

Carlton-on-Trent Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 24th February 2010 commencing at 7.30pm at the Village Hall, Carlton-on-Trent

1. Present: Lt Col G.E Vere-Laurie (Chairman), Mrs R Whate (Vice-Chairman), Mrs J Clark, Mrs L Wells-Pope, Mr N Walton, Mr C Hemstock, Mrs C Rose (District Councillor), Mr B Laughton (County Councillor), Mrs S Beresford (Clerk) and 1 member of the public.

2. Apologies for absence: Mr T Cooper

3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 7th January 2010. The minutes having been circulated were agreed to contain a true record. Proposed by Mr N Walton and seconded by Mr C Hemstock.

3. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda.

There was no interest declared in items on the agenda.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes

a) Highways issues

The white lines have been repainted at the Ossington junction and road signs cleaned as requested. The Clerk to continue to chase up the “no tipping” sign for the lay-by. The Clerk has sent another letter and awaiting response.

b) Statistical Survey of HGV traffic

County Councillor Bruce Laughton and Parish Councillor Jean Clark was delighted to inform those present that this survey will now not be necessary as the County Council have agreed to Carlton-on-Trent becoming a village with an enforceable weight limit. Several small villages have been approved and Carlton-on-Trent are 10th in line to receive the restriction will be in place hopefully in the next financial year. The assessment has been completed. On his arrival Mr Laughton informed those present that the speed management strategy has been amended to allow 20mph areas too.

The Clerk will write formally to Bruce Laughton thanking him for all his unending support and also to Mike Keeling for his contribution. The information will go out to the village in a news letter which will be drafted by Liz Wells-Pope and distributed after the next meeting.

c) Remedi- Church yard maintenance.

The Clerk will write to Alison Morton of Remedi to ask for an update regarding the maintenance of the church yard. This item will remain on the agenda.

d) Telephone Kiosk.

A working party consisting of Liz Wells-Pope, Robbie and John Whate, Jean Clark and her husband and Chris Hemstock met recently to discuss the use and maintenance of the now Parish Council owned Kiosk. Those present explained that they planned to repaint the box with red metal paint. They also explained that there was to be boarding applied to the existing platform inside the box to enable the use as a Parish Council notice board facility. Liz Wells-Pope to create a door sign stating that this facility has been provided by Carlton-on-Trent Parish Council. The Clerk will include details of the proposals in the news letter. We will need to purchase approximately 2 litres of paint at an approximate cost of £23. Proposed by Mrs J Clark and seconded by Mr N Walton. Mrs Clark agreed to clean the windows and Mr Whate volunteered to erect the notice board. The proposed total costs to be in the region of £50. The electricity bill will continue to be issued once yearly at an approximate cost of £25.

e) Erratic Postal deliveries to the village

There has been a slight improvement in the erratic service provision of post to the village. However, Mrs C Rose has sent letters to all other District Councillors covering rural areas asking if there are any problems in their wards. It appears that other outlying villages also have the same issues. Mrs Rose has liaised with Patrick Mercer- MP who has offered his support. Patrick Mercer will set up a meeting with the Post Office, Mrs Rose and other District Councillors. It appears that the main issues within the Post Office are due to poor staffing and insufficient Post people to manage the service. It is possible though with MP support that we may be able to apply more pressure to ensue a regular reliable service.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs Rose for all her efforts with this issue.

f) Flood Defences Meeting

Mr Hemstock, Mr Walton, Mr Cooper, Mrs C Rose and Kevin Smith met recently with Russell Smith from the Environment Agency. It appears that we may be able to develop some flood defences in relation to the Beck. Russell Smith explained that it would be useful if we could provide photographic evidence of previous flooding. The Clerk will include a request for villagers to offer the loan of any personal photographs they may have over the years of old or recent flooding. It is especially important that we focus on the vulnerability of some of Carlton-on-Trent residents.

It may be a possibility that some individual property work may be offered and there was some mention in the meeting of intermittent

defence banks. Russell Smith argued that we were more at risk in the village from flash flooding from the Beck than the actual River Trent; however, the new culvert should help reduce this significantly. The Clerk will send a note thanking Russell Smith for his time and will contact him again in due course when the photographs are collated.

g) Disruption to the BT telephone lines/Silver Birch Trees

The Clerk will write to Mr and Mrs Harrup to provide details of the tree specialist team at the County Council dealing with this issue.

h) Feedback from the Planning Meeting- Mrs Robbie Whate

Mrs Whate explained that about 20 parish Councillors representing a wide area of villages attended the meeting at South Muskham village Hall. The main area of interest was the considerations we need to give to planning applications although the District Council are between policies at the moment. Lt Col G Vere-Laurie will photocopy for each member of the Parish Council the useful information brought back from the meeting.

i) Feedback from the working party reviewing Newark Healthcare review document

The small working party consisting of Mr N Walton, Mrs L Wells-Pope and Mrs J Clark reviewed the proposed changes to Newark Healthcare provision and completed the questionnaire. All present agreed it would be unlikely to impact of the final decisions made.

5. Correspondence

- a) Emergency Planning training - No interest in attending this item. The contingency plan was in accordance with common sense.
- b) Review of members declaration of interest – Mrs Wells-Pope took away to complete personal detail changes.
AT THIS POINT Mrs Wells-Pope and Mr Walton left the meeting.
- c) Draft Newark and Sherwood Sports and Recreation Facility consultation- the Clerk enclosed within the communication pack.
- d) Notification of Tree Works- all present agreed and accepted awareness.
- e) Membership of Rural services Network- to decline membership at the present time as those present could not see any apparent benefits.

6. Financial Matters

- a) Payment of village Hall Fees
The sum of £10 agreed for the hire of the Hall. Proposed by Mrs R Whate and seconded by Mrs J Clark.
- b) NALC

The sum of £58.79 in respect of annual subscriptions proposed by Mrs J Clark and seconded by Mrs R Whate.

7. Planning Issues.

a) Decisions Made

None

b) Planning applications to discuss

None

Any other planning business

Some members of the public have complained about the change of name from Grey House Cottage to Carlton Lodge. Mrs Rose to speak to the District Council to see if this breaches planning permission regulations.

8. Items for Inclusion on the next agenda

- a) Matters arising

9. Any other business

a) Local Improvement Scheme- Notts County Council

If there are any schemes that the Parish Council wish to pursue we could apply under the Local improvement scheme which would involve putting together a bid for financial support.

- b) The Council tax rate has increased by less than ½% - with the largest rise due to Policing.
- c) Style on the footpath down Ferry Lane- this style is extremely rickety and requires some maintenance. To discuss with Matt Duckworth at the County Council as it may require attention under the Farm Partnership scheme.
- d) Waste Litter Bin- Bottom of Church Lane- this bin requires some maintenance- Mrs Whate to investigate and report back to the next Parish Council meeting.

e) Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 15th April 2010

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 21.10pm.

