

CARTERTON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 18 MAY 2010
AT 7.45 P.M.

Present:

Cllr Mrs D V Bulley	Cllr Mrs C MacRae
Cllr A D Coomber	Cllr N A MacRae MBE
Cllr R W Crapper	Cllr Mrs S E Stone
Cllr B Crossland	Cllr Mrs L Walcott
Cllr Mrs M Crossland	Cllr W O Walcott MBE
Cllr A Farmer	Cllr E Wearing
Cllr P Madden	

Apologies: Cllr E Liston, Cllr Mrs N Miah and Cllr P Scott (representing Carterton at a NAG function)

1 ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR

IT WAS RESOLVED that Cllr MacRae be elected Town Mayor for the ensuing year. Cllr MacRae signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and thanked Council for his appointment. He said that he would put civic responsibilities above political duties and would represent the town to the best of his abilities.

2 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR

IT WAS RESOLVED that Cllr Coomber be appointed Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year. Cllr Coomber thanked the Council for its support and in particular Cllrs Mrs Bulley and Mrs Crossland for their help with project work. He also thanked the Town Hall staff for their support. Cllr Coomber signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

3 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 20 April 2010, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as a true record, subject to 'Item 166' in para 163 being amended to read 'Item 167', and signed by the Mayor.

4. MATTERS ARISING

The Mayor welcomed Cllr Mrs MacRae to her first meeting. The outgoing Mayor asked that her thanks to Cllr MacRae, in his role as Deputy Mayor, be recorded.

The Clerk said that she was preparing a paper on interest rates to go to the July meeting of the Administration Committee. The Sainsburys planning application was due to be considered by WODC the following week. A group of Councillors had recently met to consider subsidised bus routes and had made a number of suggestions as to how costs might be cut while retaining a basic service.

5. TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The outgoing Town Mayor reported that she had attended civic events at Wantage and the Vale of White Horse and briefing meetings at RAF Brize Norton and Fairford. She had been to a meeting of the Area Police Board and attended the Save the Children May Day Fair. She

had hosted a St George's Day celebration and a ceremony to mark the award of the Exceptional Citizens' medals.

The new Mayor reported that he and his wife had already attended several civic events. He secured the Council's agreement to the Clerk writing to OCC to obtain a response from Barry West and Cllr Rodney Rose on issues relating to parking and roads on the NE Carterton estate.

It was noted that the Youth Councillors had not been able to attend the meeting. They would be asked if they would like to come to the June meeting. It was agreed that the Town Council should gratefully accept the donation of a bench and give consideration to its possible location.

6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs Mrs Crossland and Madden declared an interest in planning (Item 12) by virtue of their membership of the WODC Planning Committee. Cllrs Crossland and Mrs Crossland declared a prejudicial interest in accounts for payment (Item 19: cheque 9436). Directors of the Carterton Community Centre declared an interest in cheque 9522. Cllr Mrs Stone declared a prejudicial interest in cheque 9436. Cllrs MacRae and Mrs MacRae declared an interest in allotments, Cllr Coomber declared an interest in RAF Brize Norton as a member of the Future Brize Team and in the NAG as a member of that Group. Cllrs Mrs Bulley, Mrs Crossland, Crossland, Crapper and Madden declared an interest in Item 15 as members of U3A and left the room while this was discussed.

The Mayor reminded Councillors of the need to keep their registers of interests up to date and to attend training on the Code of Conduct if they had not already done so.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

IT WAS RESOLVED that the following Committees be appointed: -

Administration Committee - Quorum 5

Councillors A Coomber, B Crossland, A Farmer, P Madden, P Scott, Mrs L Walcott and W O Walcott

Planning Committee - Quorum 5

Councillors D Bulley, R Crapper, B Crossland, A Farmer, P Madden, N Miah, and E Wearing

Policy Committee - Quorum 5

Councillors D Bulley, A Coomber, R. Crapper, B. Crossland, M. Crossland, A Farmer, E Liston, C MacRae, N MacRae, P Madden, N Miah, P Scott, S Stone, L Walcott, W O Walcott and E Wearing

Recreation Committee - Quorum 5

Councillors D Bulley, A Coomber, B Crossland, M Crossland, R Crapper, A Farmer, E Liston and S Stone.

Traffic Advisory Committee - Quorum 3

Councillors D Bulley, A Coomber and R Crapper.

Fire Advisory Committee - Quorum 3

Councillors D Bulley, A Coomber, E Liston and N Miah.

8. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON GROUPS & OUTSIDE BODIES

IT WAS RESOLVED to make the following appointments: -

Carterton Community Centre

Councillors A Coomber, R Crapper, B Crossland, M Crossland, P Madden, P Scott and S Stone.

Carterton Youth Council:

Councillors D Bulley, A Coomber and C MacRae (and M Crossland as reserve).

Carterton Fast Forward Group:

Cllr B Crossland – Chairman. Other groups to be set up when needed.

Remembrance Day Observance
(Royal British Legion)

Councillor Mrs. D.V. Bulley
Councillor A Coomber

Allotments Association

Councillor Mrs L Walcott
Councillor W.O. Walcott

Squash Club Committee

Councillor P Scott

Football Club

Councillor A Farmer

Brownes Hall Management Committee

Councillor P Madden

9. ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC TO RAISE MATTERS

No matters were raised.

10. ADJOURNMENT FOR COUNTY COUNCILLORS TO RAISE MATTERS

Cllr Handley's apologies were received.

11. 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.

12. PLANNING COMMITTEE

Council received the Minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 20 April and 4 May 2010. These were noted.

13. TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Council received the Minutes of the meeting of the Traffic Advisory Committee held on 19 April 2010.

Cllr Mrs Bulley reported on the unsatisfactory nature of the meeting and said that, with the support of other Councillors on the Committee, she had made a formal complaint against the

officer concerned. This was being investigated. It was agreed that OCC should be sent photos of the blocked gullies in the town centre.

The Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Committee were noted.

14. MEETING BETWEEN CARTERTON COUNCILLORS AND WODC OFFICERS

The Mayor introduced a note of the meeting between Carterton Councillors and officers from WODC held on 29 April. It was noted that byelaws were to be introduced in the autumn which would allow the Kilkenny Lane play area to be closed between dusk and dawn and also prevent alcohol being consumed there. A planning application was awaited for the Osprey site and this being the case, WODC had dropped the idea of taking action against the owners under s215. The Clerk had still to establish the nature of the s106 payment made by Airtanker. A meeting had been held to establish a Residents Association on the NE Carterton Estate

15. REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE UNDER S137

The Council had set aside £17,000 in the 2010/11 budget. In April, the Council had agreed two grants in advance of the main body of applications - £500 to the Allotments Association and £300 to the BHLTA (British Heart & Lung Transplant Association). It had also donated £500 as the prize for the St George's Day Competition. There was therefore £15,700 remaining in the budget.

The Council considered the following applications:

Organisation	Purpose of grant	Amount requested	Amount awarded
Kilkenny Cricket Club	A contribution towards equipment	Not specified	Equipment to the value of £1895
Windrush Valley Boxing Club	A contribution towards equipment	Up to £952	£952
Carterton Play Rangers Project	Contribution to activities to be run over summer holidays	£1,500	£1,500
Carterton Bowls Club	Repairs to Safety Barriers	Approx £2,000	£1,000
U3A Genealogy Group	Up to 70 copies of a book recording research into names on War memorial	£500	£500
Mind In Carterton	Complimentary therapy sessions 26 sessions 13 sessions	£1170 £585	£1170

17. MINERAL EXTRACTION

The Council received a letter from Clanfield Parish Council, setting out details about the possible excavation of sand and gravel in the Clanfield/Bampton area. Council noted with concern the impact the excavation would have on the surrounding villages and in particular on the already inadequate road network. It was agreed that the Town Council should add its support to the statement of objection that had been drawn up by the Parish Councils.

18. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Financial Statement to 30 April 2010, set out at Annex 'B', was approved. A summary of Income and Expenditure by Budget Heading was also provided at Annex 'B'.

19. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

The meeting ended at 8.55 pm.

15 June 2010

Town Mayor

1. **Playbuilder** – The Council has been awarded a Playbuilder Grant of £47,000 towards the cost of refurbishing Alvescot Road Recreation Ground. The Recreation Committee will consider the next steps at its June meeting. **Town Hall staff were congratulated on this achievement. It was agreed that the Working Party should meet in early June to consider comments received at the Town Meeting.**
2. **LDF.** To note the attached update from WODC. **Noted.**
3. **Chiltern Railways.** To note the attached letter giving details of future investment. **Noted.**
4. **Publications**
 - Home 2 School Newsletter – Summer 2010
 - The Playing Field – Spring 2010
5. **Forthcoming meetings and events**

27 th May -	Opening of The Maples Play Area – 6.00 pm
1 st June -	Planning and Recreation Committee
15th June -	Planning and Council