

CARTERTON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE TOWN HALL
ON TUESDAY 21 APRIL 2015
COMMENCING AT 7.30 PM

Present:	Cllr Mrs L Little	Town Mayor
	Cllr H Jobes	Deputy Mayor
	Cllr M Brennan	Cllr Mrs M Mead
	Cllr Mrs D V Bulley	Cllr Mrs N Miah
	Cllr Miss S Coul	Cllr P Scott (from Item 123)
	Cllr R Crapper	Cllr Mrs J Smith
	Cllr M McBride	Cllr M Steward
	Cllr P Madden	Cllr D Wesson

Apologies: Cllr Mrs L Delaney

Officer: Mrs Tan Marchant - Assistant Town Clerk

At the commencement of the meeting, the Mayor presented Cllr Roger Crapper, Vice-Chairman of the Carterton Educational Trust, with a cheque for £500. The Trust was one of the Mayor's nominated charities during 2014/15.

119 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

120 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 17 April 2015, copies of which had been previously circulated, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

121 TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor said she would like to record the Council's thanks to Cllr Mrs Lisa Delaney for all her help and support whilst a member of the Town Council, and to Cllr Heath Jobes for all his hard work and support over the last four years. She also gave a personal thank you to Cllr Jobes for the support he gave to her in his role as Deputy Mayor of Carterton.

On 20th March the Mayor received a cash donation from Cpl Anne-Marie Bannerman of 47 Sqn for the Carterton Community Food bank. On 24th March she attended 30 Sqn's Centenary celebration and reception held in the Voyager hanger and afterwards at the Sgts Mess. She had the honour of being presented to Princess Anne, Honorary Air Commodore of RAF Brize Norton.

On 26th March the Mayor attended the repatriation of Pte Jay Lee Sawyer along with Councillors and members of the community. On Saturday 18th April she, with Cllrs Peter Madden and Mick Brennan, supported the Help for Heroes Walkers as they stopped off in Carterton as part of their countrywide walk.

Finally, the Mayor gave her thanks to all the Councillors who gave their support and attended meetings with our external key stakeholders regarding the Carterton Master Plan. She was

also happy to report that she has been able to talk to the Chief Executive of the Co-op regarding the lease of Blockbusters and had spoken to the agents of the lease for Chic-o-Land.

122 ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC TO RAISE MATTERS

The member of the public present did not wish to speak.

123 ADJOURNMENT FOR COUNTY COUNCILLORS TO RAISE MATTERS

Cllr Neil Owen and Cllr Peter Handley had both given their apologies for the meeting.

124 PLANNING COMMITTEE

Council received the Minutes of the Meetings of the Planning Committee held on 17th March and 7th April 2015. These were noted.

125 ECONOMIC REGENERATION COMMITTEE

Council received the Minutes of the Economic Regeneration Committee held on 12th March 2015. As far as the sale of the Bags for Life is concerned, it was queried whether VAT would be chargeable. The Assistant Clerk said she would investigate this. The Minutes were then APPROVED.

126 AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Council received the Minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting held on 7th April 2015. Cllr Brennan was asked if he had anything to report on the improvement of the stalls and he said he was still looking into it. The Minutes were then APPROVED.

127 MARKET MEETING

Council received the Minutes of the Market Meeting held on 9th April 2015. The proposed Market Agreement was agreed, with the addition of a clause stating that the Town Council will receive recompense for any damage to the Market Square. The Minutes were then APPROVED.

128 APPLICATION FOR GRANT

An application had been received for s137 grant funding from the Oxfordshire Play Association. The purpose of the grant was to host an activity event in Carterton following the success of their play and activity days held on the Alvescot Road Recreation Ground in 2012 and 2013. This year the event will take place on the new Market Square on Saturday 18th July.

Councillors felt that this was a very positive venture to support and a grant of £1,000 was unanimously APPROVED.

129 SEATING AROUND CARTERTON

A report had previously been circulated about the poor condition of much of the outdoor seating around the town. Council felt that this item should be passed to the Amenities Committee at its next meeting for discussion and approval.

130 CARTERTON MASTER PLAN

The Mayor was pleased to report that the Carterton Master Plan is now complete. A copy has been given to the District Council for their observations, and the first presentation of the Plan will be at the Annual Parish Meeting on 12th May 2015 at St John's Church. The Master Plan was APPROVED but Cllr Miss Coul asked that her disagreement with the lack of formal consultation of the Plan with the public be noted. Cllr Crapper paid tribute to the Mayor for all the hard work she had put into getting the Plan to this point.

There was a discussion about the need for more copies of the Plan and a decision on how and when it will be presented to the public. It was agreed that a small working party meet at the Town Hall on Monday 27th April to discuss how to take the Master Plan forward.

131 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Financial Statement to 31 March 2015, set out at Annex A, was APPROVED. Detailed Income & Expenditure to 31 March 2015 was also APPROVED.

132 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Council RESOLVED that the Accounts for Payment for April 2015, set out at Annex B, be APPROVED for payment. Debit Card transactions, set out at Annex C, were Noted.

133 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.

134 FARMERS MARKET MEETING - Confidential item.

135 ALLANDALE CENTRE MEETING - Confidential item.

136 BLACK BOURTON CEMETERY - Confidential item.

137 WILLOW MEADOWS - MAINTENANCE - Confidential item.

138 EXTRAORDINARY MEETING - Confidential item.

139 HR UPDATE - Confidential item.

The meeting ended at 9.15 p.m.

19 May 2015

Town Mayor