

CARLTON-ON-TRENT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 20th May 2004 commencing at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Mr R. Boothroyd (Chairman), Mrs C. Fitzpatrick (Vice-Chairman), Mrs A. O'Brien, Mr E. Holland, Lt Col G E Vere-Laurie, Mr C.N Hemstock, Mrs C Rose (District Councillor), Mrs S.Beresford (Clerk), Four members of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence: Mr B Laughton (County Councillor)

2. Declaration of interest on items on the agenda.

There were no items on the agenda that required a declaration an interest. Lt Col. G E Vere-Laurie declared the agenda lacking in detail. The Clerk to note this for future amendment.

3. To approve the minutes of the Annual Village Meeting and Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 18th March 2004 and the extraordinary meeting held on Thursday 30th March 2004.

The minutes having been circulated and read were declared a true record. Apologies to Mr Holland, who did not receive his copy of the minutes prior to the meeting. The Clerk agreed to post these in future.

4. Matters arising from the minutes.

a) **Co-option of Additional Parish Councillor.**

Mr Jonathan Fairhurst attended the Meeting and following a brief discussion, agreed to be formally co-opted on to the Parish Council. Following a unanimous vote, Mr Fairhurst joined the remaining Parish Councillors at the table. The Clerk provided Mr Fairhurst with a document in order to declare his interests.

b) **Replacement Village Seat.**

The Parish Councillors discussed the option of purchasing a replacement seat locally to maintain keeping with the present amenities. The Clerk to write to David Pykett, The Chestnuts, Old Great North Road, Carlton-on-Trent. Other potential local firms included Manor Fencing and Sid Paver at Southwell. The Clerk to discuss quotes with Mrs Fitzpatrick and all present agreed to proceed with the purchase as soon as possible.

c) **Highways Issues- Potholes and Flooding.**

The Clerk to write once again to the Highways department concerning the serious potholes down Ferry Lane towards the river and also on Church Lane. The County Council have recently corresponded with the Parish Council to state that an "assessment" is in process. All Parish Councillors

agreed that the flooding issue has been a problem and has been largely untouched for a decade.

The litter collection has been carried out by the District Council however an inspection will take place to ensure that the larger items that had been dumped have also been removed, especially on Ossington Road.

Mrs C Fitzpatrick and Mrs C. Rose attended a meeting at Lowdham Village Hall on Wednesday 19th May entitled The Trent Fluvial Strategy. The meeting provided an opportunity for Parish Council representatives to hear speakers from the Environment Agency and Nottinghamshire County Council outlining the proposals for the implications of the Trent Fluvial Strategy. This process is currently under consultation, lasting until 1st July 2004. The main components of the Trent Fluvial Strategy include various preferred flood management options.

Some of the options put forward include:

Creating a single forum to deliver solutions to Flood risk management
Putting into place a detailed floor-level and threshold survey in the high risk areas

Considering a formalised Flood Warden Scheme

At the Lowdham meeting a heated discussion ensued regarding the modelling/mapping exercises that the risk areas are categorised and that this classification will cause household insurance premiums to raise. The Clerk also reports, from correspondence received, that the University of Nottingham is also looking at sophisticated techniques to establish real threats from flooding along the Trent valley.

d) **Silver Birch Trees**

Mr R. Boothroyd formally expressed an interest in this item on the agenda after ascertaining that the trees in question were situated next to his property. Mr Boothroyd had already had discussions with the County and District Councils regarding re-trimming of these trees. A discussion ensued regarding the optimum height of these trees in order to prevent telephone wires from interference and the shielding effect that these trees provides the neighbouring properties.

Mr Boothroyd left the meeting following this agenda item.

5. Financial Matters

a) **Statement of Accounts 2003/2004.**

The Clerk briefly presented the completed year-end of accounts and the cash book. These were accepted as a true record and signed by Mrs C Fitzpatrick.

b) **Audit of Accounts**

Mrs C. Fitzpatrick spoke of a local accountant, Mr Andrew Derry of Norwell who may be willing to Audit the accounts

c) **Receipts and Payments.**

There were no receipts and no items for payment.

c) **Clerks Contract of Employment**

The revised contract of Employment was accepted as a true record and signed by the Clerk and Mrs C Fitzpatrick.

d) **Parish Council Insurance**

The Clerk to liaise directly with Cornhill Insurance to determine the Parish Councils position regarding next years estimation.

6. Health and Safety Inspections.

There have been no reports of any Health and Safety Issues. Mr Boothroyd to confirm, at the next meeting, that the inspection has taken place.

7. Street Lighting.

Where new lighting is to be erected, the Parish council to investigate the option of decorative lighting stands to gradually replace the existing standard issue. This item to be moved to the next meeting agenda.

8. Planning Issues

a) **Decisions Made**

- i) *Demolish Existing Garage and Replace with new Garage- Old Post Office Cottage- **Approved.***
- j) *Change of use to a nursery including sales to the public-walled garden to north of Carlton Hall- **Approved.***
- k) *Change of use to residential-The Old Butchers House- **Approved***
- l) *Proposed Conservatory- The Spinney, Old Bell Lane- **Approved.***

b) **Applications**

- a) *Application for Certificate of lawful use for the continues use of the former stables as a dwelling, Rear of Old Butchers Shop-*

All present agreed with the application statement of residential use of the first floor within the last ten years, therefore the application approved by the Parish Council.

b) **Outcome of Planning Appeal**

The appeal by Mr C J Macleod, Site at land to the rear of Carlton House, Old north Road, Carlton-on-Trent – **Appeal dismissed.**

9) Correspondence;

- a) Best Kept Village Competition – The Parish Council declined to enter this year.
- b) Parish/district Community Safety Liaison Group- The Clerk agreed to attend the meetings as the Parish Council representative.
- c) Village Hall Committee- Mrs C Fitzpatrick was nominated to continue her position as Parish Council representative. The Clerk to write to Richard Inglis to confirm this.

The remaining correspondence was displayed for all Parish Councillors to peruse.

10) Items for inclusion in the next agenda.

Drains and Flooding
Street Lighting
Bench

11. Any other business

a) Noise from the A1

The Parish Councillors discussed the historical significance of the scheme that the village was once signed up to. The A1 is particularly noisy 24 hours per day and is creating a major impact on the village. The resurfacing work is due to commence this financial year to generate a quiet road surface. Several other villages have reported significant differences. Mrs C Rose agreed to investigate funding aspects in order to determine if work will be scheduled this year.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.35
Date of Next Meeting **Thursday 2nd September 2004 at 7.30pm**