

CARTERTON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 18 JUNE 2013
AT 7.45 PM

Present:	Cllr Mrs L Little	Town Mayor
	Cllr Mrs M Crossland	Deputy Town Mayor
	Cllr Mrs D V Bulley	Cllr H Jobes
	Cllr A Coomber	Cllr M McBride
	Cllr R W Crapper	Cllr P Madden
	Cllr A Farmer	Cllr P Scott
	Cllr H Howard	

Apologies: Cllrs Brennan, MacRae, Mrs MacRae, Mrs Miah and Steward.

20 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 21 May and 4 June 2013, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as true records and signed by the Mayor.

21 MATTERS ARISING

It was confirmed that the Clerk had had further discussions with the Town Clerk designate and it was hoped that she would start on 5 August.

22 TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor said that she had attended the opening of the new medical wing on base and also the sunset ceremony. She had opened the new martial arts centre, presented certificates to school children, opened the new play area at the Community College and presented trophies to Carterton u15 Ladies Football Team. She had been to the Annual Dinner at Dorchester Abbey, a concert at the Community Centre, and had attended the Ride of Respect. The Falcons had painted the pavilion on a voluntary basis.

23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no DPIs. Cllr Scott declared an interest as Chairman of the Chamber of Trade and the NAG and in planning applications 13/0768/P/OP and 13/0577/P/FP. Cllr Crapper declared an interest as a member of the Chamber of Trade. Cllr Farmer declared an interest in Carterton Football Club. Cllr Mrs Little declared an interest as a Governor of Edith Moorhouse School and in the Community College. Cllr Jobes declared an interest as a Governor of Edith Moorhouse School. Cllr Madden declared an interest as a School Governor. Cllrs Mrs Crossland and Howard declared an interest in planning as members of the District Council Planning Committee. Councillors on the CCC Management Company declared an interest in Item 34.

24 BASE 33

The Mayor welcomed Claire Dowan and Bel Ferguson from Base 33. Base 33 workers operate in Carterton 5 days and 4 evenings each week. The detached youth worker is funded by the WODC Community Safety Partnership. They have engaged with youngsters on 724 different occasions and gave details of a case involving a young pregnant girl. They work with

the PCSOs and Airplay and complement these organisations because they can help young people up to the age of 24. The summer programme of events costs a total of £15,000. Claire explained that they had links with other organisations and were able to signpost young people to more specialised help when necessary.

Councillors asked for details about how the grant they had applied for would be spent. There would be two outings, one to an indoor Skatepark at Corby and the other to London. Claire confirmed that the youngsters would be undertaking fundraising themselves.

RESOLVED that a Recreation Grant of £1,100 be made to Base 33. Cllr Mrs Crossland abstained.

25 ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC TO RAISE MATTERS

No matters were raised.

26 ADJOURNMENT FOR COUNTY COUNCILLORS TO RAISE MATTERS

OCC Cllr Owen said that changes were to be made to the way 'home to school' transport would be funded. Town Councillors warmly welcomed this news, which they felt would be of significant benefit to Carterton Community College. They asked Cllr Owen to actively note their support.

Apologies had been received from Cllr Handley

27 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.

28 PLANNING COMMITTEE

Council received the Minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 21 May and 4 June 2013. These were noted.

29 RECREATION COMMITTEE

Council received the Minutes of the meetings of the Recreation Committee held on 4 June 2013.

RESOLVED that the Recommendations be accepted.

30 OFFICES OF THE COUNCIL

Council received a paper on a number of issues concerning the offices of the Council including the length of time Councillors might serve as Mayor or Chairman of Committees and whether the Council should consider appointing a Leader as well as a Mayor. It was noted that the Mayor and Committee Chairmen were elected on an annual basis in a free vote and that all Councillors were able to vote for whoever they felt would best fill the position. Council agreed that it was inappropriate to appoint a Leader in a small Town Council. It was agreed that the Mayor should not Chair any of the Committees and that no Councillor should chair more than one committee.

RESOLVED that the Clerk should amend the Standing Orders to include the fact that the Mayor should not chair Committees and that no Councillor should chair more than one Committee.

31 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Financial Statement to 31 May 2013, set out at Annex 'B', was approved. A summary of Income and Expenditure by Budget Heading was also provided at Annex 'B'.

RESOLVED that the Town Mayor, Cllr Mrs Little, should be the new signatory for the Town Mayor's account.

32 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

33 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 for Item 34.

The meeting ended at 9.30 pm.

16 July 2013

Town Mayor

1. **Town Hall Extension.** The project is on time. I attach an updated copy of the table showing expenditure against budget. **Noted.**
2. **Baldwin Mews.** Ward Councillors will report once they have been able to visit the site. **The Councillors will make a formal report to the next meeting but suggested a walking train, white lining the car park, signs, and an informal parking area would all help.**
3. **Stopping up of Highways.** The Council is being consulted on proposals to stop up various roads and footpaths on REEMA North to allow the redevelopment of the area in accordance with the planning approval that has been granted. **Noted. WODC will be looking for alternative parking for repatriations.**
4. **Determination of Rurality of Carterton and surrounding towns and villages.** A consultation by NHS England (Thames Valley). To see attached. **Cllr Mrs Crossland said she would see if WODC could advise on the implications of urban and rural.**
5. **Carterton Youth Council.** Councillors will recall that when the Allandale was taken over by CTC, it was agreed that Carterton Youth Council should transfer from CTC to the Carterton Youth Service. We also had discussions with Graham Speke about how the Youth Council might sit alongside the Carterton Community Champions based at the College. OAYP and Airplay are, via the Allandale Youth Club, consulting the youngsters about the future of the Youth Council and will be in contact with CTC about the results after the summer break. **Cllr Coomber said he was working on setting up a Youth Forum. The Clerk said she would ask Airplay to ensure they consulted him.**
6. **Maintenance of trees.** Increasingly we are being approached to take on the maintenance of trees that are not on our land. Often we (and residents) are unable to establish who does own the land and residents are pressing us to take action. We have had a discussion with the Landscape and Forestry Officer from WODC. He suggests that small areas do not have a major significance in the wider scene and that legally we do not have powers to intervene, even if it is to make trees safe. There is also the question of whether we are willing to take on the long term maintenance by default. It would be very helpful to have the Council's view on whether we should take any action in the light of these views. **Councillors considered the pros and cons of taking on responsibility for areas not in their ownership. It was agreed that the matter should be referred to the Recreation Committee.**
7. **Forthcoming meetings and events for your diary:**

19 June	Highways Surgery at the Town Hall 10 am – 12 noon
24 June	Armed Forces Ceremony – Town Hall – 10am
2 July	Planning and Administration Committee meetings
14 July	Bandstand Concert – Hook Norton Brass Band
16 July	Planning and Council

