

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 4th June 2019 at 7.30pm

Present:

Cllr N Fletcher (Chair), Cllr M Martin (Vice-Chair), Cllr L Hopkins, Cllr M Hopkins, Cllr R Whate, T Grimes (Clerk), DCllr S Michael, CCllr B Laughton and 1 member of the public

- 1) To consider any apologies for absence**
ME and DWP gave apologies for being on holiday, which were approved.
- 2) To receive any declarations of interest in items on the agenda**
MM declared an interest in the clerk's wages.
- 3) To accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held Tuesday 14th May 2019**
The minutes were approved as a true record of the meeting and were signed by the chair.
- 4) To review the minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held Tuesday 14th May 2019**
The minutes were checked and agreed to be accurate.
- 5) 10 minute open forum to receive questions and comments from members of the public**
A member of the public expressed concern about the CCG merger possibly resulting in service cuts for rural areas. DCllr SM said that NSDC would be represented at all meetings and would fight to prevent this. CCllr BL said that the CCGs had already been working together on many matters and this change was following other changes in the NHS, such as surgeries joining to provide specialised services through primary care networks.
LH raised concern about landowners being approached by a building company wanting to build low cost housing. DCllr SM and CCllr BL said that N&S Homes and the District Council would not have released the landowners details for the sites identified in the housing survey but any builder could approach a land owner with a proposition to build, however, since these were not affordable housing providers they would be unlikely to get planning permission.
- 6) To note any matters arising from previous minutes**
 - a) New noticeboard**
The clerk noted that there had been a delay in its installation but that Groundworks had promised to try and get it done before the Best Kept Village judging started on 10th June.
 - b) Road cleaning**
The clerk reported that Mike Keeling was very grateful for the positive feedback and he had circulated it to all parties concerned.
- 7) To receive updates on any District and County Councillor matters**
DCllr SM informed the meeting that NSDC had not reflected National trends or the town council results in the recent elections, having changed from 24 conservative, 12 labour and 3 independent councillors to 27 conservative, 7 labour, 3 independent and 2 liberal democrat councillors. The change has resulted in several younger members and a wider spread of members so the council is no longer Newark centric.
CCllr BL reminded councillors that the Minerals plan was now open for consultation – it includes a new site at Barton in Fabis and several site extensions, but not one at Cromwell.
He also informed the meeting that the County Council were going through a peer review by Wiltshire County Council.
- 8) To consider any planning matters**
 - a) Notifications received**
The clerk reported that there had been an application (19/00711/LDC) for a certificate of lawfulness for a permitted development extension at Greystones which had been refused.

b) Planning applications to discuss

None

c) Any other planning business

The clerk received an enquiry about the removal of trees at the rear of 17 Old North Road. Having contacted NSDC, it would appear that no permission had been sought despite being in the conservation area. Councillors agreed this should be followed up by asking NSDC to look into the matter.

9) To consider whether to have a plan for 'Operation London Bridge'

There was some discussion about other councils preparing by buying books of condolence but also that the Queen may still have many years to live.

RESOLVED: Not to have a plan or take action until the issue arises.
(proposed: NF, seconded LH, carried unanimously)

10) To consider what to do with the Kiosk during the Best Kept Village competition and long term

Assuming that the new noticeboard is installed in time; it was agreed that a notice should go in the kiosk to say notices have moved to the new board and asking for suggestions on how to repurpose it.

11) To receive an update on the Best Kept Village preparations

LH raised an issue regarding clearing the pavement; having spent several hours on a stretch which was approximately 12" wide but once cleared proved to be almost 1.5m wide, it was clear there was too much work involved for three volunteers. This is a health and safety matter, having two residents with guide dogs and numerous residents who use mobility scooters – this footpath to the bus stop and village pub are unusable, forcing vulnerable residents to use the road instead. LH rang the council and was told grass cutting had been assessed and carried out, when explaining this wasn't a grass cutting matter she was told that volunteers should not be doing this work because they aren't insured. CCIr BL offered to take this up with Mike Keeling.

RW reported that many other activities had taken place: the church yard had been done and looked much smarter, some verges had been cut, the benches had been painted, the phone box and village signs had been cleaned and volunteers were going out to remove notices from lamp posts and cut more verges. The litter pick has been advertised for Saturday and it was felt that the majority of gardens were looking tidy so the village should be looking its best for judging.

12) To discuss and respond to the following correspondence

a) Newark & Sherwood Citizen's Advice – Grant application

It was felt that, although the village can benefit from this service and it is a worthy cause – the council do not have sufficient funds to make a donation.

b) NALC - Public Sector Bodies (Websites And Mobile Applications)

The clerk tabled a Legal Briefing from NALC, outlining requirements that councils make their websites fully accessible. The clerk had asked Hugo Fox whether the website met these requirements and had been told they were working towards this. Once done the council would need to check any documents uploaded to the site met the requirements and would need to put an accessibility statement **on there**. The guidance was put in the pack for councillors to read.

13) To discuss and respond to the following consultations

a) NALC – Vehicle Operator Licensing

It was felt that there was not sufficient information on some aspects, such as how decriminalising HGV parking would work in practice.

RESOLVED: To agree with points 1 and 2, but to state that point 3 sounds good in **principle** but could prove difficult to implement.
(proposed: NF, seconded MM, carried unanimously)

b) NHS – Newark & Sherwood and Mansfield Clinical Commissioning Groups proposed merger

The issues raised in the public session were discussed. It was felt that this was probably a paperwork exercise and that the change would occur regardless of comments, but that the concerns should be raised.

RESOLVED: To respond against the merger of 6 CCGs and to suggest a local merger of Newark and Mansfield.

(proposed: LH, seconded MM, carried unanimously)

14) To consider the following financial matters

a) To note the bank reconciliation

The reconciliation was circulated and having checked the bank statements, the chair signed them.

b) To approve the following payments

i) VH Fee (on account) – TBC

The chair confirmed that this meeting would close within two hours so the fee would be £6, making £15 on account to date.

c) To note the following payments

i) Standing Order for Clerks Wages

The regular payment was noted.

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

Health and Safety report

Purchase of paint for benches

Payment for Auditor's wine

Notts CC Minerals Plan consultation

Considering having a neighbourhood plan

Payment for the notice board installation

16) To note the date of the next meeting

2nd July 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.53pm