

Carlton-on-Trent Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 10th September 2009 commencing at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Lt Col G.E.Vere-Laurie (Chairman), Mrs R Whate, Mr T Cooper- present until 20.10pm, Mr N Walton, Mrs S Beresford (Clerk), Mr B Laughton (County Councillor, Mrs J Clark, Mr C Hemstock, and Mrs C Rose (District Councillor)

1. Apologies for absence. Mrs Wells-Pope
2. Declaration of interest on items on the agenda- None

3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 2nd July 2009 and Thursday 28th July 2009..

The minutes, having been circulated and read were agreed to contain a true record of items discussed. Thursday 2nd July- Proposed by Mrs R Whate and seconded by Mr N Walton. The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 28th July- proposed by Mrs R Whate and seconded by Mr N Walton.

4. Matters arising from the minutes.

a) Highways and HGV Issues

The traffic radar survey by the County Council has been carried out. Traffic through the village has increased over the last 1-2 weeks, particularly HGV traffic. Only habitual culprit is an AEG vehicle. The village survey will be carried out in the next week or so. Mr Copper asked again about having bollards, Mike Keeling from the County Council has responded in relation to the verge issue- it is unlikely we could get funding for verge bollards under the present budget restrictions.

In relation to the problem with highways and the lay-by, Mrs Rose will ring the District Council about “no-tipping” signs.

The hedge from Sutton-on-Trent adjacent to Ferry lane, the cutting is in hand and the back lanes have now been cut. The hedges on Great North Road will be cut shortly.

b) Postcode irregularities.

Ferry Lane will be changed from the 1st October 2009- all the authorities involved are ready to make the change and all householders asked. A letter will be sent to each householder and the postman will be contacted in order to ensure that in the interim period, post does reach everyone.

C- Remedi Service level agreement

The Clerk reported problems with this and had finally contacted someone from the department to try to determine why work has not taken place. There has been some poor press regarding the service locally at North Muskham and this is perhaps why the Clerk has failed to speak directly with the Remediation Manager- Tony Jackson.

The issue is still ongoing and we are awaiting further correspondence. The Clerk will continue to try to reach Tony Jackson and is liaising with the Church Parochial committee.

d) Feedback from Strategic Land Availability document

Due to the absence this evening of Mrs Wells-Pope, this item to be carried forward to the next meeting.

e) Diseased Trees

The Clerk read out a letter from the Newark and Sherwood District Council to state that as the tree was not an immediate hazard it would be due for removal before the end of September 2009. The Horse Chestnut trees are currently under attack in this area from a caterpillar which seriously affects the leaves of the tree. It is however, not a fatal disease and the tree should survive when the grubs have died off however, they may return next year

6 Financial Issues

a) Payment of the Village Hall Fees and donation to Village Hall Committee Insurance

A cheque made payable to the village Hall Committee for the sum of £60.00 Proposed by Lt Col Vere-Laurie and seconded by Mrs J Clark.

b) Finance and Precept- The Clerk has met with Mr D Dickinson from the Finance department of Newark and Sherwood to discuss the Precept. His advice is that the Parish Council needs to build up an additional fund of £200 or thereabouts for a "fighting fund". He also estimated that for every £90 additional funding we request on the Precept the Band D Council tax would rise by £1 per household. This to be discussed in detail at the next Parish Council meeting along with donations/grant requests we have received from organisations within the village i.e. the Church.

7. Health and Safety Inspections

Telephone box- no concerns

Dog Bin- no concerns

Benches- no concerns

8. Planning Issues

Decisions made- The Grey House Cottage- planning application APPROVED

8- Correspondence

- 1- Fighting the flood- this document to go into the pack for perusal
- 2- Parish Council Toolkit- this DVD to go into the pack for circulation to all.
- 3- Best Kept village- the results of the competition to go into the pack for circulation.
- 4- Citizen of the Year awards- A brief discussion involving some members of the village community. There are awards for young people and the over 65 year category- Mrs Clark and Mr Walton took away the details to photocopy and make the nominations.
- 5- 5- Valarie Gillespie awards- no interest generated, the details to go into the pack.
- 6- Long Service Award- no interest generated within the Parish Council.
- 7- Financial training seminar- No one able to attend as the training is during the day. The Clerk expressed interest in attending a similar session if the training was in the evening or weekends. Proposed by Mr C Hemstock and seconded by Mrs R Whate.

9. Items for Inclusion of the next agenda

- a) Highways Matters
- b) Flood issues
- c) Precept and donations to village causes
- d) Bridle ways and horse signs.

10. Any other Business

a) Advertising boards – the Parish Council discussed that the use of Billboards are illegal on the highway and one recent addition to the Crossroads in obscuring vision. Mrs Rose offered to ask the enforcement officer to look at the ones which are obscuring vision. This was declined at present and Lt Col Vere-Laurie will pop into the Great Northern inn to discuss with the new owners the use of billboards.

b) Corner of the road by the walled garden-

One member of the Parish Council reported that the road appeared to be subsiding towards the middle, all present agreed to monitor this situation, particularly when we have had some rain.

11 Date of the Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday 12th November 2009.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.45pm.