

## CARLTON-ON-TRENT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2004 commencing at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Mr R Boothroyd (Chairman), Mrs C Fitzpatrick (Vice- Chairman), Mrs A O'Brien, Mr J Fairhurst, Mrs C Rose (District Councillor), Mr B Laughton (County Councillor), Mrs S Beresford (Clerk). Two members of the public

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Mr C. Hemstock, Mr E. Holland, Lt Col G E Vere-Laurie.

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

There were no declared interest in agenda items.

3. **To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2004.**

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

Approved by Mrs C Fitzpatrick and seconded by Mr J Fairhurst.

4. **Matters arising from the Minutes.**

a) Replacement Village Seat

The Clerk reported little success as yet with determining a supplier to replace the Village Seat on Main Street. The Clerk to write again to Mr D Pykett and the Chairman Mr R Boothroyd to also make inquires.

This item to be made a priority and when a supplier can be found, the Clerk to write to Mr B Laughton (County Councillor) with the quote and financial assistance may be available from Mr Laughtons Electoral Division Initiative Budget.

b) Highways Issues

The issues concerning potholes and flooding especially on Ferry Lane and Church Lane appear to be getting worse. The Clerk has been in communication with Notts County Council several times and despite reassurances, nothing has yet been done. The Clerk to write again asking for an urgent solution to this problem and a copy to be sent to Mr Laughton. All present discussed the issue and declared that the drain adjacent to the Dower House (opposite DF Furniture) was one of the key problems. Mrs O'Brien agreed to be a contact point of reference for the workmen to approach her to ensure that the correct drains were examined.

c) Tree Works- The Plantings, Old bell Lane- Notification of proposal to carry out works.

The Clerk read out a letter from Mr M Catchpole, Tree and Woodlands Officer granting permission for remedial pruning to the Silver Birches and felling of one tree.

d) Trent Fluvial Strategy

Mr B Laughton gave a brief update regarding the strategy, which will come into effect in April 2005. It currently only affects areas up to Cromwell Lock but has raised significant issues for residents living in the villages currently affected by the proposals i.e. North/South Muskham and will significantly impact on household insurance premiums. The Strategy

was a response made by the Environment Agency in relation to well publicised floods that have occurred over recent years in other parts of the country but there are several issues of concern in relation to this strategy, namely the huge variation in the water levels estimated by the Environment agency and the actual risks to residents and land-owners.

e) Resurfacing Work to the A1 carriageway.

Mrs C Rose stated that she had spoken to the Highways Department and they report that the surfacing work carried out at Weston had failed and required re-surfacing again. The Carlton-on-Trent section is to be started in October 2004 but will be carried out in three sections costing £12 million. The first section will commence imminently and the second section will more than likely be carried into the next financial year. The Clerk to write to the Highways Agency to request a regular newsletter and timetable of works to be carried out. There are negotiations for a temporary cycle track to be laid, safety issues are currently being examined and when the resurfacing work is complete, this will be finished.

## **5. General Correspondence**

a) Building Better Communities

The Clerk brought to the meeting literature pertaining to this County Council initiative and an application form to submit proposals for individual communities. Mrs C Fitzpatrick to take away the information and study this in-depth to ascertain if there are any potential issues or opportunities for Carlton-on-Trent.

b) Notice of Application for transfer of the license- The Great Northern Inn, Ossington Road.

This notice of transfer was read out and no objections made by any persons present.

c) Community Speed Watch

The Clerk and Mr B Laughton briefly informed all present about a new initiative partnership between the County Council, the Police and the Community. The Clerk to write up the notes taken at the meeting she attended regarding the details of the scheme and will distribute to all the Parish Councillors as soon as possible.

d) Independent Memorial Inspection

Correspondence had been received regarding memorial inspections and health and safety issues. The Chairman informed all present that this was not the responsibility of the Parish Council,

e) Mr B Laughton- Selection as the Prospective Parliamentary Candidate for the Sherwood Conservative Association

The Parish Council were informed of Mr Laughton's selection to stand as Prospective Parliamentary candidate and congratulate him on this honour. Mr Laughton also writes in a letter to the Parish Council, that he will be

standing for the seat of Southwell and Sutton-on-Trent in the next County Council elections.

