

CARLTON-ON-TRENT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of
Carlton-on-Trent Parish Council held in
The Village Hall, Main Street, Carlton on Trent on

Tuesday 7th July 2015 at 7.30pm

Present:

Cllr T Cooper (Chair), Cllr N Fletcher (Vice-Chair), Cllr J Clark, Cllr M Eley, Cllr F Jerome, Cllr M Martin, Cllr R Whate, C Cllr B Laughton, D Cllr S Michael and T Grimes (Clerk) plus 1 member of the public

1) To consider any apologies for absence

None

2) To receive any declarations of interest in items on the agenda

MM declared an interest in the payment of clerk's wages.

ME declared an interest in the planning application 15/0866/FUL.

3) To accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held Tuesday 12th May 2015

The minutes were approved and signed by the chair as a true record of the meeting.

4) To accept the minutes of the extraordinary meeting held Tuesday 2nd June 2015

The minutes were approved and signed by the chair as a true record of the meeting.

5) 10 minute open forum to receive questions and comments from members of the public

a) Overhanging trees on Ferry Lane and Back Lane (JC)

JC had received complaints about the overhanging trees on Carlton Lane (Back Lane) and Ferry Lane causing vehicles to go onto the opposite verge to avoid damage. In turn this was breaking down the edge of the tarmac and creating a dip in the verge. JC mentioned this to Mike Keeling when he visited the village and he agreed to contact the owners of several trees causing similar problems throughout the village.

b) Grass verges on the cross roads and Castle Hill (JC)

JC also received complaints about the grass verges being overgrown. Mike looked at these on his visit and agreed to get his team out to cut the edges. CC BL confirmed that they only cut a 1m strip most of the time but every three years they cut the full verge to keep Ragwort down.

TC was informed that the footpath opposite the village hall was inaccessible due to being too overgrown. This was reported to Stephen Tipping and his team is due to visit and resolve the matter. A broken gate catch on the footpath in Carlton Lane was also reported.

6) To note any matters arising from the minutes of 3rd March 2015 and 26th March 2015

a) Interactive speed sign (TG)

The sign has been turned round and calibrated so it is now in full working order.

b) Change of Website (TG)

The clerk has registered with Hugo Fox and the website should change over before the next meeting. The clerk has set up a dedicated email carltonontrentpc@mail.com which will launch at the same time as the website and has also donated 10 years use of the domain name www.carltonontrentpc.org.uk for the web site.

c) Rubbish on the route to Cromwell (TG)

The rubbish was reported and Jill Ridge agreed to send someone out but noted that NSDC do not clear culverts. NF informed the meeting that the Inland Drainage Board will respond to reports concerning the Beck.

Mike Keeling responded to the request to provide a litter bin for the South of the village by saying that Highways would not fund it but would supply a post at £100. CC BL offered to pay for this.

7) To receive updates on any District & County Councillor matters

CC BL informed the meeting that he would be giving a speech to the County Councils on the problems created by lorries in this area. He would be outlining the many avenues already followed to resolve the issues and pressing the council to adopt a scheme which would end the problems arising from lorry drivers wanting to avoid the overnight stay fees.

CC BL also reported that the Cormac contract for road maintenance had been formalised and that Cormac would be working in parallel with the existing scheme from 1st Oct to 1st Apr when the old scheme would cease.

CC BL urged the council to respond to the Boundary Commission consultation.

DC SM gave an update on the A1 noise situation. Victoria Lazenby of Highways England has contacted Robert Jenrick MP to say that the assessment criteria are being finalised and there will be a review of sites by the end of Oct and a feasibility of works study by the end of the year.

DC SM informed the council that the subject was on the agenda for the local traffic summit meeting.

8) To receive the H&S report (MM)

MM circulated the findings of his inspection of council assets. All were materially sound although the benches could do with a coat of stain or paint. He alerted the council to fact that the Perspex 'Telephone' signs round the top of the kiosk were coming away. They are not dangerous but will get worse over time so he offered to fix them. TC offered to help MM to treat the benches. MM asked whether the Neal memorial bench by the bus stop was a council asset as that needed the same treatment. It was felt that the council should be responsible for it and TC offered to speak to the family.

9) To receive feedback from councillors on any meetings/training attended

a) NSDC Code of Conduct Meeting (NF)

NF and RW reported that the meeting had been very informative and interesting, going through the NSDC code of conduct and giving examples as guidance.

