

CARTERTON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 22 JANUARY 2008
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 D Coomber	Cllr N A MacRae MBE
Cllr R W Crapper	Cllr P Madden
Cllr B Crossland	Cllr Mrs S E Stone
Cllr A Farmer	Cllr Mrs L Walcott
Cllr E Liston	Cllr E Wearing

Apologies: Cllr Mrs N Miah and Cllr W O Walcott MBE

130. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 December 2007, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as a true record subject to ‘Chief Inspector’ being replaced by ‘Chief Constable’ (item 117). The Minutes were signed by the Mayor.

131. MATTERS ARISING

Cllr Coomber reported that it had been confirmed that the flats in Upwood Drive would be demolished in the current financial year. Cllr MacRae confirmed that the Environmental Protection and Enforcement Manager from WODC would be serving notices on the owners of the flats requiring that the rubbish be cleaned up.

It was confirmed that OCC had advised that the tree in Tower Square had to be retained (item 125)

132. TOWN MAYOR’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Mayor thanked those Councillors who had attended the Council Christmas dinner on 17 December. Councillors thanked the Mayor for his hospitality at this event. The Mayor also thanked all those who had supported his New Year’s Day Walk. The Mayor had attended a briefing on the Cancer Research Relay for Life event which was being planned for the summer.

133. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Madden declared an interest in planning (item 137) by virtue of his membership of the WODC Planning Committee. Cllr Mrs Stone declared an interest in payment 8736 and Cllr Scott in payment 8729. It was noted that a number of Councillors had been appointed by the Council to serve on the Community Hall Management Committee and that they would need to amend their register of Interests. Cllrs Mrs Stone and Mrs Crossland left the room for the discussion on the headstone in the burial ground (Clerk’s report item 11).

134. ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC TO RAISE MATTERS

No issues were raised

135. ADJOURNMENT FOR THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR TO RAISE MATTERS

Councillor MacRae said that Cllrs Couchman and Handley had now joined him in pressing for the construction of bridges on the perimeter of the NE Carterton estate.

136. 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.

137. PLANNING COMMITTEE

Council received the Minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 11 December 2007 and 8 January 2008. These were noted.

138. RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Council received the Minutes of the Recreation Committee held on 8 January 2008.

Council RESOLVED to accept the recommendations of the Committee.

Council RESOLVED to allocate up to £2,000 towards the cost of the Extreme Wheels Day 2008 and expressed its gratitude to Cllr Coomber and other volunteers involved in organising the event.

139. COMMUNITY HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Council received the Notes of a meeting of the Carterton Community Hall Management Committee held on 7 January 2008.

Council was pleased to learn that an independent member had been recruited to join the Committee. It was noted that the Committee would be making recommendations on the charitable status of the Hall, the terms of various leases and the future staffing structure. It was also noted that the Community Café would be competing with a commercial café which was due to open in the local centre but it was felt that there would be sufficient custom for both.

140. COMMUNITY HALL BUDGET

It was noted that the total building costs for the new hall would be £1,364,773. Fees, the kitchen, stage, lighting, furniture and fittings were expected to take the total cost of the project to £1,496,273. This was inside the agreed maximum budget of £1,590,000.

141. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

142. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

143. 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. **Defence Estates** – to note the attached reply from DE regarding the demolition of flats in Upwood Drive. **Noted – Council welcomed this development**
2. **Application to vary licence** – to note the attached letter from WODC. **Noted.**
3. **Christmas Lights.** Councillors are invited to comment on this year's Christmas lights display and to note that we have received the attached letter from the firework manufacturer. **The Clerk was asked to write to congratulate the contractor on his display. It was suggested that some lights might be cleaned and that the lights might be switched on during the daytime on Thursdays.**
4. **Dowleys/Party Zone site.** We have now had confirmation that this site has been sold to Aldi. As far as I can establish, Aldi has not yet opened discussions with WODC about any planning approval. **The Clerk was asked to contact RAF Brize Norton and the Imperial War Museum at Duxford to see if they would be interested in relocating the old hanger currently used by Dowleys to another site.**
5. **Road Closure - OCC** have advised that the temporary Order to close Black Bourton Road on Thursdays has been made permanent. **Noted.**
6. **Carterton Lions** have sent a letter of thanks for the Council's financial support for their Christmas float. They raised just over £4,500. **Noted.**
7. **Publications received:**
 - The Playingfield - with details of a play seminar on 14 May at Steeple Aston
 - Home 2 School - Spring 2008
8. **Future meetings/events:**
 - 5 February- Planning and Policy
 - 19 February - Planning and Council
 - 29 February - Musical Reception at St John's Church
9. Councillors are invited to note that I have been elected as a Principal of the Institute of Local Council Management. **The Clerk was congratulated on this.**
10. **Youth Council web site.** **The Council welcomed proposals from the Youth Council to establish a web site provided the content is moderated by the mentors. It was agreed that this web site should be hosted on the Town Council web site and that costs be met from the Youth Council budget.**
11. **The Clerk sought views on a request to erect a penguin shaped headstone in the adult section of the cemetery. Whilst expressing deep sympathy for the parents on the loss of their child, the Council felt that such a headstone would be out of place in the adult section. RESOLVED that the application should be refused.**