## **6. Financial Matters**

### **a) Clerks wages and Expenses**

The Clerk presented wages and expenses for the period of 18<sup>th</sup> March- 20<sup>th</sup> August 2004- Wages £171.49 and expenses £23.36 Total- £195.85.

This was proposed by Mrs C Fitzpatrick and seconded by Mr J Fairhurst.

### **b) Statement of Present Account Funds**

The present account funds were read out to those present and there have been no receipts or payments made.

### **c) Hacker Young- External Auditors**

The Clerk has received a telephone call from the external auditors asking why an increase in Clerks salary and expenses had occurred between 2002 and 2003. The chairman stated that during 2002 persons acting as temporary support had filled the role of the Clerk and it wasn't until 2003 that a "professional" clerk had been employed whom obviously then claimed the correct hourly rate in accordance with Nottinghamshire Association of Local Clerks guidance. The clerk to speak to Hacker Young to inform them of the reason for this variance.

### **d) Payment of Village Hall fees**

Mrs O'Brien brought along to the meeting an invoice for the last two Parish Council meetings and informed the Parish Council that Mrs Pykett is now treasurer for the village Hall Committee. The next Parish Council meeting to be held in November will require the fee to be paid to the Treasurer prior to 31<sup>st</sup> December in order for their accounts to be maintained.

## **7. Health and Safety Inspections**

This item to be carried forward to the next agenda. The Parish Councillors discussed a car that was parking in the village on a dangerous bend causing a hazard to other road users. The Clerk to write to the Community Police Officer giving details of the vehicle and asking him to investigate. A discussion then took place regarding the dangerous slip road on and off the A1 and the increase in traffic when re-surfacing work reaches the Carlton-on-Trent stretch of the A1. The Clerk to write to Highways asking for traffic calming measures to be employed during this time and/or a weight restriction to prevent heavy lorries from using the village.

## **8. Planning Issues**

### **a) Continued Residential Use of the former stables, Rear of Butchers Shop.**

All present agreed that the stables- the top part of the building (first floor) was used to accommodate a lady who worked as a groom from around 1994. The Clerk to complete the relevant document to agree with the supporting evidence provided and return this to the Planning Department at NSDC.

**9. Items to include on the next agenda.**

- a) Highways Issues

**10. Any other business**

a) Refurbishment to the Village Hall

The Clerk to write to Judge Richard Inglis, Chairman of the Village Hall Committee to offer Parish Council support in obtaining funding to refurbish the Village Hall. As a regular user of the premises, improvements were long overdue as there was an inadequate heating system, disrepair to the structure both externally and internally, a lack of disabled access and it remained the only public building in the Village that could be used for meetings of this type.

b) Broadband Computer access

The meeting was informed that the exchange was changing at Sutton-on-Trent from next week and Broadband will be available.

c) Dumped Rubbish

Mr C Hemstock asked, in his absence, for the issue of rubbish dumping to be discussed. Significant amounts of rubbish including plastic baskets of fish were found to be dumped in the Beck, near to the café at Spittal Bridge. This particular rubbish has been reported to Newark and Sherwood District Council and cleared.

d) Parish Footpaths

Mr J Fairhurst inquired about the Parish Footpaths. The Clerk briefed the meeting about a new County Council scheme entitled P3- Parish Paths Partnership. She will contact Mr Bob Knowles, the Way finder Paths Co-ordinator to invite him to the Annual General Meeting in the spring to discuss Carlton-on-Trent joining the scheme.

**11. Date of Next Meeting-** This was agreed to be held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2004 at 7.30pm

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 21.05pm.