

CARLTON-ON-TRENT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 26th November 2009 AT 7.00PM AT the Village Hall

Present: Lt Col G E Vere-Laurie (Chairman) Mrs R Whate (Vice-Chair), Mr T.Cooper, Mr C.N. Hemstock, Mrs J Clark, Mr N Walton, Mrs Liz Wells-Pope Mrs S. Beresford (Clerk). Mrs Rose arrived at 7.30pm and 1 member of the public

Apologies for Absence: None

Strategic Planning Document

Mrs L Wells-Pope has perused the document which provides the Councils vision up to 2026 in respect of the strategic planning for Newark and Sherwood. The consultation document is divided into 4 different options. Carlton-on-Trent has been placed in the category of village/hamlet in open countryside. There will be no village envelope in the new option- which is the District Councils preferred option for Carlton-on-Trent. The impact will be on regeneration and dispersal of new housing. If we go into this category the only develop permitted will be 450 new homes over the next 17-18 years to be shared out with 61 villages.

Most of those present wishes to read the documents in more detail which Mrs Wells-Pope has kindly photocopied however, the deadline for consultation is 8th December 2009.

The general view expressed is that there is small scope for development in this village mainly due to the flood plain. The sewage system is also poorly suited to further development. Mrs Rose offered her experience of the document and stated that Sutton-on-Trent locally has been designated as a principal village which may have some bearing on the decision. Newark and Sherwood Homes have 14,800 new homes allocation within the East Midlands.

It was agreed that an extra ordinary meeting will take place on 2nd December at Carlton Hall at 6.45pm to discuss this document to allow the Parish Councillors the opportunity to read the important sections. Mrs Rose also informed those present that she would be completing a detailed response and would offer her support to any one wishing for more clarification.

Precept 2010/2011

The Precept allocation is currently £1500 per annum paid in two payments in April and September.

The Church PCC has requested support for church yard maintenance. The Clerk obtained information from the NALC which indicates that we are not under a direct obligation to fund the maintenance however; it is seen as a good use of public money to do so, particularly as the churchyard is used as a burial site for residents. The Church and the Village Hall are the two main organisations that do require financial support and the Church Yard does need to be maintained. However, the alternative view is that we are trying to support the maintenance of the Church Yard with initiatives such as Remedi reparation work. Mr Walton proposed that we support the PCC with a one off contribution this year of £400, this was seconded by Mrs Clark. 5 members of the Parish Council support this motion and 2 against

The Parish Council has also received a letter from the Village Hall committee asking for a small contribution towards the WREN improvement grant application. The Clerk and Mrs Rose have already written letters of support. A £50 donation proposed by Mr Walton and seconded by Mrs Clark- all in on favour.

In light of the above (which amounts to a pledge of £450 for the year 2010/2011) those present agreed to increase the Precept to £2,250 per annum (proposed by Mr Walton) which will also allow potentially the opportunity to build up a small reserve. Mrs Wells-Pope seconded. A vote followed with 4 members agreeing to support this increase and 2 members abstaining. This will effectively increase the Precept by an extra 50%.

Other Business

Dispute over Silver Birch Trees

Mrs Whate was asked to bring up the following issue. The meeting was closed temporarily to allow the member of the public present the opportunity to explain the situation. The meeting closed at 20.15pm. The member of the public present who introduced himself as Mr Harrup explained that 2 trees on Old Bell Lane have caused the BT phone lines to be dysfunctional. The Highways department have attended to the trees but did not succeed in addressing the problem. The trees are situated

outside the wall of the property 6 Park Farm, on the left hand side of Old Bell Lane. The Clerk will report the matter urgently to Mike Catchpole.
The meeting was reconvened at 8.20pm

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.25pm.
Date of Next meeting - an extra ordinary meeting to take place on 2nd December 2009 at Carlton-Hall.