

CARTERTON TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 21 JULY 2009  
AT 7.45 P.M.

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

Cllr Mrs D V Bulley Cllr N Miah  
Cllr A D Coomber Cllr P Scott  
Cllr R Crapper Cllr Mrs S Stone  
Cllr B Crossland Cllr Mrs L Walcott  
Cllr A Farmer Cllr W Walcott MBE  
Cllr P Madden

Apologies: Cllr E Liston

PART 1

37. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 16 June 2009, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

38. MATTERS ARISING

It was agreed that Cllr Mrs Bulley should contact the County Councillors to remind them that they were welcome at Town Council meetings. It was noted that the Youth Council could be asked to consider funding play ranger sessions next year. Cllr Crossland reported that the Community Centre had decided not to be a centre for the distribution of swine flu drugs. It was confirmed that cheque number 9476 had been cancelled. The Clerk was asked to contact OCC about the weeds in the road around Broadshires.

39. TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Mayor reported that she had attended the Bicester Town Twinning ceremony, a dinner at Dorchester Abbey, the Banbury Hobby Horse event, the Fairford Tattoo and the opening of the new Army Cadet HQ at Bicester. She had been a judge in the Community College's technology competition, presented awards to Youth Councillors, hosted a group of German students and visitors from Carterton New Zealand. There had been several events to mark Armed Forces week including a visit from the Minister for the South East. The Mayor had been at the opening of the Homestead, a community lunch, the open gardens and a performance by the Songsters. With others she had met the new TVP Inspector and the Station Commander. She had attended the first meeting of the Police Board and represented the Town Council at Fred Bradley's funeral. The Mayor thanked those Councillors who had supported the Swimming Gala and the Civic Service.

It was noted that a number of Councillors were on holiday in August and it was RESOLVED that there be no Council meeting that month unless any urgent business arose in which case the Clerk would call a meeting. It was agreed that Cllrs Bulley, Crapper, Miah and Scott should be authorised to sign cheques for payment during August.

40. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Madden declared an interest in planning (item 43) by virtue of his membership of the WODC Planning Committee. Cllr Madden also declared an interest in item 49 as a Governor of St John's School and left the room when this item was discussed. Cllr Miah declared an interest in the same item as the parent of children at the school. Cllr MacRae declared an interest in Allotments and the Burial Ground and did not speak when these items were discussed. Cllr Coomber declared an interest in cheque 9387 (Extreme Wheels), as did Cllr Miah. Cllr Coomber declared an interest in item 43 (Speed limits) as a member of the NAG and a resident living close to Faulder Avenue. Cllr Mrs Crossland declared an interest item 44 (Past Mayor's badges) and did not vote on this item.

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

No issues were raised.

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

No County Councillors were present.

#### 43. 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.

#### 44. PLANNING COMMITTEE

Council received the Minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 16 June and 7 July 2009. These were noted.

#### 45. ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

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

It was RESOLVED that a sub-committee comprising Cllrs Farmer, Coomber, Crapper and Madden be set up to take forward proposals for renewing the Town Hall boiler and making other improvements to improve fuel efficiency. This Committee was to have delegated powers to agree the work so that it could be carried out before the autumn.

It was RESOLVED that the Vets building should be redecorated. The Clerk was to explore the possibility of this work being done as a community project but if that was not possible she was authorised to accept the lowest quotation. It was noted that S&M Wilson had been asked to carry out emergency repairs to the roof of the Squash Club.

RESOLVED that the recommendations set out in the Minutes of the Administration Committee be approved.

#### 46. CARTERTON FAST FORWARD PARTNERSHIP

The Council received a report from the Carterton Fast Forward Project Manager. She explained that Carterton published its action plan *Carterton Fast Forward Towards 2010* in 2003 after undertaking a Market Town Healthcheck. The Town Council had consistently supported the work, by funding the Project Manager's post and collaborating on projects.

Over the last 6 years there has been progress on many of the proposals in the original plan, as well as on new developments, which had not been anticipated. Of the 45 original projects 33 had been fully or partially achieved. Over the past few months, the Project Manager had organised a range of consultations, following a one-day seminar in April, to identify the community's priorities for future projects. The review has taken place alongside continuing work on specific projects, mainly the town centre development and transport/highway issues.

