

CARTERTON TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 19 APRIL 2011  
AT 7.45 PM

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

Cllr Mrs D V Bulley Cllr N Miah  
Cllr R W Crapper Cllr P Scott (from item 183)  
Cllr Mrs M Crossland Cllr Mrs S E Stone  
Cllr A Farmer Cllr Mrs L Walcott  
Cllr E Liston Cllr W O Walcott MBE  
Cllr P Madden Cllr E Wearing  
Cllr Mrs C MacRae

Apologies:

174. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 15 March 2011, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

175. MATTERS ARISING

There were none.

176. KILKENNY (CARTERTON) CRICKET CLUB

Jeffrey Williams, Vice Chairman of the Club, reported on developments. There were now 72 members in the Club, only 10% of whom were from the RAF. There was a very active Committee. As of 2011 a team would be playing in Division 6. The grant funding provided by the Town Council was being used to fund youth training. There were concerns about the condition of the pitch at Monahan Way. As the club has grown the use of the pitch has increased. At the same time the District Council has reduced maintenance funding and the pitch is only just at a standard required by the OCA. Summer use of the pitches by the Football Club compounded the problem although the cricket club recognise that this is a shared use facility.

It was agreed that Cllr Farmer would have separate discussion with Mr Williams about the shared use aspect. The Mayor thanked Mr Williams for his presentation.

177. THAMES WATER

The Mayor welcomed Peter Hankins from Thames Water to the meeting. In answer to questions, Mr Hankins confirmed that work had been carried out to the pumping station to prevent sewage running into the Shill in all but exceptional circumstances. He promised to let the Clerk have details of the work that had been undertaken. He said that people experiencing a drop in water pressure should call 0845 9 200 800 and report the problem. Thames Water would then investigate the causes. He confirmed that Building Control officers were responsible for ensuring that people were not connecting to the foul water system and said that from September all shared drainage would become the responsibility of Thames Water.

The Mayor thanked Mr Hankins for his attendance.

178. TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor reported that he and the Mayoress had been at the Carterton 10K Road Run, a dinner at County Hall, a dinner with the Air Training Corps, the formal opening of the new AirTanker facility and a Hindu Celebration. The Mayor congratulated all those involved in the new play area on the Recreation Ground which he had 'topped out' just before the Easter holidays and thanked the Mayoress for her work on the very successful Junior Town Crier Competition. The Mayor also thanked all those who had supported his St George's Day Dinner, which had raised a considerable sum for charity. The Mayor invited Councillors to join him at a Reception on 28 April for the Under 11 football team who had made it to the final of the English Schools FA Competition.

As this was the last meeting of the current Council the Mayor thanked all Councillors for their support and in particular those Councillors who were not standing for re-election.

179. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs Mrs Crossland and Madden declared an interest in planning (Item 184) by virtue of their membership of the WODC Planning Committee. Cllrs MacRae, Mrs Walcott and Walcott declared an interest in allotments. Cllr Farmer declared a prejudicial interest in the Local Development Framework and in the cemetery. Cllr Coomber declared an interest in NAG and in RAF matters. Cllr Mrs MacRae, Madden and Miah declared a personal interest in Item 187.

180. ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC TO RAISE MATTERS

No matters were raised.

181. ADJOURNMENT FOR TVP REPRESENTATIVES TO RAISE ISSUES

No police were present.

182. ADJOURNMENT FOR COUNTY COUNCILLORS TO RAISE MATTERS

Apologies were received from Cllr Couchman and Cllr Handley.

183. 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.

184. PLANNING COMMITTEE

Council received the Minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 15 March and 5 April. These were noted. The Clerk mentioned that she was trying to arrange a special meeting to discuss the application to redevelop the REEMA housing and it was agreed that this meeting be open to all Council members.

185. RECREATION COMMITTEE

Council received the Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreation Committee held on 5 April 2011.

Cllr. Coomber presented recommendations on the future priorities for developer funding, progress on the new play areas planned for the redeveloped Defence Estate, and proposals for signs at Marigold Square.

RESOLVED that Items 32 to 38 of the Minutes of the Recreation Committee meeting be approved.

186. POLICY COMMITTEE

Council received the Minutes of the Meeting of the Policy Committee held on 5 April 2011

Cllr Farmer reported on the proposed route for Repatriations and concerns regarding the adequacy of parking and toilet facilities. OCC had offered to assist with resourcing and with the production of a website. It was agreed that the Town Council should be represented at each event. Cllr Farmer reminded Councillors that the sole aim should be to ensure that each and every Repatriation should be a dignified and solemn event and that the wishes of the families of the fallen should be paramount.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Policy Committee meeting be approved.

187. REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The Council received an application for funding under s137 from St John the Evangelist School towards the cost of hiring a coach to take a team to the English Schools Football Association Final.

RESOLVED that the school be awarded a grant of £305.

188. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Financial Statement to 31 March 2011, set out at Annex 'B', was approved. A summary of Income and Expenditure by Budget Heading was also provided at Annex 'B'.

189. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Council RESOLVED that the Accounts for the month of April be approved for payment.

190. 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

The meeting ended at 9.10 pm.

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Town Mayor

1. **Alvescot Road Recreation Ground.** The play area was topped out on 8 April. It was opened to the public on Sunday 10 April and is proving extremely popular. The paths crossing the area will be installed in the next two or three weeks. Work continues on the design of the central performing space. Two companies have been asked to come forward with ideas for interpreting a design. **Noted.**
2. **Carterton Job Club** will launch on Thursday 12 May. Any Councillors who are able to volunteer an occasional few hours to help with this, which will be on the second and fourth Thursday of each month, are asked to contact Catherine Chater. **Noted.**
3. **Tree condition survey.** To see the attached letter from WODC. Are there any trees, or groups of trees, in the Town Council's ownership which Councillors would like to have included in the survey? **Councillors asked the Clerk to obtain details of costs.**
4. **OCC proposed waiting restrictions on Bluebell Way.** To see the proposals set out in the attached document. **Council welcomed these restrictions but noted there were a number of other areas in need of parking restrictions.**
5. **Forthcoming meetings and events.**

Tuesday 3 May – Planning Committee

Tuesday 17 May – Planning and Annual Council Meeting (Mayor Making)

Tuesday 24 May – 7.00 pm Annual Town Assembly at Brownes Hall

Two meetings with Figbury and Bloor Homes are to be arranged (see Clerk's email of 11 April).

6. **Applications for premises licences.**  
**Application 470 - the Council has no comments on this application but does wonder whether RAF Brize Norton should be consulted given that the kebab van will be sited immediately outside the base.**

**Application 472 - the Council has no objections to this application but would ask that there be a condition requiring Dominos Pizzas to provide bins outside their premises and to litter pick the area outside the shop front on a daily basis.**