

## **Carlton-on-Trent Parish Council**

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November 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, Mr C Hemstock, Mr E Holland, Mr B Laughton (County Councillor), Mrs C Rose (District Councillor), Mrs S Beresford (Clerk)

**1. Apologies for absence:** Lt Col G E Vere-Laurie.

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

There was no declared interest in items on the agenda.

Mr R Boothroyd informed the meeting that after serving on the Parish Council for 18 years, he wished to resign as Chairman due to work commitments. Mr Boothroyd however will remain as a serving member of the Parish Council. A formal vote of thanks was declared by Mr E Holland and seconded by Mrs C Fitzpatrick. Following a discussion, it was agreed that Mrs C Fitzpatrick would continue as Vice-Chairman until the Annual General Meeting in March 2005 when a new Chairman will be elected.

**3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2005.**

The minutes, having been circulated and read were agreed to contain a true record of items discussed. Proposed by Mrs C Fitzpatrick and seconded by Mrs A O'Brien.

**4. Matters arising from the minutes.**

a) Replacement Village Seat

The Clerk informed the meeting that a new seat has been ordered from Mr Sid Paver and hopefully will be erected in the near future. Mr B Laughton was thanked for the funding of £320.00 from his Electoral Initiatives Budget. Mr Hemstock however informed the meeting that an anonymous member of the public wished to fund the replacement seat, therefore this would be pursued.

b) Highways Issues

The County Council are planning to flush the drainage system in the village, however all present felt that this approach had already been tried with no success. Mr Laughton to meet with the Highways Department on 6<sup>th</sup> December and will raise this ongoing issue. The Clerk to also write again to ask for a solution to this problem. There have been some improvements to the potholes along Ferry Lane, however some larger ones have been excluded from repair, therefore the Clerk to write to the County

Council again and include details of the large gorge in the road up near to the transport café. There are still some serious problems with fly tipping alongside and into the Spittal. The Clerk will write to the Refuse Department of the District Council and the Newark Area Drainage Board to ask for items of rubbish to be removed.

Mr Laughton reports that he has reported the flooding issues to Chris Charnley and this is being investigated at the moment.

The Parish Councillors present agreed that the pavement adjacent to Park Farm is in a dangerous state due to an absence of tarmac. This will be reported to the County Council by the Clerk. There was also a general observation that many of the pavements in the village are dirty and therefore present a risk when the weather is poor as this renders them slippery. The Clerk to write to ask for these to be cleaned.

c) A1 Resurfacing work

The most serious knock on effect to the resurfacing work continues to be the large amount of heavy and speeding traffic coming through the village, despite warning signs, motorists are exceeding the speed limit and rendering a nuisance to local residents. The Clerk to write to the Traffic Enforcement Unit, Nottinghamshire Police, to ask for a regular speed watch system to try to prevent a serious incident.

Some residents have been approached about noise levels from the Contractors, however these have been deemed to be within “tolerance” levels. There are moves to transfer over to the north carriageway and then to have a break over Christmas, then start again in January up to the café. The cycle track will now not be completed until the end of the project, which is anticipated to be around June 2005.

The issue of the dangerous crossroads was discussed at the junction between the Great North Road and the Ossington Lane. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the County Council to investigate the possibility of having some warning bollards or chevrons to encourage traffic to slow when approaching the junction and to prevent overtaking in this area.

d) Trent Fluvial strategy

Mr J Fairhurst represented the Parish Council at the recent meeting and declared an interest in continuing this role. The second phase of the Trent Fluvial Strategy will include Carlton-on-Trent. Currently the Strategy takes into account villages up to Cromwell lock. The first part looked at those households that would be most affected by a flooding risk. It is expected that as part of the second phase, all householders in Carlton-on-Trent will have all their floor levels measured by the Environment agency and those at risk included in the plan. Obviously have a knock-on effect on insurance premiums. Mr Fairhurst informed the Parish Council that this is largely determined by how many properties the individual insurance company insures in the area and it may be worth shopping” around.

e) Parish Paths Partnership

The Clerk has invited Mr Bob Knowles (P3 Co-ordinator) to the Annual General Meeting in March to inform the Parish Council about the P3 Scheme.

f) Building Better Communities

This item to go on the agenda for the next meeting. Mrs C Fitzpatrick to peruse the information and bring forth to the next meeting instructions about possible funding applications. Some ideas discussed include the refurbishment of the village hall and looking at the safety of the crossroads approaching the village.

g) Becks Project

The Clerk was approached by a Lucy Alcock from New Opportunities fund in relation to a Community Project involving several villages that lie along the path of the Beck. There was to have been a village meeting held in Carlton-on-Trent on the 24<sup>th</sup> November to involve as many villagers as possible however those present did not know if this did indeed take place.

## **5. Correspondence**

a) Transfer of License- Great Northern Inn

The pub is due to re-open mid December 2004. The clerk informed those present that some structural alterations are to be made to the interior of the premises and the License has formally changed hands.

b) Snow Warden Scheme

Mr E Holland has agreed to continue to act as Carlton-on-Trent Snow Warden and took ownership of all the information and correspondence in relation to this role.

## **6 Financial Issues**

a) Payment of the Village Hall Fees

A cheque made payable to the village Hall Committee for the sum of £10.00 renders the Parish Council fees complete for 2004.

b) Hacker Young

A cheque for £58.75 was made payable to Hacker Young for services in relation to the Annual Audit 2004.

c) Budgetary Estimate and Proposed Precept 2005/2006

The Clerk confirmed that expenditure for 2005 was expected to remain in line with the year 2004. It was therefore agreed to maintain the annual precept at £1300, which takes into account slight increases across the range of the expenditure expected. This was proposed by Mrs C Fitzpatrick and seconded by Mr R Boothroyd. The Parish Councillors discussed the present financial position and agreed to look at the feasibility of spending some monies on a new Village Sign, similar in design to the new sign at North Muskham. The Clerk to write to

the Clerk at North Muskham to ask for details of the origin, approximate costs involved and the designer. This item to be included in the minutes of the next meeting and the local History Group to be approached to ask for input regarding features of historical significance for inclusion in the signs design.

d) Busy Bees Pre-school

Following a letter from the secretary of the Pre-school, a donation of £30.00 was sent to assist with finance for their coming year.

**7. Health and Safety**

Other than the Potholes and poor state of the pavements, there were no further Health and Safety issues to discuss.

**8. Planning Issues**

There were no planning issues to discuss.

**9. Items for Inclusion of the next agenda**

- a) Highways Matters
- b) A1 Resurfacing Work
- c) Building Better Communities
- d) New Village Sign
- e) Trent Fluvial strategy.

**10. Any other Business**

a) Flower Planting scheme

It was discussed the possibility of planting spring and summer bulbs on the Green area at the crossroads. The Clerk to write and ask permission from the County Council to do this.

b) Twin Bin Recycling System

The residents of Carlton-on-Trent will be receiving their new silver recycling bin w/c January 24<sup>th</sup> 2005. All residents will also receive a calendar and a pack explaining how the new collection system will work and a guide to explain which items of refuse to place in which receptacle. There will also be a road show at Sutton-on-Trent Community Centre on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> January from 10.00. - 3.00pm to assist with the new recycling system.

**11 Date of the Next Meeting**

The Next Parish Council Meeting will also include the Annual Village meeting and will be held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2005 commencing at 7.30pm.