities for children from Chernobyl. The Mayor reported on a very useful meeting that she had had with the new Station Commander RAF Brize Norton and his wife.

Both she and the Deputy Mayor had been on holiday during August. The Mayor thanked Cllr Mrs Bulley and Cllrs Walcott and Mrs Walcott who had attended functions in their absence.

62. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Madden declared an interest in planning (item 48) by virtue of his membership of the WODC Planning Committee. Cllr Mrs Bulley declared an interest in accounts for payment (cheques 8928 and 8953); Cllr Crossland and Mrs Crossland declared an interest in cheque 8944. Cllr Coomber declared an interest in all cheques relating to the Extreme Wheels Day. Cllr Scott declared an interest in the Aldi planning application. Cllr Crapper declared an interest in item 76 (quotation for the Swinbrook Road Play area) and left the room while this was discussed.

63. ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC TO RAISE MATTERS

Two residents from Tower Court expressed their deep concern about anti social behaviour occurring in the car park to the rear of Tower Court. The Mayor asked them to write to the

Clerk with details and undertook to contact the agencies involved. She said that the ARRG play area was due to be refurbished within the next couple of years

64 ADJOURNMENT FOR COUNTY COUNCILLORS TO RAISE MATTERS

Cllr Jim Couchman said that he thought the public meeting on the NE Carterton estate had been very useful. He reported that a new appointment had been made to the Cabinet. Cllr Melinda Tilley would be acting as the contact between OCC and the market towns. The Mayor mentioned that she had been told by Sir Clive Loder and others that the RAF would not be able to provide fire cover for Carterton. Cllr Couchman reported that this had been confirmed at a recent meeting. He added that Burford and Bampton Fire Stations were both performing to standard at present. It was noted that the RAF had been in attendance at a recent fire in Hollybush Road.

65. 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.

66. PLANNING COMMITTEE

Council received the Minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 15 July and 5 August 2008. These were noted.

67. RECREATION COMMITTEE

Council received the Minutes of the meeting of the Recreation Committee held on 22 July 2008.

Cllr Coomber highlighted the main recommendations as being:

- The refurbishment of ARRG play area as a matter of urgency so as to be ready to apply for Playbuilder Grant next year.
- The refurbishment of the ARRG pavilion using either Community Service manpower or volunteers.
- In the longer term, the possible development of the ARRG as a park.
- The relocation of the trim trail
- The refurbishment of the play area at The Maples
- The employment of a landscape architect to advise on town centre planting
- The development of an area at Whittington Place as a community garden.

The Minutes of the Recreation Committee were approved.

68. PUBLIC MEETING NE CARTERTON

The note of the public meeting held on NE Carterton estate on 10 July was received. Cllr Couchman said that OCC was pressing for the roads to be brought up to standard so that they could be adopted. Cllr Mrs Bulley recorded the fact that the Town Council had warned the County and the District in advance of many of the potential problems but had been ignored. It was suggested that planning approval should not be granted to the second phase of the development until the first phase had been completed.

It was agreed that the Clerk should ask all those tasked at the meeting with actions to prepare a progress report in late September. The Town Council would then issue a newsletter to residents on the estate to tell them what had been done.

69. ARRГ CHARITY ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2008

Council sitting as Trustees of the Charity.

RESOLVED to accept the Accounts for the ARRГ Charity.

70. EXTREME WHEELS 2008

Cllr Coomber gave a short report on the Extreme Wheels Day 2008. Despite appalling weather, the event had been very well attended and had made a profit of over £1000. Cllr Coomber thanked all those who had been involved.

The Mayor congratulated Cllr Coomber and all the others who had worked so hard to make the day a success. It was agreed that the Minutes should record a formal vote of thanks to Cllr Coomber for his work on this project and for his leadership of the Recreation Committee.

71. REQUEST FROM RESIDENT FOR ACCESS

The Council reconsidered the request from a resident to be allowed access over Council land. The Clerk explained that she had carried out further research and it seemed that such access might be expected to generate a receipt of one third of the value of the building plot. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact the resident to discuss this further. Professional advice should be sought from Smith Gore.

RESOLVED that the Clerk should investigate further and report back to Council.

72. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Financial Statement to 31 July 2008, set out at Annex 'B', was approved. A summary of Income and Expenditure by Budget Heading was also provided at Annex 'B'.

73. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

74. 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.

75. LAND ISSUES

Allotment Land

Council noted that its earlier offer appeared to be for less than half the asking price.

RESOLVED not to increase the existing offer.

Black Bourton Cemetery

Council noted that the owners of the land were looking for a figure three times the one made by Council.

RESOLVED that Smith Gore should be authorised to negotiate with the owners to see if they would be willing to sell a larger area of land, sufficient for 55 to 60 plots for a sum in excess of the Council's original offer.

Boundary Dispute

The Council noted that the resident appeared unlikely to accept any form of compromise. It was agreed that Smith Gore should have one final meeting with the resident.

76. QUOTATIONS.

Swinbrook Road Play area

Council received quotations from six companies to install a hard surface on part of the grassed area of the Swinbrook Road playground. It was noted that the quotes for the Bitumen surface included the resurfacing of the short length of path between the play area and the rear of the neighbouring house.

RESOLVED to award the contract to G Hill and Son at a cost of £1782.

Brownes Hall – Drainage

Council RESOLVED to accept a quotation from McCracken and Son to install a soakway along the length of the car park for a cost of £1295.

RESOLVED to have the contractor trim back the trees and mark parking spaces.

16 September 2008

Town Mayor

1. **The Power of Well Being.** The Local Government and Public Health 2007 Act (expected to come into force in Autumn 2008) extends the power of well-being to eligible parish councils. Such Councils will be able to do anything which they consider is likely to achieve any one or more of the following objects:

- the promotion or improvement of economic well-being of their area
- the promotion or improvement of the social well-being of their area
- the promotion or improvement of the environmental well-being of their area

I have a briefing paper if any Councillors would like more information. **Noted.**

2. **Parish Flood Report Road Show.** A series of drop in events have been booked for September. Councillors are invited to attend the road show on 18th September at Bampton Village Hall. **Noted.**

3. **Sheltered Housing** – Cottsway has advised that from 31 March 2009 they will no longer provide their Support Service to older people. The County Council will be looking for a new provider from that date. A meeting for residents and their relatives will be held at Blenheim Court on 22 September to discuss the change of provider. **Cllr Mrs Crossland and Cllr Mrs Bulley indicated that they would like to attend this meeting if they were free.**

4. **Extension of Road Closure.** OCC advise that the closure of Brize Norton Road has been extended to 26 August because it took longer than expected to erect the scaffolding and sheeting and also because of technical difficulties with the blast cleaning. **Noted.**

5. **Future Medical Cover for community hospitals** – a consultation exercise. Please contact me if you would like a copy of the paper. **Noted.**

6. Publications

- The Playing Field – Summer newsletter
- The South East Plan – summary leaflet

7. Future Meetings

I would like to suggest moving the Policy Committee meeting to October to allow me to report back on an important town centre meeting which is to be held in mid September.

September 2 - Planning and Recreation
September 16 - Planning and Council
October 7 - Planning and Policy
October 21 - Planning and Council

Agreed.