

January the Mayor had presented certificates to the RBL, and was pleased to say that £19,066.40 had been raised for the Poppy Appeal. The Mayor was joined by Council in offering a huge thank you to Cllr Mrs Dee Bulley and Mr Mike Bulley for their commitment and hard work in achieving such a fantastic amount of money.

The Mayor reminded Councillors of the Away Day this Saturday and asked that they let the Clerk know if they will be attending by the end of the week. The session will be designed as an opportunity to consider what each Councillor would like their town to look like in the future.

The Mayor took this opportunity to thank Cllr Handley for all his hard work regarding a fire station for Carterton, and to Cllr Mrs Dee Bulley for her input over many years.

116 ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC TO RAISE MATTERS

Members of the public present at the meeting had no further matters to raise.

117 ADJOURNMENT FOR COUNTY COUNCILLORS TO RAISE MATTERS

Cllr Owen reported that he had attended the Post 16 Education Consultation at Carterton Community College and had been disappointed that it was not better attended by residents.. The County Council will be setting their budget tomorrow. There is still some community funding available, and Cllr Owen asked that applications for grants be sent to him by the end of the month. Cllr Scott asked if he could investigate the severe flooding by the roundabout at Monahan way opposite the Sports Pavilion and Cllr Howard expressed concern about potholes.

Cllr Farmer suggested that the Council write to the County Council in support of a 6th form at the College, and that individual Councillors also express their views via the OCC website. Cllr Mrs Bulley expressed concern at the traffic now going through Brizewood due to the closure of Kilkenny Lane, and Cllr Owen said he would arrange for County Council officers to visit. Cllr Owen was thanked for his support of Carterton.

Cllr Handley reported on highways issues. OCC are aware of the problems at the Morrisons roundabout and the developers will be responsible for repair costs. There is a £16,000 Highway fund split between villages and Carterton, some of which will go towards overgrown hedges and trees along Richens Drive (£1,600) and 2 lime trees in the town centre will be cut back by 20% (£300). Cllr Handley reported that two spot lights on the new pedestrian crossing near to the RAF Camp are still not working, and that £675 will be spent on extra road markings there.

OCC are particularly aware of the potholes in Lawton Avenue, Milestone Road and Corbett Road, and the 'School' road marking in Lawton Avenue will be repainted. Cllr Handley felt the current school transport issue might help the 6th form consultation, and said that a decision will be made on 4 February.

Cllr Handley was thanked for his report and his continued support for the town..

118 PLANNING COMMITTEE

Council received the Minutes of the Meetings of the Planning Committee held on 3 December 2013 and 7 January 2014. These were noted.

119 RECREATION COMMITTEE

Council received the Minutes of the Recreation Committee held on 7 January 2014. These were noted.

120 BANDSTAND POWER SUPPLY

The previous quote for an above ground electric point at the Bandstand had been £1,200. However, the Clerk had spoken to the police and the District Council, and their view was that this option would not be adequate. The Clerk pointed out that two below ground power points were being organised for the new Market Square, at a cost of £2,250 each but with a discount for more than one, and that it might be possible for an additional one to be ordered for the Bandstand.

Council resolved to ask the Clerk to investigate the cost of a pop-up power supply for the Bandstand.

121 GRANTING OF EASEMENT OVER COUNCIL LAND

Scottish & Southern Energy had applied to the Council for approval of underground cabling between Beverley Crescent Substation and 60 Glenmore Road Substation.

Council resolved to approve the Heads of Terms.

122 MEMORIAL APPLICATION

The Clerk had received an application for a star-shaped headstone in the new extension at Black Bourton Cemetery. After discussion it was resolved to grant approval on the understanding that each individual case would be considered on its own merits.

123 TRANSFER OF EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS

The Clerk had circulated a report on the Transfer of Exclusive Rights of Burial and asked whether a fee of £30 would be reasonable for any Transfer and whether the Draft Information Leaflet could be agreed.

Council resolved to approve the new fee and to publicise this on the website.

124 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Financial Statement to 31 December 2013, set out at Annex 'B', was approved. Detailed Income and Expenditure to 31 December 2013 was also approved.

125 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Council RESOLVED that the Accounts for January be approved for payment. The ongoing cost of CCTV was queried, and the Clerk said that a CCTV meeting was imminent and she would be asking Councillors for their comments prior to that meeting.

126 RESERVES BALANCE

The Reserves were noted.

127 COMMUNICATIONS

(i) Cllr McBride gave an update on the community website. He thanked the sub-committee and the Assistant Town Clerk for all the work they had put into the website, together with assistance from the U3A. He was pleased to report that 539 visits had been paid to the website in December and six of those had been on Christmas Day!

(ii) The Town Clerk emphasised the need for Councillors to let her know when any matters arose that needed a Press Release.

128 BLACK BOURTON CEMETERY TREE PLANTING

Council was asked to consider two quotes for trees to be planted around the western hedge line of the Black Bourton Cemetery to replace those eaten by the cattle before the hedge had matured.

Council resolved to engage McCracken & Son Limited with the tree planting at the Cemetery.

The meeting ended at 9.10 pm.

18 February 2014

Town Mayor