

CARTERTON TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2010  
AT 7.45 P.M.

Present: Cllr N MacRae MBE - Town Mayor  
Cllr A Coomber - Deputy Mayor

Cllr Mrs D V Bulley	Cllr P Scott
Cllr B Crossland	Cllr Mrs S E Stone
Cllr Mrs M Crossland	Cllr Mrs L Walcott
Cllr R W Crapper	Cllr W O Walcott MBE
Cllr Mrs C MacRae	

Apologies: Cllr A Farmer; Cllr P Madden and Cllr E Wearing.

52. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 20 July 2010 and the Special Meeting of the Town Council also held on 20 July 2010, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

53. MATTERS ARISING

It was noted that the Continental market would take place on the old market site. Cllr Crossland reported that the investments reported in Item 46 had now been made. The Clerk reported that on Item 47 the RAF would be 'encouraging' rather than requiring servicemen to use make less use of cars. Clerk's Report, Item 4. Cllr Mrs Crossland said that she and Mrs Bulley had attended the OCC meeting and had experienced considerable hostility towards any expansion of the town.

54. TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Mayor thanked Cllr Mrs Bulley for deputising for him at the Dorchester Abbey Dinner and at the July Council meeting. Over the summer he and the Mayoress had attended many functions and meetings representing the town. These included a meeting with Ron Spurs on the CCTV system and a visit to the Oxfordshire Army Cadet Camp at Penally. The Mayor had hosted Gp Capt and Mrs Stamp for supper and had attended Party in the Park as the guest of Gp Capt and Mrs Stamp in his personal enclosure. The Mayor had presented the trophies at the Nexus triathlon and attended the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations of a local resident. He had been to a reception in County Hall. The Mayor spoke about the Carterton Celebrates weekend and thanked everyone who had been involved.

The new Civic Gowns were on display at the meeting. The Mayor proposed that these be worn at any time Royalty is present; at the annual Civic Service; at the Remembrance Service and at any public event if requested, and if deemed appropriate by the Town Clerk, and on any other occasion if requested and with the agreement of the Town Clerk. It was suggested that gowns also be worn at Full Council meetings. This was agreed.

The Mayor noted that the Council would be considering S137 applications at the October meeting and asked for the Council's agreement that local Charities be invited to submit applications for consideration. This was agreed.

## 55. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Mrs Crossland declared an interest in planning (Item 61) by virtue of her membership of the WODC Planning Committee. Cllr Scott declared an interest as Chairman of the NAG and the Chamber of Trade. All Councillors serving as Directors of the Community Centre declared a personal interest in cheque 9631, and Cllr Crossland and Mrs Crossland declared a prejudicial interest in cheque 9681. The Mayor declared a personal interest in cheques 9624, 9662 and 9682. Cllr Coomber declared a personal interest in Items 16 and 17 of the Recreation Committee minutes and Item 64 of this meeting as an employee of the RAF.

## 56. PRESENTATION FROM ANDY CLEAVER: COMMUNITY SPIRIT

The Chairman welcomed Andy Cleaver to the meeting. Mr Cleaver said that Community Spirit was a Social Enterprise Company which was being set up to help develop a sense of community in new developments. The NE Carterton development would be the first project. His research had shown that there were a number of problems on the estate. He had secured funding for the project but now needed support and people to serve as Directors of the company. Ideas included Community Spirit Reward Cards and Friends and Families themed events in local homes. Mr Cleaver said that he would be applying for a grant from the Big Lottery Fund and the OCC Stronger Communities Fund.

Councillors noted that there may be some overlap between this project and the Good Neighbour Scheme recently set up by OCC. It was agreed that Mr Cleaver should send more information about the project, including a draft budget, to the Clerk. Councillors could then meet Mr Cleaver and those involved in the Good Neighbour Scheme to consider the best way forward.

## 57. ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC TO RAISE MATTERS

A resident of Arkell Avenue expressed concern about recent anti social behaviour in the road and speeding. Cllr Scott outlined the action taken by the police to date and said he would report the speeding issue to the NAG.

A Governor of St Joseph's School asked permission to harvest willow from Willow Meadows to use at the school playground. This was agreed subject to the children having the necessary supervision. It was agreed that the school be sent an s137 application pack and details of a contact at the Forestry Commission.

