

CARTERTON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2009
AT 7.45 P.M.

Present: Cllr Mrs Maxine Crossland - Town Mayor
Cllr N MacRae MBE Deputy Town Mayor

Cllr Mrs D V Bulley Cllr P Madden
Cllr B Crossland Cllr Mrs S E Stone
Cllr A Farmer Cllr P Scott
Cllr S Lodge Cllr E Wearing

Apologies: Cllr A D Coomber; Cllr R Crapper; Cllr E Liston; Cllr N Miah; Cllr Mrs L Walcott and Cllr W Walcott MBE

159. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 20 January 2009, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

160. MATTERS ARISING

It was noted that details of the radio scheme had now been made public and shops were being asked to sign up to the scheme. The Clerk reported that members of the Recreation Committee had met with Playlink and had agreed that the Council should appoint Playlink to work up some proposals for redeveloping The Maples play area.

It was noted that the Clerk was to attend training on the Power of Wellbeing.

Councillors congratulated the Mayor and the Town Hall staff on the recent royal opening of the Community Centre. The Mayor reiterated her thanks to the Town Hall staff and to all the other people who had helped to make the occasion such a memorable success.

161. TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Mayor said that she had received many complimentary remarks about the Royal opening of the Community Centre on 13th February. On the same evening, she had attended a civic dinner at Chipping Norton.

The Mayor reported that Alison Catt had won a local poster competition and that Matty Yallop had reached the national final of a competition to identify an Ambassador for Young People. The Clerk was asked to notify Cllr Hilary Biles of these Youth Councillors' successes.

The Mayor asked if the Council would like to support a campaign begun by a local resident for the removal of the Eynsham traffic lights on the A40. It was agreed that the Clerk be asked to send a letter of support.

The Mayor raised the possibility of the Council producing some stickers urging people to park more considerately on the main roads through the northeast Carterton estate. After discussion it was agreed that the Council should make a request to OCC that they carry out a feasibility study of double yellow lining the most dangerous sections of the roads. Cllr MacRae reported that some minor redesign would be necessary to accommodate waste collection vehicles.

162. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Madden declared an interest in planning (item 167) by virtue of his membership of the WODC Planning Committee. Cllrs Crossland, Mrs Crossland, Lodge, Madden and Mrs Stone declared an interest in payments made in relation to the Carterton Community Centre as Directors and Trustees of the CCC. Cllr MacRae declared an interest in item 172 (allotments) and Cllr Farmer declared an interest in item 168 (Carterton Football Club). Cllr Scott declared an interest in planning applications 02/2009 and 05/2009 and in item 166 as a member of St John's church.

163. ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC TO RAISE MATTERS

None were present.

164. ADJOURNMENT FOR COUNTY COUNCILLORS TO RAISE MATTERS

Apologies had been received from both Councillors. The Mayor reported that she had met earlier in the day with Cllr Handley and that he had said that the OCC Cabinet member for Place had been tasked with making both Abingdon and Carterton her priorities for 2009.

165. 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.

166. PLANNING COMMITTEE

Council received the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 20 January and 3 February 2009. These were noted.

167. CARTERTON FOOTBALL CLUB VODAFONE MAST

The Council received a letter from the Football Club seeking agreement to a Vodafone mast at the Club. It was noted that the floodlights would remain at the same height and that maintenance would be via an access ladder or by cherry picker.

RESOLVED that approval be given for the mast and compound to be installed as shown on the plan.

168. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

169. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

170. 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. **Country Park Play Area** –WODC has advised that the contractor is due to start work on the installation of the play area on Monday 2 March with completion 6 – 8 weeks later. **Cllr MacRae reported on an exchange he had had with planning officers at WODC concerning the size of the car park, access to the car park and signage to the new play area. The Town Council continues to be concerned that the car park will not be large enough and that the only vehicular access to the country park and the play area is via the north east Carterton estate.**

2. **Premises Licence for the Skateboard Park** – last year we obtained a premises licence for the Xtreme Wheels event (rather than a Temporary Events Notice). Is the Council content for me to extend that Premises licence to cover the 2009 event? **Agreed.**

3. **North East Carterton pedestrian links** – to note the attached report from the County Council. **Noted. The Clerk was asked to let OCC know that the path up to the most northerly bridge was still not completed.**

4. **North East Carterton post boxes** – to note the attached email **The Clerk was asked to raise this matter with David Cameron MP.**

5. **Request for funding** – to consider the attached request to support the Flower Festival. **It was agreed that £100 be donated to St John's Church for the flower festival.**

6. **Publications**

The Oxfordshire Playing Field

7. **Forthcoming meetings and events:**

3 March –	Planning Committee and Policy Committee
17 March -	Planning and Council
29 March -	Carterton 10K

8. **The Clerk reported that following a discussion with the Chairman of Admin she would be grateful for Council's agreement to extend the deadline for re-tendering the grounds maintenance contracts until 31 June. She would prepare a report for the next Council meeting on the tenders to be let and practice in other Councils.**