

Unadopted Minutes Carlton-on-Trent Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 6th March 2012 commencing at 7.15pm at the Village Hall, Carlton-on-Trent

Present: Mrs R Whate (Chair) Mrs M Eley, Mrs J Clark, Mr N Fletcher, Mrs F Jerome, Mrs C Rose (District Councillor), Mrs S Beresford (Clerk) plus 5 members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence: Kevin Smith, Terry Cooper

2. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on Thursday 3rd January 2012 and the extraordinary meeting held on Wednesday 8th February 2012 - minutes having been circulated were agreed with the following adjustments. Typographic error in paragraph four- should read schemes. Section 5- Mr Fletcher also contacted the Newark Area Internal Drainage Board. Section 9- some Parish Councillors agreed that children were the main offenders however; this was in relation to allowing their dogs to mess rather than the litter situation. Meeting on the 3rd January proposed as accurate by Jean Clark and seconded by Robbie Whate. Meeting on the 8th February proposed as an accurate record by Margaret Eley and seconded by Fiona Jerome. All present agreed these adjustments.

3. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda.

No declarations of interest.

4. 10 minute session for members of the public to ask questions of the Parish Council.

The meeting was closed at 7.30pm in order for members of the public to ask the Parish Councillors questions.

One member of the public stated that the wind turbine erection was progressing however the trench for the High Voltage connection differed from the site on the original application. The resident had contacted the District Council to be told that the planners are allowed to do this. The member of the public wanted to know what other liberties are open to the developer?

One member brought to the Parish Councils attention an application for PEARS to extend the business. The PEARS action group asked if Carlton-on-Trent PC could write a letter by 9th March to Bassetlaw District Council objecting to the proposal which could see the increase in lorries transporting dead animal carcasses and environmentally pollute the area with noxious odours. The Clerk agreed to write a letter in the next day or two- proposed by Margaret and seconded by Fiona.

With no further questions or comments the meeting was closed to members of the public at 7.40pm and opened to the Parish Council business.

5. Matters arising from the Minutes

a) Highways issues-

The Environmental weight limit consultation has now closed and the PC should hear soon regarding the works schedule. The PEARS application letter requesting support from the Parish Council also highlighted several sunken and loose manhole covers along the Great North Road towards Sutton-on-Trent, namely outside Yew Tree Farm, Yew Tree House, Old Barn and Elm House. When Lorries drive over these, particularly during the night the noise is disturbing residents. The Clerk will report these to Highways.

b) - Flood issues arising from the Presentation last meeting- The Clerk has received two documents from Andy Wallace setting out the County Councils responsibilities in the realms of Flood Risk. The Clerk passed these to the Flood Warden, Mr Nigel Fletcher for perusal.

c) Winter Service update- An inaccuracy in the last minutes – Nigel, Robbie, Margaret and John re-thanked for clearing the snow and distributing the grit. Mrs. Clark asked why residents further down the village did not have a grit box. The Chair stated that Bruce Laughton's fund had already paid for the two new grit boxes this year- Castle Hill and the one opposite the village Hall as these positions were locations of previous grit boxes. We could ask Councillor Laughton if he would be willing to fund an additional grit box next year but we would need permission from Highways to site it. We do need to fill up the grit boxes and Mr Fletcher agreed to find out the cost of having these filled. One member of the public living in the vicinity agreed to check the contents of the box on Castle Hill and email with the amount remaining.

d) Crime figures

The following email received from the Police

One incident of Hair coursing at the Great Northern Inn on 27/01/12

Another incident at the same location, a suspicious vehicle was spotted at the Inn on 23/02, thought to be involved in some form of crime but was just workers on the line. Call of good intent recorded.

Kevin continues to disseminate the Police warning emails which are proving extremely useful.

e) Parish Council website development

The broad framework is now in place and all Councillors invited to attend a "viewing" at Fiona and Nigel's later this evening. All Councillors to choose what personal details they wish to appear on the website including their photographs- the Clerk to take pictures at the end of this evenings meeting. A vote of thanks was given to Fiona for all her hard work. If any member of the Parish Council or village resident has any old photographs of the village please could these be sent to Fiona for scanning into the website?

f) Future of Sutton-on-Trent Library

At the moment the future of the library seems secure but new premises will need to be sought in the longer term. The new development (housing)

at Sutton-on-Trent could include a library. Many fund raising events will be held to secure monies towards the long term future of the library.

g) Update on Localism Bill

Chris Rose updated the PC following her attendance at a study session on the new Bill. The Government are abolishing the Standards Board which will affect the Code of Conduct. This has been reduced significantly. A Planning Enforcement Officer will have more powers and Parishes may be able to draw up a neighbourhood plan. This however would be very expensive to do and complex- but it could allow communities some “right to build” powers but only under exceptional circumstances. Other than the Standards board replacement, very little in this new Bill will directly affect Carlton-on-Trent Parish Council for the moment. Sutton-on-Trent are very happy with the 46 houses they have been allocated to allow planning permission applications in terms of community sustainability. Carlton-on-Trent will not be granting any new build applications during this period of planning policy.

h) Village Clean Up day- Notts CC/Litter/Cutting hedges.

The Clerk reported the need for the hedge to be cut to enable rubbish accumulation to be cleared. Mr Saville, the Walking Group representative will inform Carlton-on-Trent the dates for the litter picking village clean up day. So far there are at least 5-6 volunteers willing and we could advertise the date to ask for more help.

The Great North Road towards Sutton was particularly bad, especially under the hedge up along the right side. This section has been reported by the Clerk.

j) Sutton-on-Trent Post Office

The Post Office sadly closes on the 31st May 2012. Although Marshalls have tried, it continues to lose money and distracts employees from their core business. Mrs Rose has contacted the MP, Patrick Mercers, secretary to discuss the model of Post Offices and how this is failing in viability.

6) Financial Matters

a. Payment of village Hall Fees

The sum of £6.00 agreed for the hire of the Hall. Proposed by Mrs F Jerome and seconded by Mrs Whate

b. Clerk PAYE

The Clerk has registered the Parish Council with the HM Revenue and Customs Awaiting further instructions from the Inland Revenue. The Clerk will need to complete a P35 and P14 in order to get the payment process in some sort of order. The paperwork is very confusing and there are many seemingly unnecessary processes. Mrs Rose will ask around at other Parish Councils to see how they are dealing with PAYE.

c) NALC Payment

A payment of £60.52 proposed by Mrs Jean Clark and seconded by Mrs Robbie Whate, all in agreement.

d) Sutton-on-Trent play scheme request

Those present discussed financially supporting the schools play scheme and finally decided unanimously not to support the request.

7) Planning Issues.

- a. Decisions Made None
- b. Planning applications to discuss none
- c. Other planning business- None

8) -Correspondence

- a) Flooding letter from Andy Wallace and Directory of Flood Resources- given to the Flood warden- Mr N Fletcher.
- b) Closure of Carlton-on-Trent Youth Club- the Clerk read out the letter. The Parish Council thanked Mr and Mrs Walton for all the work they had invested to make the Youth Club so successful. Mrs Laughton had stated in the past it was one of the most successful in Nottinghamshire. The PC agreed this was a very sad decision for the village.
- c) Planning Committee letters- the District Council have made the decision not to re-send out plans and letters if a planning application was to go to planning committee.
- d) Notts County Council Local Improvement scheme- Mrs Whate to attend the meeting on 15th May at the Cedric Ford Pavilion, Newark Showground.
- e) Nottinghamshire Mineral Local plan consultation- The Chairman of North Muskham Parish Council telephoned the Clerk and letters/emails sent regarding the proposal to extract gravel and minerals in the area. Mrs Whate will attend a meeting at Bathley on 15th March 2012 at 7.15pm. Mrs Whate will explain the North Muskham PC Chairman that the Carlton-on-Trent PC will not be able to support the fighting fund with money as the Parish does not have a specific fund for this purpose.
- f) Consultation to changes in Governance arrangements- information placed in the correspondence pack
- g) Community Emergency Volunteer programme training opportunity- St John's Ambulance- Mr Fletcher and Mrs Jerome have enrolled as volunteers- further details placed in the pack.
- h) Queens Diamond Jubilee celebrations- information placed in the pack
- i) New Register of Electors- placed in the pack. All Parish councillors reminded about the confidentiality of such a document.
- j) Best Kept Village Competition 2012- all present voted not to enter this year.
- k) Annual Parish Council Conference- date for diary- Mrs Clark asked to attend- the date is not until November 2012.

L) Training on the revised ethical framework- 21st March 2012- Mrs Clark to attend and feedback at the next meeting.

M) Supporting Communities and Neighbourhood Planning- FREE road show- Retford 13th March 2012 – Mrs Whate, Mr Fletcher and Mrs Jerome to attend- the Clerk to send off the applications.

11. Any other business

None.

Items for inclusion in the next agenda

Matters arising

Newsletter

12. Date of next meeting- 1st May 2012

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 1st May 2012, this will be the Annual Village/Parish Meeting and the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council
There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 21.30pm and Parrish Councillors made their way to view the Website.