

# 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 10<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at 7.00pm**

**Present:**

Cllr N Fletcher (Chair), Cllr M Martin (Vice-Chair), Cllr M Eley, Cllr L Hopkins, Cllr F Jerome, Cllr M McKinnon, Cllr R Whate, T Grimes (Clerk) and 36 members of public

**1) To consider any apologies for absence**

MMc apologised for arriving late.

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

NF, FJ, MMa & RW declared an interest in the village hall. Anticipating the fact that the declarations would result in the meeting not being quorate, the councillors had completed dispensation requests prior to the meeting and these were awarded to allow the meeting to go ahead.

**3) To accept the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2018**

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

**4) 10 minute open forum to receive questions and comments from members of the public**

MMc arrived.

The chair gave a brief history of the village hall renovations and an outline of the enforcement terms and asked for the public to comment.

There were a number of questions about the reason for the enforcement and for clarification of some aspects.

Everyone who expressed an opinion suggested the change had been a positive one, improving the energy efficiency of the building and making it warm and comfortable and with double glazing in the neighbouring properties it was felt that the hall fitted in with the surroundings.

Whilst some supported an appeal of the notice, others suggested asking for a longer period to complete any work that had to be done; the reasons for the given applied to either option:

- the duty planning officer gave the wrong advice
- reasonableness – a charity, trying to do the right thing being heavily penalised
- cost – the money isn't there to complete the work in a year
- other Government targets like reducing social isolation and improving energy efficiency are as important as preserving historical buildings and there should be some compromise to achieve an element of each
- many users are susceptible to chills and drafts and the hall may return to being a run down underused resource if they stop coming as a result of single glazing, which would not achieve any conservation goals

It was pointed out that only planning issues would have any impact so any request/appeal or negotiation would need to be based on material considerations and it was suggested that a request for a delay in issuing the notice whilst clarification was sought would be the most useful response.

**5) To consider the matter of an enforcement notice being served on the village hall for the replacement of windows on the front elevation**

Having heard the opinions of the local residents and the users of the hall, councillors felt that they should take action.

**RESOLVED:** To write and ask the enforcement officer for a stay of execution on the enforcement notice and for a meeting to clarify the requirements.

(proposed MMA, seconded ME, carried unanimously)

It was agreed that this should be copied to the chief executive and to DCSM, CCBL and Robert Jenrick MP.

**6) To determine the village hall fee**

This was not considered and is to be carried forward to the next meeting.

*The meeting closed at 7.40pm*