The new Draft Delivery Plan presented to the Council had 5 new headings to reflect the priorities which emerged from the review and consultation process. It gave some indication of potential funding sources. The Project Manager touched in detail on transport, the town centre redevelopment, a resource centre, a museum, employment and youth activities.

The Council welcomed the rolling forward of the CFF programme and asked detailed questions on some of the issues raised. It was RESOLVED that the Town Clerk and Project Manager should work together to produce a final plan taking account of any further views from councillors.

#### 47. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Financial Statement to 30 June 2009, set out at Annex 'B', was approved. A summary of Income and Expenditure by Budget Heading is also provided at Annex 'B'.

#### 48. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

#### 49 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 for Item 50.

### PART 11

Sitting as Trustees of the Alvescot Road Recreation Ground Charity.

The Trustees received the audited accounts for the year ended 31 March 2009 and agreed that these were a true record. It was noted that establishing a separate bank account had demonstrated the real cost of running the recreation ground and that the Recreation Committee should consider whether it was possible to generate any savings.

The meeting ended at 9.25 pm

15 September 2009

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Town Mayor

1. **Briefing Meeting with Station Commander RAF Brize Norton.** The Town Mayor and the Clerk attended a briefing meeting with Grp Cpt Ager on 10 July. The Clerk will give an oral report of the main points raised during the discussion. **The Council noted the report as a useful update.**
2. **Road Naming** – WODC has asked for the Council's agreement to naming a small development on the westerly side of Swinbrook Road. The name chosen by the developers is 1 – 5 Kaye Court. **The Council said that it would prefer the development to be named after the original owner of the land if that could be traced.**
3. **Voluntary Registration with the land registry.** The Land Registry is encouraging all councils to register land in their ownership. They are offering a 25% reduction in the registration fee (the fee being based on the value of the land). The Council owns a large number of small areas as well as a few larger areas, many of which have never been registered. Would the Council like me to arrange for the land in its ownership to be registered? If so, shall I start with larger areas such as the burial ground and the Recreation Grounds? **It was agreed that the Clerk should register the Alvescot Road Recreation Ground and report back to Council on the amount of work involved and the costs. Council would then consider whether further registration should be undertaken.**
4. **Pump Track** – following a recent ROSPA inspection, Roger Davies from OPFA commented that he was very impressed with the work that the volunteers had undertaken on the pump track. Would the Council like to send a formal letter of thanks to Dan Sinnott and his team? **Agreed that a letter of thanks should go to Dan Sinnott and the Youth Council.**
5. **Publications**
  - The Playingfield – Summer 2009
  - Looking Out – WODC Safer Communities Newsletter
6. **Forthcoming meetings**
  - July 30 – Maples Play Area consultative meeting – on site 4 pm to 6 pm
  - August 4 – Planning
  - August 18 – No meeting this month?
  - September 1 - Planning
  - September 15 - Planning & Council
7. **The Allotments Association had asked if the Council would be willing to pay for the production and installation of a signboard. The Council did not have money in the budget to purchase a sign board, but would be happy for the Allotment Association to provide one.**
8. **OCC had invited comments on two proposed speed limits, the first being to raise the current 30 mph limit on Upavon Way from the west of the Community College to the Alvescot Road junction, and the second being the introduction of a 50 mph**

**on the Shilton Road from the northern edge of the town to the current 30 mph limit at Burford. The speed limit in the dip would remain at 40 mph.**

- **B4020 Upavon Way. The Council supported the raising of the limit to 40 mph but asked that this higher speed comes into force opposite Faulder Avenue. There is an astro pitch to the west of the Community College and a skateboard park to the west of that. Both of these facilities are heavily used by young people and it is more appropriate that the speed limit here be 30 mph.**
- **B4020 Burford Road. The existing 40 mph limit through the Shilton dip should be extended southwards to the boundary of Carterton where the 30 mph limit starts. Otherwise there are too many changes of speed limit in too short a stretch of road.**