

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 1st November 2016 at 7.30pm

Present:

Cllr N Fletcher (Chair), Cllr M Martin (Vice-Chair), Cllr J Clark, Cllr M Eley, Cllr L Hopkins, Cllr F Jerome, Cllr R Whate, CCllr B Laughton, T Grimes (Clerk) and 1 member of the public

1) To consider any apologies for absence

DC SM sent her apologies.

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

MM declared an interest in the clerk's wages.

3) To accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held Tuesday 4th October 2016

After changing who seconded resolution 11 b i) from FJ to ME, the minutes were approved as a true record of the meetings and were signed by the chair.

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

No matters were raised at the meeting but prior to the meeting FJ was asked whether the footpath from the South of the village to Cromwell could be cleared. She responded by outlining the discussions and outcomes of previous meetings.

FJ was also approached by a resident who took the footpath over the A1 to the Great Northern on a mobility scooter but was forced to use the road due to the state of the pavement.

CC BL offered to raise these issues with Highways.

5) To note any matters arising from the minutes of 6th September 2016 (There are no matters arising from 4th October 2016)

a) Pot holes repairs (FJ)

FJ has been too busy to contact other councils and said she would be for some time to come. It was agreed this wasn't urgent and she could pick it up when she had more time.

6) To receive updates on any District & County Councillor matters

CCllr BL informed council that Cromwell village hall had received a £40,000 grant from Wren and £7,000 from the National Lottery for their building repairs and refurbishment. He reported that there had been several 'teething' problems for VIA (the new Highways team) and that as yet there was no news regarding the BP filling station site at Cromwell.

7) To raise concerns about the A1 exit slip road at Cromwell Holt

JC raised concerns about the vulnerability of cars in the area of the layby as lorries leave the A1 having been informed of another near miss. It was felt that some of the issue was due to lorries parking in the layby and over the carriageway forcing cars onto the wrong side of the road. CCllr BL confirmed that this was an enforcement issue for the Police but that they would only take action if there was an accident. There was a suggestion that bollards would help to prevent parking in the problem area. CCllr BL offered to raise the matter with Highways.

8) To review Council Policy and amend as appropriate

a) Standing Orders section on interests

There was some discussion as to the ambiguity of the word 'withdraw'

Resolved: To replace the word 'withdraw' and to use 'leave the room' in 13b and 'shall not vote' in 13c.

(proposed FJ, seconded MM, carried unanimously)

b) Code of Conduct section on interests

It was felt that the appendices clearly differentiated pecuniary and other interests.

Resolved: Not to change the policy

(proposed NF, seconded FJ, carried unanimously)

c) Financial Regulations

The clerk suggested that a sentence to reinstate the wording for contracts over £25,000 in 11.1b) and to update the regulations referenced in 11.1k) would reflect the changes.

Resolved: To change the wording to that read out by the clerk.

(proposed by MM, seconded by RW, carried unanimously)

d) To determine the next policy for review

It was decided that it wouldn't be necessary to review a policy every meeting now that meetings were more frequent. The clerk was asked to add a review date on to each policy and provide a list of each policy and the date on which it was reviewed.

9) To receive feedback from councillors on any meetings/training attended

None

10) To discuss and note any further actions required from correspondence received since the last meeting

a) Notts ALC Referendum Principles letter

The clerk reported that NSDC had not responded to a request for information about devolution of services in time to submit a response to the consultation but that NALC had provided a letter which could be sent to MPs for when the matter was raised in parliament.

Resolved: To send a copy to Robert Jenrick.

(proposed NJ, seconded MM, carried unanimously)

11) To consider and approve any financial matters

a) To approve payments for:

- **Clerk's Wages**

RESOLVED: To make a payment of £104.49

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

b) Any other financial matters

i) To note the bank reconciliation

The bank reconciliation was circulated and NF signed the bank statements.

ii) To consider the interim budget report

The clerk presented the summary of spending to date and a prediction for the year end. Although a couple of items were overspent, it was felt that the underspend on others would mean that overall spend would be within budget at

the year end.

iii) To agree the Village Hall fee (to be accumulated and paid in December)

The fee was confirmed at £3, making £27 owing to date.

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

The clerk put a copy of Clerks and Councils Direct in the pack.

The clerk also informed councillors that Jill Sanderson had asked to attend the next council meeting regarding the Housing Needs survey.

As there had been no concerns raised regarding planning application 16/01647 next to the Grey House, the clerk did not negotiate an extension or propose to call an extraordinary meeting.

JC noted that a vehicle had been left blocking the pumping station and that Newark & Sherwood Homes had traced the owner, resulting in the vehicle being moved.

13) To note the date of the next meeting

The next meeting will be 6th December 2016.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm