

Adopted Minutes CARLTON-ON-TRENT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 26th June 2012 commencing at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Mrs R Whate (Chairman), Mr T Cooper, Mrs J Clark, Mr N Fletcher , Mr K Smith , Mrs F Jerome, Mrs M Eley, Mrs S Beresford (Clerk). Mr B Laughton and Mrs C Rose (arrived late) and 2 members of the public

1. **Apologies for Absence:** none
2. **Declaration of interest on items on the agenda.- None**
3. **To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on Tuesday 1st May 2012.**

Mr Fletcher asked for item 8h to be amended as he did not state that the extraction of minerals plan would not affect Carlton-on-Trent, as there has been no planning application as yet.

Item 14 a- Rose arbour for the Church yard should have been put on the agenda.

Other than the above, all agreed a true record- proposed by Mrs Whate and seconded by Mr Cooper

To approve the minutes of the extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 29th May 2012. All agreed a true record, proposed by Mr Fletcher, seconded by Mrs Clark.

Mr Cooper then stated that as the PC has just approved these minutes as a true record that he would like to bring something up. Within one hour of the end of meeting held on 29th May 2012 Mr Copper was harassed by two members of the public asking if certain information, from the meeting, that they had received was correct. The information received was NOT correct. Mr Cooper asked all present to ensure that as Parish Councillors we only pass on factual information that is a true and just record of items discussed. This will then prevent the type of unpleasant situation from occurring that Mr Cooper was party to on the evening of 29th May 2012.

4. **10 minute open forum for members of the public**

The PC meeting temporarily closed at 19.35pm to allow the open forum. One member of the public stated that the bus stop on the B1164 South bound carriageway was overgrown. The Clerk will contact the landowners of the fields backing onto the carriageway to ask for this to be cut back. Mrs Clark has ascertained that the land belongs to Mr William Feare and she had spoken to him. However he did not think he could cut the hedge at the present time due to bird nesting. The Clerk will send letters to Mr Feare and Mr Vere-Laurie, the second land owner.

Mr Graham Coutts, from 6 Park Farm Cottages also attended the meeting later whereby the forum was opened up again for this item.

Mr Coutts would like to start up a village Defibrillator scheme and could provide, in his professional role, "start up" training. Mr Coutts thought that we could have a Defibrillator in a code protected cabinet with the person's trained

provided with the code to access the equipment. The cost of a Defibrillator would have to be met by the village. Mr Coutts was thanked for bringing this item onto the agenda.

Due the rural location of the village all agreed in theory this would be very useful. Mrs Jerome and Mr Fletcher stated that they are in the process of training as Community Volunteers and would contact that organisation to see if funding for Defibrillators was available The Clerk will contact North Muskhams Parish Council as they have started a successful Defibrillator scheme in the village. This item will go on the agenda of the next meeting. The PC meeting opened again at 19.50.

5. Matters arising from previous minutes

a) Highways issues

There are some potholes on Church Lane which have been painted around again but still not filled in. The Clerk has been sent a HAMS number for the damaged tarmac on Church Lane, the potholes and the Culvert rubbish on the slip road to the A1. The Litter hot spot team from the District Council attended the location yet some 5 minutes later they had left without clearing all the rubbish. The Clerk will contact Ron Dawes again.

b) Winter Service update- Restocking

The yellow bin on Castle Hill will be refilled at public expense and the Clerk will ask Highways to do this. The blue bin will need the PC to fund the refilling. Those present discussed this and Mrs Clark asked again for a blue bin to be sited up near to the Old North Road. County Councillor Bruce Laughton asked the Clerk to write to him and he would once again fund the new bin and the cost of the replacement grit for the blue bin in the village. The Clerk will get a definitive costing from either Mr Fletcher or Mr Whate for replacement grit to send to Bruce Laughton. Mr Laughton was thanked by the Chairman. The Clerk will also firstly contact Highways to gain permission to site a new blue bin at this end of the village.

c) Crime Figures up to the end of May 2012

Mr Smith stated that these had not come through as yet. However, as the Police are now sending detailed newsletters out, perhaps we should not be troubling the PCSOs for the additional breakdown. We are also getting the regular updates from the Police.

d) Website development

The web address has now been advertised although there are some teething issues loading information onto the site. The Clerk has been for training with Mrs Jerome although even after a couple of hours spent trying to load information she still failed to load successfully.

e) Environmental Weight limit for the village

The signs informing motorists of the weight limit have not yet gone up. Mr Laughton, County Councillor present, stated that these are imminent. Until the signs are up the weight limit is not enforceable. Mr Smith stated that he is trying to find out the reporting procedure. Trading standards now deal with breaches of weight limits and Mr Laughton gave Mr Smith the contact details of Paul McKee, the Senior Office at Trading Standards to talk to.

f) PEARS application update

The application will now be heard at the September planning meeting. Several different Environmental health issues have been raised as a result of this application and lots of work being done. There has been a complaint by a Member of the public from Carlton-on-Trent regarding the very smelly lorries coming down the main road and Mrs Rose informed those present that these should be reported. Mrs Rose will send the contact numbers for reporting the odour and spillages and details of such can go in the newsletter for residents to report.