TC and DC SM attended the planning committee meeting for the decision on the solar farm. ME thanked both for speaking on behalf of the parish.

10) To consider any planning matters

a) Notifications received

14/02229/FUL: Hill Farm Solar Array – permitted

15/00324/FULM: Ossington Rd Solar Farm – permitted

15/00806/OUT: Scotfield dwelling – still pending

b) Planning applications to discuss

i) 15/00866/FUL Cart shed at The Maltings

Several concerns were raised and there was some discussion as to whether any of them constituted valid planning objections. It was proposed that the council object with concerns but no-one seconded the motion. It was then proposed that the council support the application with reservations but again no-one seconded the motion.

RESOLVED: Not to support or object to the application.

(proposed by MM, seconded by TC, carried by majority with 1 abstention, ME did not participate)

It was agreed that the concerns be sent to the case officer as follows:

The structure is too tall and this blocks light from the neighbouring property

It overhangs the neighbouring curtail edge.

It is so close to the boundary and now has a solid back wall, which prevents the neighbour from maintaining the boundary fence.

ii) 15/01064/LBC Windows/doors and layout changes at the Dovecote

The application appeared to be for internal work and windows which are not overlooking other properties.

RESOLVED: To support the application.

(proposed by RW, seconded by JC, carried unanimously)

c) Any other planning business

i) Scoping Request 15/SCO/00004

The clerk made councillors aware of this scoping application for a forth turbine site. Parish councils are not consulted on these matters but can ask the district council to request specific things. It was felt that there were matters which should be raised but that there was not sufficient time to discuss the details. It was agreed that a number of councillors would devise a suggested response and circulate for comments before submission. FJ and MM offered to do this.

11) To discuss and note any further actions required from correspondence received since the last meeting

a) Rail Track Crossing Closure update

The clerk tabled a letter and a newspaper article stating that the planned crossing closures would not be happening. The information was put in the folder for circulation.

b) Community Policing responses

The clerk tabled 3 responses to letters sent out about PCSO cuts which all stated that the decision had not been taken yet and the concerns raised had been noted.

The letters were put in the folder for circulation.

It was noted that Kevin Smith no longer wants to attend the safer neighbourhood meetings. NF and JC offered to attend. JC suggested reviving the neighbourhood watch scheme and offered to find out about doing this.

c) Clerks and Councils Direct

Two magazine issues were put in the folder for circulation.

12) To discuss and respond to the following consultations

a) Boundary Commission: Draft recommendations on electoral arrangements for Notts County Council

The existing boundary will change quite considerably, resulting in a large rural area without Southwell. It was felt that this may be beneficial as it puts similar rural villages together.

RESOLVED: To respond positively
(proposed JC, seconded MM, carried unanimously)

13) To consider and approve any financial matters

a) To approve payments for:

- **Clerk's Wages £467.96** (includes £9.91 expenses)

RESOLVED: To approve the payment
(proposed JC, seconded TC, carried unanimously, MM did not vote)

- **NCC Bin Post £100**

RESOLVED: To approve the payment
(proposed JC, seconded RW, carried unanimously)

b) Any other financial matters

i) To note the bank reconciliation

The clerk circulated a bank reconciliation to June 25th. This was signed by NF along with the bank statements.

ii) To address concerns about the appointment of internal auditor

Despite agreeing to become internal auditor, Mike Harness expressed concern that no-one had managed to make contact with the previous auditor to formalise the changes. TC offered to speak to Zoe and to get her a floral gift. The clerk was asked to write to her thanking her for her services.

iii) To receive the internal audit report

The audit report was circulated prior to the meeting. RW offered to deal with changing the bank statements over to the clerk's name. The clerk was asked to inform the insurance company of the change in asset value to reflect the net value of replacing items.

iv) Pensions Regulator – staging date

The clerk informed the council that the staging date is 1st July 2017 and explained that although she does not have qualifying earnings and the council still has ongoing automatic enrolment duties. The first of these is to nominate a contact so the clerk had been online and registered as the nominated contact for future correspondence.

v) To determine the village hall hire fee

The fee was agreed as three hours i.e. £9, meaning the running total to date is £12.

14) To raise any other business which may need to be included on the agenda of the next meeting

NF asked that review of policies be on the next agenda.

15) To note the date of the next meeting and those for the coming year

The clerk confirmed the date of the next meeting as 1st September at 7.30pm in the village hall.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm