

CARLTON-ON-TRENT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 31st January 2008 commencing at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Present: , Lt Col GE Vere-Laurie (Chairman), (Vice-Chairman), Mrs A. O'Brien, Mr E. Holland, Mr T Cooper, Mrs R Whate, Mrs C Rose (District Councillor), Mr B Laughton (County Councillor) ,Mrs S.Beresford (Clerk). Plus five members of the public

1. Apologies for Absence :) Mr C Hemstock. Mr R.Boothroyd

2. Declaration of interest on items on the agenda.

There were no items on the agenda that required a declaration an interest.

3. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 8th November 2007

The minutes having been circulated and read were declared a true record.
Proposed by Mrs R Whate and seconded by Mr T Cooper.

4. Matters arising from the minutes.

a) Severn Trent Sewage Issues

The Clerk has received a response from Newark Area Internal Drainage Board to state that maintenance work has been carried out following the floods of June 2007. The culvert leading water off the A1 has caused some problems although a screen has now been fitted to control debris and CCTV imaging carried out. The Drainage board state that consideration will be given to replacing the culvert and a budget to be included in the 2009/2009 funding application. Mr Cooper recently emailed the Drainage Board to ask them to take into account the costs resulting from the flooding i.e. fire brigade, police and damages to households. The drainage board have also made enquiries regarding ownership of the land that the culvert runs through. The Clerk to write back to the Drainage Board and ask them to clarify when they will be carrying out this work and Mrs C Rose will also telephone to ask for a time scale. The Chairman, G Vere-Laurie made comment that flooding affecting homes amounts to a much more serious issue than purely that affecting farmland, so therefore we need to ensure that the village is a priority. Mr Cooper informed the meeting that the CCTV surveillance camera was unable to get all the way through the culvert which suggests that there is indeed a blockage which may require digging up. Mr Laughton also agreed to speak to one of the County Councillors who sits on the IDB.

The Council discussed how proactive Newark and Sherwood District Council have been in response to the flooding issues and Mrs Rose informed those present that a pilot scheme in conjunction with DEFRA to address flooding issues is underway at Gibsmere and Bleasby with the view to a roll out programme if successful

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

The drains in the village have been cleared out by the County Council although when the manhole lids were removed on Main Street, they were almost full to the brim with water and the residents in attendance informed that the drains at the side of the road go into soak ways and not a mains system.

Mr Cooper stated that in his capacity of Flood Warden, he would like to hold a meeting in the village one evening for all residents to attend to update everyone regarding future contingency plans and answer any questions. The Clerk will write to the Village Hall committee to ask if on this occasion, the Hall fees could be waived.

The paths outside 1 and 2 Council Houses and adjacent to Coney Grey still need clearing.

The Speed restriction on the Great North road will still be going ahead shortly but at 40mph and not 30mph as originally thought. The recommendations made by the Parish Council to extend the restriction have been acknowledged however, the request has not been possible.

The manhole cover on Ossington Lane still needs replacing despite the Highways department emailing the Clerk to say this work has been completed. The Clerk will re-write to the Highways North to again report.

c) **HGV Parked in the village**

The parking is still on occasion problematic however there has not been a single occurrence which has enabled the photographic evidence required. The Parish Council to take the matter up with the Safer Neighbourhood group as a visibility issue if the problems continue.

d) **Memorial Bench**

The Parish Council are still awaiting a response from the Leggs regarding their position on the change in site for the bench following a letter of objection in respect of their chosen site. The floor was opened at the meeting at this point for residents in attendance to state their views and the Chairman at this point concluded that the Council would await Mr and Mrs Leggs position.

e) **Website Development**

The Clerk had received an email from Andy Love at Newark and Sherwood District Council, a web development officer, employed by the Council and he is very keen to support the Parish Council in producing a

web site. Those present then discussed utilising several grants which are available to purchase a projector and screen for the village hall, perhaps in conjunction with one of the other user groups and hold paper free planning matters. Bruce Laughton suggested that the Clerk contacts Mike Salt, Clerk for Farnsfield Parish Council who is knowledgeable on grant applications.

Mr Cooper will speak to the Village Hall Committee to discuss a joint venture.

The Clerk also brought up the display of the parish Council minutes which originally led to the web site development concept. All present agreed that the minutes should go into Unity magazine “unapproved”. One idea was also to have a letter box style container for residents to read the minutes and put back. However, after a period of discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk will research grant applications and invite Andy Love to our next meeting.

Those present also voted on increasing the Carlton-on-Trent meetings to 2 monthly instead of 3 monthly- Proposed by Mrs R Whate and seconded by Mr T Cooper and Mrs A O’Brien

f) Postcodes and Electoral Roll inaccuracies

There are still many inaccuracies with the Electoral roll although more worryingly the emergency services appear to have “old postcodes” for some of the properties in the village. In light of the enormity of this item, Mrs O’Brien and Mrs C Rose will meet outside the meeting to decide how to tackle the issue.

g) Fly tipping at Cromwell Holt

The fly tipping continues almost as soon as it is cleared, the rubbish is replaced. The Clerk will write again to Newark and Sherwood litter busting squad and ask for further advice on how to control this issue.

h) Parish Plan

The information about formulating Parish plans was passed on to a resident with experience of planning for parishes but as yet no response so the item will remain on the agenda until the next meeting.

i) Dog Bin

Those present discussed having a dog bin. The Clerk informed the council that it would cost approx £120 to have the bin emptied and we would need to purchase a bin at a cost of £80 plus vat. Those present were undecided about where such bin could be sited and following a vote it was decided not to purchase a bin at present but to obtain some laminated Dog fouling is prohibited signs which could be placed in strategic places around the village.

5. Financial Matters

a) Payment of Village Hall Fees

The Village Hall fees of £10 proposed by Mrs O'Brien and seconded by Mr E Holland.

b).New External Auditor

The Clerk has received a letter stating that a new auditor has been appointed. It is unclear from the letter if this means that Hacker Young has been replaced, therefore the Clerk to write back to the Audit Commission to seek clarification on this.

d) Clerks Wages and Salary

The Clerks wages and salary agreed at £199.58. Proposed by Mrs O'Brien and seconded by Lt G E Vere-Laurie.

e) New Village Hall notice Board key for the Clerk

The cost of cutting a new notice board key for the Clerk amounted to £5.95- proposed by Anne O'Brien and seconded by Terry Cooper

5. Health and Safety Inspections.

There have been no reports of any Health and Safety Issues.

6. Planning Issues

a) Decisions Made

Nothing to report.

b) Applications

Erection of two extensions to factory buildings- Caledonian Building

Systems

All present perused the plans and commented that the proposed extension is relatively small; however, they are fears that any new development will increase the already heavy traffic coming and going out of the plant. The Safer Neighbourhood group have recently visited the factory and 8 speeding tickets issues to lorry drivers using Great North Road. The Clerk to write to Caledonian to discuss the traffic issues and also the drainage issues associated with flat roofs through the extensions and existing buildings.

In light of the planning application all those present agreed unanimously to support the proposal.

Correspondence

- a) The remaining correspondence was distributed for all Parish Councillors to peruse.

10) Items for inclusion in the next agenda.

11. Any other business

Letter from Village Hall Committee

The Clerk has received a letter from the Village Hall Committee requesting support financially with the Insurance again this year. All present readily agreed to support with a donation of £440.00- proposed by Lt Col.George Vere-Laurie and seconded by Mrs R Whate

Letters of complaint regarding verge in the village

There have been some complaints received by Mrs Rose regarding a verge on the village. The Parish Council to write a letter to the occupier

Safer Neighbourhood Meeting

Mrs C Rose to attend this meeting on 6th March at 7pm and therefore if we wish any matters to be raised please make these known. .

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.05

Date of Next Meeting **Thursday 27th March 2008**