

CARTERTON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 16 JUNE 2009
AT 7.45 P.M.

Present: Cllr Mrs Maxine Crossland - Town Mayor

Cllr Mrs D V Bulley	Cllr S Lodge
Cllr R Crapper	Cllr P Scott
Cllr B Crossland	Cllr Mrs S Stone
Cllr A Farmer	

Apologies: Cllr A D Coomber; Cllr E Liston, Cllr N MacRae MBE, Cllr E Wearing
Cllr Mrs L Walcott and Cllr W Walcott MBE

23. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 19 May 2009, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

24. MATTERS ARISING

There were none.

25. TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Mayor reported that she had attended the Football Club's Party on the Pitch and had hosted a tea party for the Smith family (relatives of one of those commemorated on the War Memorial). She had been on the Base to see the return of 101 Squadron from Iraq after 19 years of service there. She had attended the licensing of the new Vicar of St Britius, the Annual Reception at RAF Brize Norton and a very successful concert given by the Oxfordshire Music School at the Carterton Community Centre.

26. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Crossland, Mrs Crossland, Crapper and Mrs Stone declared an interest in all items relating to the Community Centre as Directors of the Company. Cllr Crossland declared an interest in cheque 9491 and Cllr Mrs Crossland in cheque 9480. Cllr Scott declared an interest in planning application 19/2009.

27. ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC TO RAISE MATTERS

No issues were raised.

28. ADJOURNMENT FOR COUNTY COUNCILLORS TO RAISE MATTERS

No County Councillors were present.

29. 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.

30. PLANNING COMMITTEE

Council received the Minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 19 May and 2 June 2009. These were noted.

31 RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Council received the Minutes of the meeting of the Recreation Committee held on 2 June 2009.

The Clerk was asked to follow up with Cllr Coomber the question of whether or not the Youth Council wanted to use their funds for some of the Play Ranger sessions over the summer holidays.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Recreation Committee be approved.

32. ANNUAL RETURN FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2009

The Council received the completed Annual Return and Governance Statement for the year ended 31 March 2009.

The Clerk went through the figures shown in section 1 and explained the variations between the 2007/08 figures and the 2008/09 figures. The Council also considered the assurances given in the other sections of the report. It was noted that the accounts for the Alvescot Road Recreation Ground Charity (which do not form part of the return) would be submitted to the next Council meeting. The Council thanked the Town Hall staff for completing the accounts and the Return so promptly.

RESOLVED that the Chairman should sign the Annual Return on behalf of the Council.

33. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Financial Statement to 31 May 2009, set out at Annex 'B', was approved. A summary of Income and Expenditure by Budget Heading is also provided at Annex 'B'.

34. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

35. 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.

Town Mayor

1. **Shilton Park Road Adoptions.** I attach a list of roads that have been adopted to date. **Noted.**
2. **Litter awareness in West Oxfordshire's Schools** – to see the attached letter from WODC Environmental Services. **Noted.**
3. **Amendment to Parking Order** – to consider the attached Parking Order for Marriotts Close multi storey car park. **The Council had no comments to offer.**
4. **Brownes Hall Management Committee and Reverend Bill Blakey** have both written to thank the Council for the grants awarded at the last meeting. **Noted.**
5. **Power of Wellbeing.** The Council has said that it would like to undergo the training needed to allow it to exercise the Power of Wellbeing. 80% of Councillors (that is 13) need to attend the training, which will take about 2 hours. Would the Council like to agree a time and date for this training to take place? **Agreed that this should be considered again in the autumn.**
6. **Forthcoming events and meetings:**
 - 22 June – Raising the flag for Armed Forces Week, 10.30am at the Town Hall
 - 28 June – Civic Service, 10.30am at St John's Church
 - 29 June – Maples Play Area event, 6.00 to 8.00pm at the Town Hall
 - 6 July – Schools Swimming Gala, 9.30am at the Leisure Centre
 - 7 July – Planning Committee and Admin Committee
 - 21 July – Planning Committee and Council
7. **The Clerk reported that the Carterton Fast Forward pages on the Town Council web site had been updated.**
8. **Cllr Crossland reported that the PCT should shortly be confirming a booking of the Community Centre for the distribution of swine flu drugs. He briefly explained the terms of the booking.**
9. **The Council agreed to accept the offer made by David Cameron MP to hold a drop in session at the Carterton Community Centre on 3 July between 3.30 and 4.10 pm.**