g) Feedback from NSS Local Improvement Scheme event

Mrs Whate attended this event on 15th May at the Showground. We can apply for money to fund different local improvements including signs. The County Council has set aside £3 million for improvement schemes. One suggestion would be for a pictorial sign at the entrance to the village to commemorate the Queens Jubilee. The project will require a small working group to get together to put together a proposal, the time frame only gives us until September 28th 2012. Mrs Jerome will put a section in the next newsletter to gain the villagers views and we will discuss at the next PC meeting- item for the agenda.

h) Jubilee Commemoration

The Clerk and Chairman had received an email from one of the villagers asking if we could commemorate the Queens Jubilee with a rose arch around St Marys Church gate. There is a special rose grown specifically for the Jubilee, the Clerk will investigate costings. The Clerk will contact the PCC secretary to see if the Church would be in favour. The Chairman had also been informed of a member of the public who would care for and tend the rose.

6. Adoption of the new Code of Conduct

The details for this placed in the pack but the Code has not yet been adopted by the District Council so this item will have to go on the agenda for the next available meeting.

7. Lengthsman Scheme

It appears that many of the other villages are interested along and around the vicinity of the A1. The Clerk is currently getting two streams of emails and information. The most practical stream involves the setting up of a meeting by

Stephen Tipping from the County Council; this meeting date has not yet been decided but is in the process. Mr Laughton informed those present that the County Council will take on the Insurance costs initially. Mr Cooper stated that he had spoken with Ian Harrison from North Muskham PC who is keen to join. Mr Cooper and Mrs Jerome will attend the meeting to represent the PC and gain information to bring to the next full meeting. The Clerk will let them know as soon as a meeting date is organised.

8. General Correspondence

- a) Publications allocations and development consultation- Mrs Jerome to skim through to see if there are any sections relevant for Carlton-on-Trent
- b) All other correspondence put in the pack for Councillors to peruse.

9. Financial Matters

- a) Payment of Village Hall fees
The sum of £6.00 proposed by Mr K Smith and seconded by Mrs R Whate.
- b) Payment Clerks wages and expenses
£508.87 proposed by Mrs Clark and seconded by Mrs Eley. Mrs Rose to speak with the Clerk at Sutton-on-Trent about the PAYE issues, until then to continue declaring the salary when filling out annual return.
- c) Request for financial support- Busy Bees Pre- school
The request for financial support generated discussion among the Parish Councillors and clearly evoked contentious opinions. One Parish Councillor argued that it is very difficult for them to get additional money however some Parish Councillors did not approve of donating to this cause. Mrs Whate proposed we give £20, seconded by Mr Cooper, 5 in favour and 2 against, therefore a donation of £20 given to Busy Bees.
- d) Grit for Blue box
Bruce Laughton offered to provide financial assistance from his Electoral expenses account. Mr Laughton was thanked by the Chair and the Clerk will write to him formally.
- e) Completion of the Internal Audit
The Internal audit has been completed by Zoe Beach and the audit documentation sent off to the External auditors. The Clerk will write a thank you card to Zoe for her time and efforts.

10. Planning Issues.

- a) Decisions Made
Householder application for the erection of two storey rear extension- the White Cottage- APPROVED
- b) Applications to discuss
 - a) **Variation of planning permission condition- to 60 metre Wind mast-**

Originally planning permission was granted for the wind mast to be situated for 2 years. This application is asking to extend the time for another 2 years. All present discussed the application and some members of the PC stated that villagers find the red light on the top of the mast intrusive. The Parish Council originally supported the installation of the wind mast for 2 years; however, the wind turbine that was the follow on application is now in situ. Therefore the PC cannot see the need for the mast to be sited for a further two years. The PC and the village have tolerated the mast for 2 years despite some finding it a source of light pollution. The PC question the validity of gathering more data when sufficient data must have been gained in order for the turbine to be approved. The PC cast a vote with 5 Councillors against and 2 supporting the application. Therefore the PC elected not to support the extension of wind mast on the grounds of pollution to the landscape and unnecessary data requirement. The landscape is also negatively impacted by the large wind turbine.

c) Other planning business- None

11. Health and Safety Inspections

Mr Smith will check all assets and report back to the next meeting

12. Items to include on the next agenda

Matters arising

Noise from the A1 carriage way- affecting houses/Barriers and Bank/buffers etc

Flood bank situation update

13. Any other business

- a) **Noise from the A1 Carriageway-** The village has for some time endured high levels of carriageway noise. The PC should perhaps investigate barrier sound buffering. To put on the next agenda and Mrs Rose, in the meantime will speak to the Noise abatement department at NSDC to see if levels can be taken.
- b) **NCC Mobile Library-** The Parish Council was told of very unreliable library services to the village and provided with a breakdown of the year indicating where the library did not come or fail to inform residents that it was not coming. The Clerk will contact the County Council with the complaint.
- c) **Public Footpath at the back of Park Cottages-** The Clerk to ask for a new public footpath sign at the back of Park Farm Cottages onto Old Bell lane.

11. Date of Next Meeting-Tuesday 7th August 2012

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 21.35pm.