

CARLTON-ON-TRENT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of
Carlton-on-Trent Parish Council held
in the Village Hall, Main Street, Carlton on Trent on

Tuesday 5th February 2019 at 7.30pm

Present:

Cllr N Fletcher (Chair), Cllr M Martin (Vice-Chair), Cllr M Eley, Cllr L Hopkins, Cllr F Jerome, Cllr D Wells-Pope, R Whate, T Grimes (Clerk), DCllr S Michael and 14 members of the public.

1) To consider any apologies for absence

CCllr BL gave apologies for having family commitments.

2) To receive any declarations of interest in items on the agenda

MM declared an interest in the clerk's wages and Notts ALC membership.

3) To accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held Tuesday 8th January 2019

The minutes were approved as a true record of the meeting and were signed by the chair.

The chair proposed that item 8 be considered immediately after the public sessions so as not to delay those who were only interested in the planning items. There were no objections.

4) 15 minute open forum for questions and comments regarding Cromwell Quarry Extension Proposal

Mr Mark Kelly of Cemex attended the meeting and was happy to take questions on the proposed development. The following points were raised:

- Not all residents had been informed of the Cromwell presentation by Cemex and only the nearest properties had been informed of the planning application by Notts CC
- The minerals plan was changed, reducing the overall output. All the operators in the county objected believing it would not meet demand post recession, resulting in imports being necessary. Cemex had already asked for this site to be included but it wasn't. The Council may now review the minerals plan so Cemex are pre-empting an increase in overall output.
- The proposal is for 8 years of phased extraction and restoration with one additional year of restoration, taking 250m tonnes per year (the same working capacity as the present site)
- The plant area of the site will be raised approximately 0.8m
- The site is designed to reduce flooding issues but the application only mentions Cromwell
- The entrance will two way from the lay by which is already a dangerous stretch of road
- Lorries presently queue on the Cromwell bridge in the morning, these may block the road instead but they are not allowed to block the A1
- There will be an average of fifty 20T sand and gravel lorries visiting per day (ie 100 journeys)
- All footpaths will remain operational through out
- The site will run parallel to the existing one briefly
- It will operate from 7am to 7pm Monday to Friday and 7am to 1pm Saturday
- There isn't any funding available to provide community payback or fund eg a cycle path or footpath along the lay by
- The gravel is usually used within a 20 mile radius of the site but can go further
- The excavations and resulting lakes should not result in an ox bow lake and a new river course
- Noise and dust have to be monitored constantly and kept within limits or production must stop
- Visual impact and noise will be reduced by creating 3m bunds of top soil which is removed before excavation begins and replaced after an area has been exhausted
- Issues can be reported to the site manager

5) 10 minute open forum to receive questions and comments from members of the public

ME passed on reports of a pothole in Old Bell Lane which councillors agreed should be reported.

Item 8 was considered at this point.

6) To note any matters arising from the minutes of 8th January 2019

a) New noticeboard

The clerk informed councillors that the order had been submitted but that the County Council logo was causing issues – despite several requests they had not yet provided a suitable quality/format.

b) Severn Trent – light at the Church Lane works

The clerk reported that a member of the customer liaison team had asked for more information and was now investigating the matter.

7) To receive updates on any District and County Councillor matters

DCllr SM informed the meeting that the council was aware of the damp at Castle House and the contractors were waiting for rain to be able to assess the problem and resolve it.

She added that next SNG meeting would be on 25th April and that there seemed to be a suggestion at the previous meeting that rural areas were full of rich people who should be taking measures to protect themselves! Laxton PC are asking the new Inspector to speak at the Annual meeting, which may be an idea for Carlton on Trent.

Finally DCllr SM informed councillors that a project in Ollerton to build a place similar to Gladstone House in Newark had received £1.2m in Government funding.

8) To consider any planning matters

a) Notifications received

None

b) Planning applications to discuss

i) 19/00022/FUL Yew Tree House Entrance Porch

ii) 19/00023/LBC Yew Tree House Entrance Porch

These two applications were identical but one was for planning permission whilst the other was for Listed Building Consent.

No-one passed comment.

RESOLVED: To support both applications.

(proposed by NF, seconded by MM and carried unanimously)

iii) Cemex UK Cromwell site extension

MM reminded councillors of the list of valid planning objections.

Councillors re-considered the concerns of

- safety around the site entrance – existing issues of poor visibility, lorries exiting the A! And not expecting 2 way traffic, potential queueing lorries, parked lorries using the lay by as a lorry stop and vulnerability of cyclists and walkers in the vicinity
- proximity to residential properties – the site being very close to the South end of the village
- Dust pollution – the environmental impact survey may suggest this won't impact due to the sand and gravel being damp but it was felt lorries on dry surfaces would create a lot of dust
- Environmental impact – the loss of farmland and potential for an ox bow lake changing the course of the river

RESOLVED: To reject the plan on the points raised above

(proposed LH, seconded FJ, carried 6:1)

c) Any other planning business

None

9) To consider disconnecting the telephone Kiosk electricity supply

The clerk had circulated proposed costs of £803.93 prior to the meeting. Councillors noted that an element of this amounting to £429.33, was contestable. The clerk was asked to investigate this further.

DCllr SM suggested that when other councils had put a defibrillator in the kiosk – either Western Power or the billing supplier had agreed to pay the electricity bill, thereby there was no disconnection fee and no electricity bill. The clerk was asked to investigate this option as it may impact upon the decision to repurpose the kiosk.

10) To decide what to do with the poppies from the WWI remembrance arch

It was suggested these could be retained for future use or sold in aid of British Legion, maybe through the coffee shop or through two sellers in Newark. The clerk noted that they would all require brooch backs before they could be sold. It was suggested the church be approached to see if they would like them for use on/around the war memorial. LH agreed to approach the church.

11) To consider entering the Best Kept Village Competition

There was some discussion about the lack of effort last time the village entered but knowing about it earlier may overcome this. It was suggested a newsletter may generate a committee prepared to take it forward.

RESOLVED: To enter the competition when the forms come.
(proposed LH, seconded RW, carried by 4:3)

12) To discuss and respond to the following consultations

a) Civic Voice – Building Better, Building Beautiful

It was felt no response was necessary.

13) To consider the following financial matters

a) To note the bank reconciliation

The noticed a discrepancy on the PAYE payment so the clerk was asked to correct it for signing at the next meeting.

b) To approve the following payments

i) Notts ALC Fees: £69.66

It was felt this was necessary and invaluable when advice was needed.

RESOLVED: To renew membership.

(proposed by FJ, seconded ME, carried unanimously, MM did not vote)

ii) VH Fee (on account) – TBC

It was agreed this would be 2 hours ie £6 making £9 on account to date.

c) To note the following payments

i) Standing Order for Clerks Wages

The payment and PAYE element were noted.

14) To raise any other business which may need to be included on the agenda of the next meeting

The clerk informed councillors that a First Aid Training event had been set for 6th March 2019, 7-9.30pm in the village hall.

MM offered to purchase new defibrillator pads as they were overdue for renewal.

RW reported that the broken stile by the church (reported last year) had been repaired (possibly by a resident rather than NCC) but the way markers had not been replaced so walkers were not sure which way to go. RW offered to report it.

RW also reported that she had received a letter about lorries parking at Cromwell on both sides of the road by the petrol station. In it Highways suggested the problem would be addressed by making it No Parking.

DWP suggested councillors take a look at the website nextdoor.co.uk

15) To note the date of the next meeting

The next meeting will be Tuesday 5th March at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.20pm