

CARTERTON TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE TOWN HALL  
ON TUESDAY 16 JUNE 2015  
COMMENCING AT 7.50 PM

Present:	Cllr Mrs L Little -	Town Mayor
	Cllr M McBride -	Deputy Mayor
	Cllr R Brooks	Cllr Mrs M Mead
	Cllr Mrs D V Bulley	Cllr D Melvin
	Cllr Miss S Coul	Cllr P Scott
	Cllr R Crapper	Cllr M Steward
	Cllr Mrs C Delaney	Cllr Mrs C Wilson
	Cllr N Leverton	

Apologies: Cllr M Brennan, Cllr Mrs J Smith

Absent: Cllr Mrs N Miah

Officer: Mrs Tan Marchant - Assistant Town Clerk

#### 15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

#### 16 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 19 May 2015, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as a true record - with the correction of 24 years service for Peter Madden rather than 34 - and signed by the Mayor.

#### 17 TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor started her announcements by wishing Cllr Mrs Mead birthday congratulations for tomorrow. The Mayor then explained that the absence of Cllr M Brennan was due to an unexpected close family funeral in Belfast, unfortunately followed by a serious accident involving him and his wife. The Assistant Clerk will organise a good wishes card to be sent from the Council.

The Mayor reported that she and other councillors had supported the public display of the Masterplan on 21 and 27 May, and she particularly wanted to thank Cllr Mrs Mead for her support. On 6<sup>th</sup> June the Mayor had attended the Ride for the Fallen event on the Alvescot Road Recreation Ground. She had attended a Civic Service in Bicester and another in Henley. In the last week she had attended an event in Fairford and the same evening went to Dorchester Abbey for the annual Mayors and Chairs Reception. Last Saturday she had attended the Abingdon Civic Service.

Finally, the Mayor read out a letter of resignation from Cllr Mrs Jo Smith. Cllr Mrs Little asked that the Council's thanks to Jo be recorded in the Minutes and was pleased to report that Jo would like to continue to be a member of the Events Sub-Committee.

## 18 ADJOURNMENT FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO RAISE MATTERS

Mr David Wesson asked the Council to pass on his good wishes to Cllr Brennan for a speedy recovery.

## 19 ADJOURNMENT FOR COUNTY COUNCILLORS TO RAISE ISSUES

Cllr Neil Owen passed on his congratulations to the new Councillors present. He said that Cllr Handley was not well and had given his apologies. Cllr Owen said that there will be another OCC budget in late July. The cabinet will come up with savings plans for approval, followed by public consultation in September. Cuts are likely to be as severe as ever and are likely to impinge on children's services and highways. Cllr McBride referred to Cllr Owen's report at a previous meeting that 50% of the OCC budget goes on 2% of the population and asked for a breakdown of these figures.

Councillors raised a number of queries, including the dirtiness of roundabouts in the town, flooding at the end of Brownes Lane, potholes on the Carterton South Industrial Estate and the state of the road at Brizewood. Cllr Owen said he would be meeting with the Area Steward, Ian Clarke, in the next two weeks, and would take up all of these matters with him.

Cllr Owen was thanked for his report.

## 20 PLANNING COMMITTEE

Council received the Minutes of the Meetings of the Planning Committee held on 19<sup>th</sup> May and 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2015. These were noted.

## 21 AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Council received the Minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2015. It was agreed that Item 7 be amended to include the cost of £1,150 + VAT for the reconditioning of the parquet flooring at the Town Hall, and that a Recommendation for Approval by Full Council also be included. This Recommendation was then APPROVED.

## 22 EVENTS SUB-COMMITTEE

The Notes of the Meeting of the Events Sub-Committee held on 10 June 2015 were tabled. The Chairman reported that Phil Lewis from the Siege of Orleans has agreed to sponsor Santa's Grotto at the Christmas Lights this year and will also provide a wooden grotto. Cllr Scott asked about arrangements for the lights and the Chairman said that a meeting will be held with Blachere Illuminations in the near future. The Minutes of the meeting were NOTED.

## 23 REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Council received an application for grant funding under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 from the Base 33 Youth Charity. Members agreed that Base 33 was a very worthwhile organisation for local children in Carterton.

Council APPROVED a grant of £1,000 to Base 33.

24 PICK MAGAZINE

Jill Rayner of Fyne Associates, based in Faringdon, had given an earlier presentation to Council concerning the production of a high quality, full-colour, 36-page magazine containing local news and advertising, delivered to every household in the town on a quarterly basis. Councillors had a number of reservations, including the proportion of advertising within the publication, the need for a good mix of interesting contents, and whether the cost would be affected if housing development within the town continues to grow. Cllr Miss Coul suggested that further quotes be sought from other companies before a decision is made.

25 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

26 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Council RESOLVED that the Accounts for Payment for June 2015, set out at Annex B, be APPROVED for payment.

27 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.

28 RECRUITMENT OF TOWN CLERK

Confidential item.

The meeting ended at 9.00 p.m.

21 July 2015

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Town Mayor