

CARTERTON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 17 MARCH 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 S Lodge
Cllr A D Coomber	Cllr P Madden
Cllr R Crapper	Cllr N Miah
Cllr B Crossland	Cllr P Scott
Cllr A Farmer	Cllr E Wearing
Cllr E Liston	

Apologies: Cllr Mrs S E Stone, Cllr Mrs L Walcott and Cllr W Walcott MBE

172. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 17 February 2009, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

173. MATTERS ARISING

It was noted that OCC had said that traffic regulations on the NE Carterton estate were unlikely to be forthcoming. It was agreed that the Clerk be asked to make another request for OCC to carry out a survey. Cllr MacRae reported that some of the pedestrian links to the new estate could not be completed as they had not yet been adopted. The premises licence was in place for the Extreme Wheels Day. Work had started on the new play area in the Country Park but there was still nowhere to park. The Mayor said that she would be attending a meeting between the District Council and residents about a number of concerns relating to the park.

174. PRESENTATION BY THE CHAIRMAN OF CARTERTON YOUTH COUNCIL

Matty Yallop the Chairman of Carterton Youth Council made a presentation to the Town Council about the possible conversion of the BMX track at The Dell to a pump track. He explained the concept of a pump track, the consultation that had taken place with possible users, the construction of the track and possible health and safety issues. Photos and a model of a pump track were displayed. Matty asked the Council to consider releasing £1,000 for its construction. He then answered question about the maintenance of the track and the level of skill needed by those using it.

RESOLVED that the Council make available £1,000 to fund the provision of a pump track at The Dell with the aim of having the work completed by August 2009.

The Mayor and Councillors thanked Matty for his excellent presentation and congratulated him on his recent success in a Young Ambassador Competition organised by the Lions.

175. TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Mayor had attended a Civic Dinner in Abingdon and the launch of the new Air Ambulance helicopter in Carterton. She would be talking to pupils at the Community College

about Carterton New Zealand. In the Mayor's absence the Deputy Mayor had attended a Civic Dinner at County Hall, a charity concert in Bicester and the Isis Challenge Day at the Community College.

The Mayor noted that there was media interest in the future of the Married Quarters in town and asked Councillors not to make statements until more was known. Press enquiries should be directed to MOD.

176. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Madden declared an interest in planning (item 180) by virtue of his membership of the WODC Planning Committee. Cllrs Crossland, Mrs Crossland, Lodge, and Madden declared an interest in payments made in relation to the Carterton Community Centre as Directors and Trustees of the CCC. Cllr Mrs Crossland declared an interest in cheque 9167. Cllr MacRae declared an interest in allotments and the land at Black Bourton, Cllr Scott declared an interest in planning application 05/2009. Cllrs Madden and MacRae expressed an interest in issues relating to the LDF and said they would avoid commenting on specific sites.

177. ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC TO RAISE MATTERS

OCC funding for the Allandale Youth House and parking at the Local Centre on the NE Carterton development were raised.

178. ADJOURNMENT FOR COUNTY COUNCILLORS TO RAISE MATTERS

Cllr Couchman reported on the social care and health care budgets. He commented that the County was waiting to receive details of the District Councils LDF. Town Councillors briefly outlined their concerns about the lack of future development for the town and it was agreed that a copy of the Town Councils submission should be sent to the County Councillors.

179. 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.

180. PLANNING COMMITTEE

Council received the Minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 17 February and 3 March 2009. These were noted.

181. POLICY COMMITTEE

The Council received the Minutes of the meeting of the Policy Committee held on 3 March 2009. The Clerk updated the Council on meetings she had had with Planning Aid on the Local Development Framework document and with the Wing Cdr Admin on the MOD Married Quarters. It was noted that the Community Engagement Strategy was an important part of the new Power of Wellbeing and Cllr Coomber updated the Council on the new e-forum that had been established and which covered Carterton.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Policy Committee be approved.

182. REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The Council received two requests for financial assistance under s137 of the LGA 1972. The Clerk explained that £4,500 remained unallocated in this budget head.

RESOLVED to pay £575 to Family Links for a course leading to a qualification as a Parent Group Leader Trainer to be undertaken by Lin Kennedy.

RESOLVED to fund work up to a maximum of £3,200 to refurbish the men's changing room at the Squash Club.

183. APPLICATION FOR PLAYBUILDER FUNDING

The Clerk tabled an application for Playbuilder grant for the refurbishment of The Maples play area. She explained that two community engagement events would be held over the summer to seek views from residents. The Youth Council had already commented upon the proposals and had made useful suggestions. Council welcomed the proposals to develop a play garden and to make better use of neighbouring open space.

RESOLVED that the grant application should be submitted.

184. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Financial Statement to 28 February 2009, set out at Annex 'B', was approved. A summary of Income and Expenditure by Budget Heading is also provided at Annex 'B'.

185. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

186. 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. **Fire in Carterton 5 March** – I circulated by email a report by the Fire Service of the fire at the off-licence in Burford Road. Please let me know if you require any more information. **Noted.**
2. **Antisocial behaviour meeting.** The police have arranged a meeting at the Town Hall on 24th March at 7 pm with residents from the town centre. Councillors are all invited to attend and have received details. **Noted. The Council expressed concern about the disruption caused by the recent Under 18s Disco at the Football Club. An urgent meeting was to be arranged between the Chairman of the Club and the police to discuss measures to prevent a repeat of the problem.**
3. **St George's Day Reception** – Councillors are asked to provide a raffle prize and/or any items for the auction by the 17 April if possible please. **The Mayor thanked Cllr MacRae for the gift of an hour on the VC10 simulator.**
4. **Effective Responses to Planning Applications** – a half day training course is to be held at Didcot on Tuesday 20 October 9.30 am to 1 pm. **Noted.**
5. **Publications:**

The Journal of the Institute of Cemetery Management Spring edition.
6. **Forthcoming meetings and events:**
 - 24 March – Antisocial behaviour meeting organised by the Police
 - 29 March - (Sunday) – Carterton 10K. Please let Tan know if you are able to help on the day.
 - 7 April – Planning and Administration
 - 21 April – Planning and Council
 - 23 April – St George's Day Reception at Carterton Community Centre
 - 5 May – Planning and Recreation
 - 19 May – Planning and Annual Meeting of the Parish Council
 - 26 May – Annual Town Meeting at Carterton Community Centre
7. **MOD Married Quarters.** The Clerk circulated copies of a letter from the Secretary of State for Defence which had been forwarded by David Cameron MP. The letter confirmed that the PFI project to redevelop 600 houses was under review and promised further information once the review was complete.