Clare Crossley, the Extended Schools co-ordinator reported on the very successful Get Stuck In programme that had run over the summer and thanked the Town Council for its grant aid.

## 58. ADJOURNMENT FOR TVP REPRESENTATIVES TO RAISE ISSUES

No representatives were present.

## 59. ADJOURNMENT FOR COUNTY COUNCILLORS TO RAISE MATTERS

No representatives were present. It was noted that Cllr Handley was representing the town at an OCC meeting.

## 60. 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.

#### 61. PLANNING COMMITTEE

Council received the Minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committees held on 20 July, 17 August and 7 September. These were noted.

#### 62. RECREATION COMMITTEE

Council received the Minutes of the meeting of the Recreation Committee held on 7 September 2010.

RESOLVED that:

- Item 16 of Minutes of the Recreation Committee (an RAF Brize Norton contribution to the play equipment on the Alvescot Road Recreation Ground) be approved.
- Item 18 (repairs to the skateboard park) be approved subject to the Clerk reporting back on the cost of the urgent repairs currently underway.
- Item 20 (the dilapidated fence at the Queen Mother's Garden) be referred back to the Recreation Committee for further consideration.
- Item 22, the work at Pampas Close and Mayfield Close be approved.
- The work at Whittington Place be referred back to the Recreation Committee for further consideration.
- The repairs to the pavilion on the Recreation Ground be approved and the installation of the fence be referred back to Recreation Committee for further consideration.

#### 63. RAF/LA LIAISON MEETING

The Council received a note of the RAF/LA Liaison Meeting held on 26 July.

Cllr Crossland drew attention to the section referring to repatriations. It was noted that no decision had been made to move repatriations to RAF Brize Norton. Once the decision had been made there would be further detailed discussions involving a number of organisations to consider issues such as routing.

#### 64. ARRG ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2010

The Council, sitting as Trustees of the Alvescot Road Recreation Ground, received the accounts for the Charity for the year ending 31 March 2010.

#### 65. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Financial Statements to 31 July 2010 and 31 August 2010, set out at Annex 'B', were approved. A summary of Income and Expenditure by Budget Heading was also provided at Annex 'B'.

#### 66. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Council RESOLVED that the Accounts for the months of August and September, set out at Annex 'C', be approved for payment.

#### 67. 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.

## Clerk's Report - 21 September 2010

1. **Lease for 17 Alvescot Road** – the current tenants have sold their practice and I have agreed that the lease for 17 Alvescot Road should be assigned to the new owners. The lease only runs until the end of March 2011. **Noted.**
2. **Road Closures** – I have forwarded to Councillors an email about the closure of Burford Road and Upavon Way for various days between 25<sup>th</sup> and 29 October. This is to allow resurfacing of stretches of the road. **Noted.**
3. **Cleaning public conveniences.** WODC have advised that in partnership with the other District Councils in Oxfordshire, they have entered into a new contract with 'Output Specification'. This should achieve economies of scale. **Noted**
4. **Carterton Bowls Club** has written to thank the Council for the grant of £1000 towards new safety barriers. This work has now been completed. **Noted.**
5. **AGGROW** – Cllrs Wearing and Crapper represented the Council at the last meeting of the AGGROW Committee held on 12 August. AGGROW have written to thank the Council for its \$137 grant. **Noted.**
6. **New Development off Burford Road.** The Council is asked to approve the name Robin Avenue for the new development opposite Carterton Primary School. **Agreed that the new development should be named Chamberlain Close after a resident commemorated on the War Memorial.**
7. **Inspector Mark Johns** moved at the end of August to take up a new post in Didcot. There is as yet no successor. **Noted.**
8. **Local Government 2007.** Consultation on Changes to Executive Arrangements. Please see the attached consultation document from WODC. **Noted.**
9. **Publications:**
  - Playingfield Summer 2010
  - Home2School Autumn 2010
  - Road Safety Casualty Report 2009 OCC
10. **Forthcoming meetings:**
  - 5 October 2010 – Planning and Policy Committee
  - 19 October 2010 – Planning and Council
  - 26 October 2010 – Admin Committee (**please note change of date**)
  - 2 November 2010 – Planning (**12 noon**)
  - 14 November 2010 - Remembrance