

CARTERTON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 9 DECEMBER 2008
AT 7.45 P.M.

Present: Cllr Mrs Maxine Crossland - Town Mayor

Cllr Mrs D V Bulley	Cllr P Madden
Cllr Crapper	Cllr Mrs S E Stone
Cllr B Crossland	Cllr E Wearing
Cllr S Lodge	

Apologies: Cllr A D Coomber, Cllr A Farmer, Cllr N MacRae MBE, Cllr N Miah, Cllr P Scott, Cllr Mrs L Walcott and Cllr W Walcott MBE

128. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 November 2008, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

129. MATTERS ARISING

It was noted that the Chief Inspector of Thames Valley Police had asked to attend the January meeting of the Town Council.

130. TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Mayor said she had hosted a tea party for a group of European teachers; attended an OCC Reception in Oxford and a charity reception at the Vale of White Horse; a quiz evening held by the Mayor of Abingdon and a performance by the Songsters. The Opening of the Community Centre on 27 November had been a great success. The Mayor had attended the funeral of Lady Hurd and also Walter Farmer. The switch on of the Christmas Lights had been most enjoyable and Jack Timms had been very honoured to be asked to turn on the lights. The Mayor had attended an ATC meeting to choose an Air Cadet to be the second Mayor's Cadet for the year.

131. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Madden declared an interest in planning (item 135) by virtue of his membership of the WODC Planning Committee. Cllr Crossland declared an interest in cheque 9084 as a member of the Carterton Lions and Cllr Crossland and Cllr Mrs Crossland declared an interest in cheque 9106 (payment to Timms).

132. ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC TO RAISE MATTERS

None were present.

133. ADJOURNMENT FOR COUNTY COUNCILLORS TO RAISE MATTERS

Neither were present.

134. 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.

135. PLANNING COMMITTEE

Council received the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 18 November 2008. These were noted.

136. CCC MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Councillor Crossland presented the note of the meeting of the CCC Management Committee held on 19 November. It was noted that the Charity had now been registered and that payment had been received from OCC. The CCC had invested £45,000 of this in a bond.

The Clerk mentioned that she had been approached by the market with a view to starting another market, perhaps on Tuesday, on the square in front of the Community Centre. Council agreed that this was an interesting proposal and asked that the Clerk have further discussions with the stallholders.

Councillor Crossland thanked the Town Hall staff and the Project Manager for their contribution towards the provision of the CCC. Other Councillors seconded this.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the CCC Management Committee be noted. It was agreed that the CCC should, in future, report to the Town Council on a quarterly basis.

137. PRECEPT FOR 2009/10

The Council received a budget which resulted in a precept of £323,400 for 2009/10. This is 2.8% higher than in the current year when the precept was £313,440. However, the reduction in the number of properties in the town meant that the per dwelling figure would in fact increase by 3.9% per dwelling from £59.49 to £61.80.

RESOLVED that the precept for 2009/10 should be £232,400.

138. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION.

The Clerk tabled a copy of the FoI Model Publication Scheme 2009. It was noted that the Council had had a publication scheme since 2004 and that this was an updated version. The Model had been approved by the Information Commissioner and councils were being encouraged to adopt the scheme without modification.

RESOLVED that the model publication scheme be adopted with effect from 1 January 2009.

139. VODAFONE MAST

The Council received proposals for the installation of a Vodafone mast at the Football Club. It was noted that the Council's approval would be needed under the terms of the lease but that this could not reasonably be withheld. Concern was expressed about whether the mast would drop down to allow the floodlight bulbs to be changed. The Council has concerns about the siting of masts because of possible health risks but felt that the Club was well away from residential areas.

RESOLVED that the Council had no objections to the siting of a Vodafone mast at the Football Club.

140. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Financial Statement to 30 November 2008, set out at Annex 'B', was approved. A summary of Income and Expenditure by Budget Heading is also provided at Annex 'B'.

141. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

142. 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. **Application for Licence.** The Council has been invited to comment on an application from the Midcounties Co-operative for licensing their premises at 1 and 3 Marigold Square for the sale of alcohol seven days a week between the hours of 07.00 and 22.00. **Noted.**
2. **Quality Status reaccreditation.** The Council agreed in the autumn that it wished to apply for Quality Status reaccreditation. I hope to have the application ready for signing off at the meeting. **The Application was signed off at the meeting.**
3. Councillors will be sad to learn of the recent death of Walter Farmer, a former Clerk to the Council. **It was agreed that a donation of £50 be made to the family's nominated charity.**
4. **Request for funding from Carterton Lions.** We have received the usual request from the Lions for a donation to pay for sweets from Santa. We have included a cheque for £50 in the accounts for payment.
5. The Council has received thanks for donations from the Oxfordshire Association for the Blind, Carterton Primary School and the Windrush Valley Boxing Club. **Noted**
6. The following publications will be available at the meeting:
 - OCC Oxfordshire Road Casualty Report 2007
 - WODC Creating Futures
7. Future meetings and events
 - 16 December - Council Christmas Dinner
 - 1 January - Mayor's Walk
 - 6 January - Planning and Recreation
 - 20 January - Planning and Council
8. With the agreement of Council, I propose to close the Town Hall on Christmas Eve and re-open on Monday 5 January.
9. **The market stallholders have asked if they might lay a wreath at future Remembrance services and this was agreed.**