

CARTERTON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 17 JANUARY 2012
AT 7.45 PM

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

Cllr Mrs D V Bulley	Cllr Mrs C MacRae
Cllr R W Crapper	Cllr P Madden
Cllr Mrs M Crossland	Cllr N Miah
Cllr A Farmer	Cllr P Scott
Cllr H Jobes	Cllr Mrs L Walcott
Cllr Mrs L Little	Cllr W O Walcott MBE

119 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 December 2011, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

120. MATTERS ARISING

There were none.

121 CCTV IN CARTERTON

The Mayor welcomed Inspector Helen Roberts to the meeting. Inspector Roberts talked about the incident involving damage to the tree in the town centre. The CCTV suite was manned at the time but the operator had not been aware of the incident as they have 62 cameras to monitor. She explained that the Neighbourhood team was still investigating the incident and may yet find the guilty party. The Council expressed their disappointment that this incident had not been picked up by the operators.

In general discussion, Inspector Roberts explained that it was not easy to quantify the benefits of CCTV as it often prevented crimes. She gave examples of where an elderly lady and a young person had been picked up on the CCTV and helped. Both of these may have come to harm had it not been for CCTV. She also mentioned the value of the Radio scheme which particularly benefitted public houses. Councillors asked if the cameras were in the right positions and whether more cameras were needed. Inspector Roberts said that cameras would always fail to capture certain incidents. She quoted a cost of £20,000 for three new cameras.

There was some discussion about the police presence on Shilton Park and Cllr Scott said he knew the Neighbourhood team were active there and dealt with any isolated incidents that did occur.

The Mayor thanked Inspector Roberts for attending the meeting and it was agreed that anyone wishing to visit the CCTV suite should contact her.

121. CO-OPTION TO THE COUNCIL

It was agreed that the vacancy on the Council should be advertised and that anyone interested in applying should send a letter of application to the Clerk. She would arrange to meet interested people to explain more about the role. Interested candidates would be invited to attend the March Council meeting and make a short presentation.

122. APPOINTMENT TO CARTERTON COMMUNITY CENTRE BOARD.

There were no volunteers to fill the vacancy on the Board and it was agreed that this be held over until March.

123 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Scott declared an interest as Chairman of the Chamber of Trade and the NAG. Cllr MacRae and Cllr Mrs MacRae declared an interest as allotment holders. Cllr Mrs Crossland declared an interest in planning matters as a member of the WODC Planning Committee. Cllr Farmer declared an interest in Carterton Football Club and Cllr Coomber declared an interest in anything to do with RAF Brize Norton.

124 TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor said that he had enjoyed the Council Christmas dinner and thanked Mrs Marchant for her arrangements. He sent best wishes from all the Council to Mrs Farmer for a speedy recovery

125 ADJOURNMENT FOR THE PUBLIC TO RAISE ISSUES

Cllr Howard spoke about toilets for the Country Park, the Dial-a-Ride service, a new litter bin by the Community College and the condition of the road in Brizewood. He said he had arranged a meeting to talk about yellow lines on the NE Carterton Estate.

126. ADJOURNMENT FOR COUNTY COUNCILLORS TO RAISE MATTERS

Cllr Handley had sent his apologies.

127 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.

128 PLANNING COMMITTEE

Council received the Minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 6 December 2011 and 3 January 2012. These were noted.

129 RECREATION COMMITTEE

Council received the Minutes of the meeting of the Recreation Committee held on 3 January 2012.

It was agreed that the Clerk should submit to WODC the paper on playing fields making it clear that, at this stage, the paper set out the views of the Town Council. The Sports Forum would be asked to add its support to the paper at its next meeting.

The Council RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Recreation Committee be approved.

130 TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Council received the Minutes of the meeting of the Traffic Advisory Committee held on 12 December 2011.

It was agreed that the issue of the speed limit on Upavon Way should be referred back to the next TAC meeting. The Clerk was asked to write to the County Councillors expressing the Council's dismay at the condition of the roads.

The Town Council RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting be approved.

131 JUBILEE COMMITTEE

The Council received a report from Cllr Mrs Little. She outlined plans for the two day event in June 2012 at various different locations. Another stakeholder meeting would take place in March while the committee would continue to meet on a monthly basis. Cllr Mrs Bulley had produced a very impressive hanging for the display in the library.

It was noted that the Beehive wished to be involved, and it was agreed that the Party on the Pitch, which was taking place on 28 May, should be badged as a Jubilee event.

132 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

133 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Council RESOLVED that the Accounts for January set out at Annex 'C' be approved for payment. There were mixed views on the Christmas lights and it was agreed that the contractor should be asked if it was possible for them to be refurbished.

134 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.

Town Mayor

1. **Upavon Way Speeding Restrictions** – to see attached update from Oxfordshire County Council. **It was agreed that this should be referred back to TAC.**
2. **Review of Oxfordshire Rural Community transport team.** To see the attached consultation paper. If Councillors have any comments, could they please submit these to me at the meeting or no later than 19 January? **Noted.**
3. **Request for waste bins at Laurel Close** – to see the attached request from OCHA. **Cllr Howard had raised this with WODC and it was suggested that an under-used bin should be relocated to this site.**
4. **Application for a variation of licence at Chicoland.** To see attached details regarding the variation to the licence . **Noted. The Clerk also reported on an application to vary the licence at McColls. No objections were raised.**
5. **Forthcoming meetings and events:**
 - 24 January - Road Safety Campaign publicity event - 1.30 p.m. at the Town Hall. Prize giving for poster competition.
 - 7 February – Planning and Policy
 - 10 February – Opening of the Allandale
 - 21 February – Planning and Town Council
 - 6 March - Planning and Administration
 - 10 March - Oxford Welsh Male Voice Choir
 - 21 April - St George's Day Dinner