

CARTERTON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 19 JANUARY 2010
AT 7.45 P.M.

Present:	Cllr N MacRae MBE	Deputy Mayor
	Cllr Mrs D V Bulley	Cllr P Madden
	Cllr A Coomber	Cllr P Scott
	Cllr R Crapper	Cllr Mrs S Stone
	Cllr A Farmer	Cllr Mrs L Walcott
	Cllr E Liston	Cllr W Walcott MBE
	Cllr N Miah	Cllr E Wearing

Apologies: Cllr Mrs M Crossland, Cllr B Crossland and Cllr S Lodge.

112. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 December 2009, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Deputy Mayor.

113. MATTERS ARISING

It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the young people who had attended the December meeting to speak on youth services. The Clerk confirmed that she had still to hear from Mark Pitt at WODC about the contract for clearing the ditch.

114. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Madden declared an interest in Item 119 by virtue of his membership of the WODC Planning Committee and did not take part in discussions on this item.

115. TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Clerk reported that the Mayor had attended four events since the December meeting: the Oxford City Civic Reception, the Witney Mayor's Carol Service, the Carterton Lions Carols for All at St. John's Church, and the Abingdon Christmas Reception. The Deputy Town Mayor reported that he had been in correspondence with Cllr Rose about the condition of the roads in town and had been assured that temporary repairs would be carried out. Funding was not available for permanent repairs.

116. ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC TO RAISE MATTERS

There were none.

117. ADJOURNMENT FOR COUNTY COUNCILLORS TO RAISE MATTERS

Cllr Couchman circulated an OCC briefing note on the impact of the recent severe weather. There was discussion about the legal liability if roads and paths were cleared of snow. Cllr Couchman reported that OCC would be making an extra £1m available for emergency repairs to potholes.

118. SALTING OF ROADS IN OXFORDSHIRE

It was noted that the Council had received a number of requests for the provision of salt bins around the town. It was agreed that this matter should be referred to the Policy Committee. The Clerk was asked to clarify insurance and liability issues for that meeting. It was agreed that OCC should be asked to grit Wycombe Way, as this is the designated road for heavy goods vehicles.

RESOLVED that Policy Committee should consider the provision of grit bins in the town.

119. 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.

120. PLANNING COMMITTEE

Council received the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 8 December 2009 and 12 January 2010. These were noted.

121. RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Council received the Minutes of the Recreation Committee meeting held on 12 January.

RESOLVED that the Council should allocate up to £10,000 from its reserve as matched funding for the expansion of the Skateboard Park.

RESOLVED that 22 of the planters should be refurbished and replanted and that 6 trees should be planted in Alvescot Road. The Town Council's consultant should be asked to draw up detailed proposals.

RESOLVED that Carterton Football Club should be allowed to enter into a sub lease with the Windrush Boxing Club.

122. FIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Council received the Minutes of the Fire Advisory Committee meeting held on 14 December. These were noted.

123. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

124. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

125. 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. **Traffic calming in Shilton Road.** Council will recall that OCC said that as the traffic in Shilton Road was not sufficient to justify a VAS on the way into town, there were certain measures that they could undertake at no cost to the Council. These included enhanced gateway signage, pre-warning signs and the removal of the central line. OCC has notified us that it does not have the money in the budget to undertake this work in the current financial year and possibly not next year. I have asked OCC to provide details of the costs of this work and have been told that it would be £6,328. No breakdown has been given so I have asked for further information. **The Council expressed serious concerns about the way this issue had been handled and the Clerk was asked to establish the Terms of Reference of Traffic Advisory Committees.**

2. **Post boxes on North East Carterton estate.** Cllr MacRae to raise. **It was agreed that the Clerk should contact the Post Office with a view to securing another post box on the NE Carterton estate. It was agreed that the Clerk would arrange a site meeting on the Market Square to consider the positioning and design of a new noticeboard.**

3. **Forthcoming meetings**
 - 22 January - Meeting with Savilles (12.30 p.m.)
 - 2 February - Planning and Policy Meetings
 - 10 February - Exhibition by WODC on the LDF at Town Hall (3.00-7.30 pm)
 - 11 February - LDF Exhibition at the Town Hall (9.30 – 1.00 p.m.)
 - 16 February - Planning & Council Meetings
 - 22 February – LDF Exhibition at Carterton Community Centre (10.30-7.30 p.m.)

4. **Town Hall drainage problems.** The Clerk reported that water was ponding on the car park to the front of the Town Hall. It appeared that there was a leak from a water pipe. It was agreed that the Clerk be delegated authority to employ a contractor to investigate and carry out necessary repairs.