

CARLTON-ON-TRENT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 15th April 2010 commencing at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Lt Col G.E Vere-Laurie (Chairman), Mrs R Whate (Vice- Chairman), Mr T Cooper , Mrs J Clark , Mr N Walton, Mrs C Rose (District Councillor), Mrs S Beresford (Clerk).

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Mr C Hemstock, Mrs L Wells-Pope, Mr B Laughton
2. **Declaration of interest on items on the agenda.**
Lt Col G.E.Vere-Laurie declared an interest in the Item 7H- footpath No 5B diversion
3. **To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 24th February 2010** The minutes, having been circulated and read, were declared to be a true record although the date required amendment- the Clerk brought with her a new copy of the minutes with the correct date insertion. Mrs Whate also declared that she too attended the flood meeting. Proposed by Mr T Cooper and seconded by Mrs R Whate.
4. **Matters arising from the Minutes.**

a) Highways issues

The potholes on Ossington Lane require attention and the Clerk to write to ask for a review.

The Carlton-on-Trent news letters have been distributed and will include in the future editions a section on Highways issues.

b) Remedi Church Yard Maintenance

There has been no progress and the grass is growing rapidly and needs attention. The Clerk will attempt to contact the Remedi organisation once again to see if any further progress can be made.

c) Telephone Kiosk refurbishment

The work will start at the end of this week. The Clerk will contact Mr Laughton about a possibility of a notice board that the County Council are providing free of charge. Those present discussed the size required and it transpired that the notice boards offered by the County Council are too large for the purpose of sitting within the Telephone kiosk.

d) Erratic Postal deliveries

Mrs Rose has recently spoken to Patrick Mercers secretary regarding this postal issue which it appears is a county wide problem in rural areas. It was agreed that this issue will be taken up again after the General election at the beginning of May when more time can be given to the issue. The Chairman thanked Mrs Rose for her efforts in trying to solve this issue.

e) Flood Defences

The news letter has now been distributed to all residents asking for photographs demonstrating floods within the village. The Clerk will collate these and send to Russell Smith of the Environment Agency. Mr Cooper informed those present that the flow restrictor work has now been completed at the culvert

g) Style on the Footpath- Ferry Lane

Mr Walton informed the Parish Council that he would make right the style repairs on this footpath.

h) Waste bin requiring attention- Church Lane

Mrs Whate inspected the bin and informed those present that the plastic coating was a little tatty but the bin itself was robust.

5. General Correspondence

a) Consultation on developer contributors for strategic infrastructure- Newark and Sherwood District Council- improvements to Highways network

This is mainly in respect of large developments- Highways will require developers to contribute to the highways infrastructure. It does not affect Carlton-on-Trent.

b) Local Improvement scheme.

The Clerk informed those present that the County Council are providing either a seat or notice board free of charge. Following a discussion, there is no available site for a seat and the notice board provided is too large for the purpose required.

c) County Council Civic Service

The date and response slip to be inserted in the Correspondence pack in case one of the members was able to attend.

d) Newark and Sherwood District Council scheme of delegation

If the Parish Council agrees, the planning delegated officer at Kelham Hall can make a decision which will mean that the planning application does not go to planning committee.

e) And f) Best Kept village Competition and Valerie Gillespie Award

The Parish Council was disappointed with the response last year so therefore it was agreed not to enter this year. There was no obvious entrant for the Valerie Gillespie Award.

f) See above

g) Training seminar- Employment issues- no one available to attend

h) Carlton-on-Trent Footpath- No 5B

The Chairman- Lt Col G E Vere-Laurie abstained from discussions after previously expressing an interest in this item.

All present perused the plan of the proposed diversion and following a brief discussion unanimously agreed to support the diversion. Proposed by Mrs R Whate and seconded by Mrs J Clark.

i) Community Safety Liaison Group

Mrs Rose informed those present that she sometimes attends and will do if there are any issues to bring up on behalf of the Parish Council.

j) Briefing note on local authority publicity in the run up to the General election

All publicity materials will be non-biased politically.

k) Grassthorpe Level Crossing

The proposal presented would be to close the crossing overnight except during Harvest periods. All present could not see any detrimental effect this would have on local residents. The Clerk will write to Network rail regarding the lengthy delays at the crossing on the main line.

l) Correspondence from Mr and Mrs P Eley

The Clerk has received an email from Mr and Mrs Eley expressing their complaints regarding the new bus stop, particularly the dangerous south bound stop. The Clerk will write to Notts County Council- Mr Watson and ask that the Parish Council views be taken into consideration and also to ask that the verges and footpath be trimmed.

m) Community Emergency Plan Template

The Clerk and Mr Cooper will take away and read the document and get together at some stage to complete the electronic plan template.

Financial Matters

n) Payment of Village Hall fees

£10 proposed by Mr T Cooper and seconded by Mrs J Clark

o) Invoice for Dog waste bin emptying

The sum of £66.10 proposed by Mr T Cooper and seconded by Mr N Walton. The service level agreement was proposed by Mr Cooper to once weekly emptying over the summer, seconded by Mr N Walton.

p) Parish Council accounts and Internal Audit

The accounts will be reviewed and approved by the Parish Council at the next meeting. The Parish Council considered who may be approached in the village to internally audit the accounts. Mr Cooper agreed to speak to Mr Harrup initially to see if he was willing.

6. Planning Issues.

a) Decisions Made

None

b) Applications to discuss

None

7. Items to include on the next agenda.

Matters arising

8. Any other business

- a) **Fly tipping-** There is a concentrated amount of waste tipped down Back Lane. There are also signs of continued fly tipping on the County Council lay-by. Mr Walton agreed to erect a “no fly tipping “sign at the Lay-by. If the waste tipping continues down Back Lane, the Clerk to write to local residents to ask them to be vigilant.

11. Date of Next Meeting- 29TH April 2010 – which will be the Annual Village Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 21.05pm.