

CARTERTON TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 21 APRIL 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 A D Coomber	Cllr P Scott
Cllr R Crapper	Cllr E Wearing
Cllr B Crossland	Cllr Mrs L Walcott
Cllr E Liston	Cllr W Walcott MBE
Cllr S Lodge	

Apologies: Cllr A Farmer, Cllr N Miah and Cllr Mrs S E Stone.

188. MINUTES

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

189. MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk confirmed that OCC would be undertaking a traffic survey of the NE Carterton estate. Any improvements would need to be funded from s106 money.

190. 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 Carterton Race Team. He said that the Youth Council wished to sponsor a Goblin car at a cost of £800, which would be constructed by children of primary school age. In addition to providing children with a challenge, it also helped with the transition from junior to senior school, helped with team building and involved the whole family. If the Youth Council did sponsor a car it would be able to use that car for publicity purposes.

The Mayor drew attention to a request received from the Community Director of Engineering for a further grant of £600 to support the purchase of another kit car. There was no assumption that any grant given would be ongoing from one year to the next.

RESOLVED that the Council agree that £800 from the Youth Council's funds should be released to support the Carterton Race Team and that the Town Council give a s137 grant of £600 to the same project.

Matty Yallop also updated the Council on the pump track, explaining that it should be completed by June. The Mayor and Councillors thanked Matty for his presentation.

191. TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Mayor reported that she had given an ITV interview on Tower Square; spoken to Year 8 students about Carterton New Zealand; attended a meeting on antisocial behaviour at Tower Square and had been at an event organised as part of Yellow Ribbon week. She had

attended as an observer a meeting to discuss problems at the Country Park; had awarded the trophies for the 10K road race; opened the new Helen House Hospice Charity Shop in Carterton; hosted a meeting to discuss youth provision; attended a display by Dogs for the Disabled and taken part in the CFF seminar day.

With her escort, the Mayor had attended civic dinners in Thame and South Oxfordshire, and a charity banquet in Banbury. The Deputy Mayor had also attended the banquet in Banbury.

#### 192. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Madden declared an interest in planning (item 196) by virtue of his membership of the WODC Planning Committee. Cllrs Crossland and Mrs Crossland in item 197 (laptop for the Mayor and subsequent holders of the office) and did not vote. Cllr MacRae declared an interest in allotments and the land at Black Bourton and left the room for item 202. Cllr Scott declared an interest in planning applications 05/2009 and 15/2009. Cllr Madden declared an interest in item 190 as a governor of the Community College and did not vote.

#### 193. ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC TO RAISE MATTERS

No issues were raised.

#### 194. ADJOURNMENT FOR COUNTY COUNCILLORS TO RAISE MATTERS

Cllr Handley reported on call outs for the Fire and Ambulances Services. Ambulances were only meeting two in ten of their target times. He was continuing to encourage the setting up of a Committee involving representatives from RAF Brize Norton. He hoped that Carterton Community College would be able to offer some post 16 courses. He also reported on a number of local issues that he was trying to help resolve.

#### 195. 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.

#### 196. PLANNING COMMITTEE

Council received the Minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 17 March and 7 April 2009. These were noted.

#### 197. ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

The Council received the Minutes of the meeting of the Administration Committee held on 7 April 2009.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Administration Committee (paragraphs 16 to 23) be approved.

#### 198. YOUTH PROVISION

The Council received a note of a multi agency meeting, which the Mayor had hosted, to discuss youth provision in the town. The Mayor drew particular attention to the suggestion of Street Pastors and said that this idea would be looked into further by the Community Safety Partnership and the church.

199. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

200. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Council RESOLVED that the Accounts set out at Annex 'C' be approved for payment with the exception of the subscription to OALC. The Council RESOLVED not to renew its subscription for 2009/10.

201. 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. **Upgrading the Service Accommodation.** Further correspondence between John Hutton and David Cameron is attached for information. **Noted.**
2. **Playbuilder funding.** At the last Council meeting, the Council signed off an application for Playbuilder funding. Unfortunately the bid was not successful but money is set aside in the current years capital budget which would allow the work to go ahead. The Council has already resolved to refurbish the area and I would be grateful for confirmation that we should proceed with consulting the neighbours on the proposed scheme. I will apply to other funding sources. **Noted. It was agreed that the work should proceed, funded from the Town Council's budget, and that the Clerk should look for other grants. Neighbours should be consulted on the scheme.**
3. **Section 137 Grants.** Lin Kennedy has written to thank the Council for its grant and to say that she has now completed the training as a Parent Group Leader Trainer. She will start helping at the Parenting Support Classes at the end of the month. **Noted.**
4. **RBL Fete.** The Town Council, the Youth Council and the Extreme Wheels project have all been invited to run a stall at the RBL fete on 4 July. It would seem sensible to combine these as a single stall and I would be grateful to know if there are volunteers who would like to be involved in running it. **Noted.**
5. **Forthcoming meetings and events:**
  - 23 April – St George's Day Reception at Carterton Community Centre
  - 5 May – Planning and Recreation Committee
  - 19 May – Planning and Annual Town Council meeting
  - 26 May – Annual Town Meeting at Carterton Community Centre
  - 2 June – Planning Committee
  - 16 June – Planning and Town Council
  - 28 June – Civic Service and Flower Festival and Open Gardens.
6. **The Clerk reported that WODC would be increasing the cost of its services by 10%. She was asked to see if there was a cheaper way of carrying out playground inspections.**