

CARTERTON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE TOWN HALL
ON TUESDAY 20 MAY 2014
COMMENCING AT 7.45 PM

Present:	Cllr M Brennan	Cllr M McBride
	Cllr Mrs D V Bulley	Cllr P Madden
	Cllr R Crapper	Cllr Mrs M Mead
	Cllr Mrs L Delaney	Cllr Mrs N Miah
	Cllr H Howard	Cllr P Scott
	Cllr H Jobs	Cllr Mrs J Smith
	Cllr Mrs L Little	Cllr M Steward

Apologies: Cllr A Farmer

Officers: Mrs Caroline Ramsey - Town Clerk
Mrs Tan Marchant - Assistant Town Clerk

1 ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR

IT WAS RESOLVED that Cllr Mrs L Little be re-elected Town Mayor for the ensuing year. Cllr Mrs Little signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and thanked Council for her appointment. She said she would continue to seek to promote the interests of the town.

2 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR

IT WAS RESOLVED that Cllr H Jobs be re-appointed Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year. Cllr Jobs signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

4 RESIGNATION

The Mayor informed Council that Cllr Ashley Farmer had resigned as Town Councillor due to an increasing number of other commitments.

5 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 15 April 2014, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

6 PAST SUBJECT MATTERS FOR NOTING

- (i) Telephone System - the Clerk reported that 5 companies had submitted proposals for a new telephone system at the Town Hall and Cllr Jobs was sifting through the information.
- (ii) ARRG Tree Maintenance - the Clerk confirmed that Goodwood Tree Care would be responsible for general tree maintenance across the town and on the Alvescot Road Recreation Ground. Cllr Scott mentioned that overhanging trees in Black Bourton Road are obstructing CCTV cameras. The Clerk said that she would shortly be

walking round the town with PC Rich Barnes to look at all the CCTV cameras and check that they are in the best locations.

7 TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor said that it had been a quiet month. She had attended a meeting with the Group Captain of RAF Brize Norton and MP Anna Soubry to discuss funding coming to Carterton. She had attended local schools on a regular basis.

8 ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC TO RAISE MATTERS

No member of the public wished to speak.

9 ADJOURNMENT FOR COUNTY COUNCILLORS TO RAISE MATTERS

Cllrs Handley and Owen had given their apologies for the meeting. Cllr Handley had submitted a report which was tabled. In regard to the Strategic Housing Market Assessment and the estimated housing per annum in each district area, Councillors expressed concern about the additional traffic that would result from such development and the fact that the County Council does not seem to have an adequate policy about additional traffic caused by the expansion of RAF Brize Norton and the growing population of the town. It was pointed out that there are increasing problems at the town centre crossroads because of increased traffic; Cllr Howard said a Local Transport Plan meeting was coming up soon and these concerns could be addressed then.

10 PLANNING COMMITTEES

Council received the Minutes of the Meetings of the Planning Committee held on 15 April and 6 May 2014. These were noted.

11 EVENTS WORKING GROUP

Council received the Minutes of the Events Working Group held on 1 May 2014. These were approved.

12 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS & COMMITTEE ALLOCATIONS

An updated Calendar of Meetings for 2014/15 was circulated at the meeting.

13 PEAR TECHNOLOGY MAPPING SOFTWARE

The Clerk explained how useful this technology would be for not only plotting Town Council land, street furniture, litter and dog bins, etc. but also for the development of a Master Plan or Neighbourhood Plan.

Council RESOLVED that the quotation from Pear Technology be accepted, with the addition of offsite training.

14 GRANT APPLICATION

An application for grant had been received from Lights Up, a Memory Club being established in Carterton to support those living with Dementia. Lights Up is a free club for people with dementia and memory problems and also supports their families, friends and carers.

It was noted that the Memory Club would not open until June 2014 and it was therefore agreed that the application be reconsidered in September unless the Club become desperate for money in the meantime. Cllr Steward suggested that the Clerk find out who the contact is for the Club, who is on the committee, and how they will be funded in years to come.

15 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Financial Statement to 30 April 2014, set out at Annex 'A', was approved. A summary of income and expenditure was also approved.

16 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Council RESOLVED that the Accounts for April at Annex 'B' be approved for payment.

17 COMMUNICATIONS

The Clerk emphasised the need for Councillors to let her know when any matters arose that needed a Press Release. She said that the PICK Magazine is proving to be an excellent medium for publicising the work of the Council but it does need to be distributed to every home, and the cost of this is currently being investigated.

18 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 10.00 p.m.

1 July 2014

Town Mayor