

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 5th March 2019 at 7.30pm

Present:

Cllr N Fletcher (Chair), Cllr M Martin (Vice-Chair), Cllr M Eley, Cllr L Hopkins, Cllr F Jerome, Cllr D Wells-Pope, R Whate, T Grimes (Clerk) and CCllr B Laughton.

1) To consider any apologies for absence

DCllr SM gave apologies for having to attend another meeting.

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

MM declared an interest in the clerk's wages, clerk's overtime and defibrillator payment.

3) To accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held Tuesday 5th February 2019

Having corrected the date, the minutes were approved as a true record of the meeting and were signed by the chair.

4) 10 minute open forum to receive questions and comments from members of the public

There were no members of the public present but LH informed the meeting that a resident was interested in buying the property housing Sutton on Trent library and keeping the library running. However, being part business premises they were unable to get a mortgage. CCllr BL informed the meeting that the library had now closed due to lack of volunteers and that it would be housed in the new community centre when this was complete. In the interim he offered to speak to Derek Higton about removing the business rates if the library remained in situ temporarily.

5) To note any matters arising from the minutes of 8th January 2019

a) New noticeboard

The clerk informed councillors that a suitable County Council logo file had been provided and the company would send proofs of the header board as soon as payment was received.

The clerk also noted that Notts CC had questioned whether VAT had been included in the grant application and the response was the figures were estimates on the understanding that any unused funds would be repaid.

b) Severn Trent – light at the Church Lane works

The clerk informed the meeting that Severn Trent did not consider this to be within their remit and had suggested approaching the County Council. CCllr BL offered to request a light but said it could be a long time in coming. ME asked if he would also request one for Old Bell Lane.

c) Kiosk electricity supply

The clerk reported that Western Power were not prepared to pay the electricity bill for a defibrillator and had referred the matter to E-on, who at the time of the meeting were looking into the matter. The clerk offered to find out to which councils DCllr SM had referred and to contact each for details of the scheme.

d) Cemex site extension

The clerk tabled the plans received from Cemex.

CCllr BL gave an update, explaining that Cemex had stated there was insufficient capacity in the minerals plan, but in fact Besthorpe had approached the council and would be included in the next version meaning there was adequate provision. The council would therefore be unlikely to pass the planning application. CCllr BL also confirmed that Besthorpe would be receiving community pay back so if the matter were to arise again in Carlton on Trent this should be raised with Cemex.

6) To receive updates on any District and County Councillor matters

CCllr BL informed the meeting that the County Council had voted to raise the Council Tax by 3.99%. He explained there was a £32m shortfall in the budget and half would come from the increase whilst the remainder would be achieved through service cuts. In all 65% of the income goes on just 7% of

the population because care for the elderly and children is so expensive. Last year there was an extra 100 children put in care in the County at a cost of £60k each. As a result the council have reviewed provision and are reorganising the fostering service in a joint venture with Leicestershire and Derbyshire.

CClIr BL also noted that the police commissioner had increased the police element of the council tax by 12%.

7) To consider any planning matters

a) Notifications received

None

b) Planning applications to discuss

The clerk noted that the two consultations 19/00022/FUL Yew Tree House Entrance Porch and 9/00023/LBC Yew Tree House Entrance Porch had been issued again, but after the agenda had been issued and with only one week deadline so not even time for an extraordinary meeting to be called. LH reported that the applicant had been unable to do what they wanted because Conservation had objected, they would therefore need a rethink so it was felt that an extension was not necessary as the consultations were likely to come out again.

c) Any other planning business

None

8) To consider the format of the Annual Parish meeting

Following the suggestion last month of a speaker at the Annual Parish Meeting, the clerk asked if councillors would like to invite anybody and if so what date they would like to set due to the election potentially affecting the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

It was felt that it was a little late to be inviting speakers for this year, especially given that turn out is usually very low. It was however felt that the date should be fixed along with that of the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

RESOLVED: To suspend standing orders and hold the Annual Parish Meeting on the second Tuesday of May, ie at 7pm on 14th May followed at 7.30pm by the Annual Parish Council Meeting. (Proposed by LH, seconded by MM, carried unanimously)

9) To discuss and respond to the following correspondence

a) Age UK request for funding

The clerk tabled a request for support, highlighting the costs involved in sending carers out to the elderly. It was felt that the money would provide better support if used directly by the village, eg via lunch club and that this was not appropriate use of tax payer's money.

RESOLVED: Not to donate.
(proposed MM, seconded RW, carried unanimously)

10) To consider the following financial matters

a) To note the bank reconciliation

The clerk circulated the corrected reconciliation for January which was checked and signed by the chair. The clerk then tabled the February reconciliation which was also checked and signed by the chair.

b) To approve the following payments

i) New noticeboard £1630.80

Having already approved the purchase of this item and received the grant to pay for it the payment was approved.

RESOLVED: To make the payment.
(proposed MM, seconded DWP, carried unanimously)

ii) New defibrillator pads £29.99

MM provided a receipt for new defibrillator pads which had been purchased and fitted.

RESOLVED: To make the payment.
(proposed FJ, seconded RW, carried unanimously, MM did not vote)

iii)

iv) VH Fee (on account) – TBC

The chair confirmed that this meeting would close within the hour so the fee would be £3. The clerk asked that the accrued amount of £12 to date, be paid now for year end accounting purposes.

RESOLVED: To make the payment.
(proposed FJ, seconded NF, carried unanimously)

c) To consider paying 3 hours overtime to the clerk

The clerk noted that there had been extra work involved in preparing for GDPR, the Cemex application and also chasing the LIS funded notice board. Having already worked the contracted 13.5 hrs per month but still having the year end accounts to complete she asked that a consideration of 3 hours overtime for the year be paid. Councillors acknowledged the work done.

RESOLVED: To make the payment.
(proposed NF, seconded ME, carried unanimously, MM did not vote)

d) To note the following payments

i) Standing Order for Clerks Wages

The regular payment was noted.

ii) Data Protection Registration £35

The clerk informed councillors that this was likely to be taken in March having first registered last March.

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

The clerk put a copy of Clerks & Councils Direct in the pack for councillors to read.

The clerk also tabled the dog bin contract and invoice stating the payment was due before the next meeting. As the payment could not be approved under any other business she offered to return the contract so that service was not interrupted.

The clerk put a copy of the nomination pack in the folder for councillors to read, explaining that forms must be in the day after the next meeting so would need to be filled in prior to that, but NSDC had not yet issued them. LH reported that the Church would be happy to take the poppies and use for future remembrance displays.

12) To note the date of the next meeting

This will be 2nd April at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.35pm