

CARLTON-ON-TRENT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 4th May 2006 commencing at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Lt Col G. E. Vere-Laurie (Chairman), Mrs C Fitzpatrick (Vice- Chair) Mrs A O'Brien, Mr J Fairhurst, Mr C Hemstock, Mrs C Rose (District Councillor), Mr B Laughton (County Councillor), Mrs S Beresford (Clerk).

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Mr E Holland. Mr R Boothroyd.

2. **Declaration of interest on items on the agenda.**

There were no declared interests in agenda items.

3. **To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 2nd March 2006.**

The minutes, having been circulated and read were declared to be a true record.

Approved by Mrs A O'Brien and seconded by Mr C Hemstock

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 19th April 2006-

approved by Mrs A O'Brien and seconded by Mr J Fairhurst.

4. **Election of Chairman**

Lt Col G. E Vere-Laurie was proposed by Mrs A O'Brien and seconded by Mr C Hemstock. Declaration of acceptance agreed

5. **Election of Vice-Chairman.**

Mrs C Fitzpatrick proposed by Mr C Hemstock and seconded by Mr J Fairhurst. Declaration of acceptance agreed.

6. **Matters arising from the Minutes.**

a) **Highways Issues**

The Clerk to write again to the County Council regarding the piece of pavement that has now been missing outside Park Farm Cottages for some time. The repairs to this are still outstanding. No other Highways issues.

b) **Severn Trent Sewage Overflow-**

A letter was read out from Mrs C Rose who had written to the Severn Trent Water Authority asking for clarification regarding the response to previous correspondence. County Councillor Bruce Laughton stated that he had spoken to Jeremy Hutchinson from Environmental Health regarding this and urged residents to get in touch with Environmental Health immediately that the problem re-occurred. Bruce is also due to meet with Patrick Mercer M.P and would raise this with him too.

c) **Planning Seminar**

Mr J Fairhurst attended this seminar and had initially thought that it would be a learning opportunity regarding the Planning application process. It was however, a Parish Plan recruitment evening, which involves Parish Councils drawing together, involving the community in public meetings a

Parish Plan. Many of the larger Parishes are entering into this initiative but it was thought that as Carlton-on-Trent does not have a huge scope for development, it would involve a significant amount of time and be a costly exercise.

d) Fly tipping.

The Clerk to write to Ron Dawes of the Litter Hit squad identifying the areas within the Parish where fly tipping is an issue. These areas particularly affect Norwell Lane, the area around the lay-by and the transport café.

e) Trent Fluvial Strategy

Mr J Fairhurst provided the Parish Council feedback from the recent Trent Fluvial Strategy meeting on 7th March. Although much of the meeting centred on the Nottingham area, work has started on the north and south bank defences, which will protect 22,000 properties, and the completion date will be 2010. Any impact of this will have filtered out by the time the River reaches Gunthorpe. The Environment agency is looking at planning applications approved in flood risk/ flood plain areas. There have been some inaccuracies drawn on the map, which identify regions as flood risk when in actual fact they are not. This impacts on residents for household insurance purposes and home valuation. The Environment agency have urged residents who feel that their insurance premiums which are inappropriate and unfair, due to the risk of flooding, to contact them as soon as possible. The Chairman thanked Mr Fairhurst for giving up his time to attend this meeting and the information pack to be sent around the Parish Councillors with other documentation in the usual way.

f) Greenwood Tree Planting

The Clerk to write again to the County Council asking for permission to close the lay-by adjacent to the Spittal Bridge and to grass the area and plant trees. At present this lay-by is seldom used for what it was intended and tends to be utilised as a rubbish dump, a prime fly tipping area and a holding bay for County Council gravel, sand or salt.

7. Financial Matters

- a) Payment of the village Hall fees- £10.00 agreed and the cheque signed for the meeting. Proposed by Lt Col G E Vere-Laurie and seconded by Mrs A O'Brien.
- b) Clerks Wages and Salary- the Clerks wages and salary amounting to £259.15 proposed by Mrs A O'Brien and seconded by Mrs C Fitzpatrick.
- c) Summary of Accounts The Clerk reported a healthy financial position. To debate the spending further when finalising the precept for the coming year. Proposed by Mr J Fairhurst and seconded by Mrs O'Brien.

- d) Identification of Internal Auditor – Mrs Fitzpatrick confirmed that Mr A Derry would be willing to act as Internal Auditor again this year. The Clerk to make contact and take the books to be audited in the usual way. The books to be returned to Hacker Young along with the annual audit documentation by 30th June 2006.
 - e) Carlton-on-Trent Village Hall- Request for financial assistance with the Annual Insurance Premium- The Clerk read out a letter from the Village Hall Committee to state that the premium this year had risen to £449.54 to cover the costs of the new refurbishments and furniture. County Councillor Bruce Laughton stated this appeared to be costly in comparison with some other Village Halls. It was proposed by Lt Col G E Vere-Laurie that a contribution of £400 be made with the option of this reducing if the village Hall Committee find a cheaper policy. Seconded by Mrs A O'Brien.
 - f) Busy Bees- letter asking for financial assistance. - The Clerk read out a letter from the secretary of Busy Bees Pre-school. It was proposed by Mrs C Fitzpatrick that a contribution of £30 be made in accordance with previous years, seconded by Mr J Fairhurst.
- 8. Health and safety Inspections-** The footpath sign on the Wharf end of Ferry Lane has come out of its fittings and is leaning against a fence. The Clerk to report this to the County Council.

7 Planning Matters:

Planning application decisions made by the District Council read out by the Clerk. No new applications to consider.

9. General Correspondence

- a) Carlton-on-Trent Youth Club Notice Board
The Parish Council has received a request to support financially a new Village Notice Board and make a donation to the cost of this. All present agreed in principal and the Clerk to write a letter to confirm this and await the costing prior to the Parish Council making a decision regarding the amount of contribution.
- b) Newark and Sherwood – District Wide Play Provision
All present discussed the funding made available as a result of a Big Lottery application. Mr J Fairhurst to take the information to the Youth Club committee. County Councillor Bruce Laughton wished to state that the Youth Club in Carlton-on-Trent is one of the most successful, vibrant, enthusiastic and excellent examples in the district.
- c) Building Better Communities- Thoresby Event
No one available to attend. Lt Col G E Vere-Laurie attended one of the previous events and did not find it to be of incredible value.
- d) Best Kept Village and DEFRA village achievement awards. -
The Clerk to write a piece detailing the information that she has in regards to this in the Unity magazine.

e) Parish Council training Sessions- Code of Conduct-

All present aware of the new CD Rom in the information pack. No one available to attend the meetings.

f) All other correspondence circulated for Parish Councillors to read.

10. Items for Inclusion on the next agenda. - Sewage

11. Any other business-

a) Repair of Bin at Crossroads- The Clerk stated that she has now written to three builders (one of whom has retired) and no one has offered to carry out the work. Mr C Hemstock informed the Parish Council that he would carry out the work himself. —Thanked by all present.

b) Trent Vale Landscape Partnership- Lt Col G.E Vere-Laurie brought to the meeting a letter outlining projects in the Trent Vale, reconnecting people to the Trent, improving access and developing education. The Chairman to write back to the organisers to be kept informed.

12. Date of Next meeting- To be arranged-

13. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.59pm