

Carlton-on-Trent Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 10th February 2011 commencing at 7.30pm at the Village Hall, Carlton-on-Trent

- 1. Present:** Mrs R Whate (Chairman), Mr T Cooper (Vice-Chairman), Mrs M Eley, Mrs J Clark, Mrs F Jerome, Mr N Walton, Mr P Jackson, Mrs Mr B Laughton (County Councillor), Mrs S Beresford (Clerk)
- 2. Apologies for absence:** Mrs C Rose (District Councillor),
- 3. To approve the minutes of** the meeting held on Thursday 9th December 2010. The minutes having been circulated were almost agreed. Item 4c should have read- "trees" were removed and taken down in the Churchyard. Proposed by Mrs M Eley and seconded by Mrs J Clark.

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

Mr Laughton reported that the previous week he had given a presentation to the Environment agency outlining three schemes in respect of flood resilience- one of which was Carlton-on-Trent. There may be money available for enhanced flood defences but we would almost certainly need to gain/provide additional funding ourselves in order to access any funding for this project. Mr Laughton will keep the PC informed as any additional information transpires.

The PC report that there is overgrowth at the Bus Stop pathway on Ossington Lane and this needs attention. There is also a degree of moss affecting the Pavement on Old Bell Lane and the road sweeper is failing to collect debris near to the pavement on the Main street adjacent to the telephone kiosk. The Clerk will report these issues.

b) Grit box provision and Snow Plan

The Clerk informed the PC that we were waiting for the new Grit Box order to be processed by the County Council and that we were on the waiting list for one Grit box to be cited opposite the Village Hall. It was currently discussed that Mr Cooper has the Snow warden as part of the Resilience work he has been involved with- see item- AOB Flood Warden.

c) Update of the Post Office at Sutton-on-Trent

. The clerk reported that Mrs Rose had emailed her to say that the new PO at Sutton-on-Trent will be cited at Marshalls Coach depot which will provide a good range of services with the exceptional of vehicle tax disc issue. The Clerk was asked to write to the PO to offer the Parish Councils support for the March opening of the PO.

d) Flood Resilience meeting outcome.

Several members of the PC met with Morgan Wray from the environment Agency and it is expected that Mr Wray will come back to the PC with an estimate of likely costs for flood resilience work to be carried out to protect the village. Mr Laughton suggested that the scheme would be well worth pursuing and will need to “keep the ball rolling”, particularly as there is a likelihood of 25% reduction in respect of funding from organisations such as DEFRA. Mr Wray will arrange a survey over the coming 3 months to look at the possibility of a short flood bank. Mr Laughton informed the PC that the Newark Area Drainage Board will be amalgamating with 3 other Drainage Boards shortly. Mr Laughton also advised that the key to successful application is an affordable scheme which needs to involve all agencies and try to extract funding from each.

e) Litter and Fly tipping

There has been a further spate of fly tipping and dumping of rubbish in the lay-by adjacent to Spittal Bridge. A mattress and a fridge have been left in the lay-by region, which the Clerk will report.

f) HGV Weight Limit

The clerk and Mr Laughton had recently received letters from Mike Keeling of the County Council indicating that in order for a decision to be made regarding the weight limit for the village a further traffic survey was necessary. Mr Laughton has met with Mr Keeling and expressed unhappiness regarding this decision as the weight limit had been agreed several months ago. Mr Laughton has asked the Cabinet member for Highways- Mr Richard Jackson to visit Cromwell and Carlton-on-Trent. The issues involved are not purely based on the actual numbers of HGV vehicles that pass through the village, more the Environmental damage done by those that do. It is most important that the PC cement our position regarding this weight limit and address the issue jointly with Cromwell Parish Meeting, otherwise if one village receives the weight limit and not the other- the problem will escalate.

The Parish Councils present expressed concern over the contents of the letter from Mr Keeling, the priority order of weight limits being designated to the Nottinghamshire villages had already been determined last year, so this new request for an additional survey appears unnecessary. Some members of the Parish Council believed that the survey has already been carried out.

5. Correspondence

- a) Railway Crossing closure- Item placed on notice board
- b) Review of members declaration of interest – no requirements for amending details

- c) New Electoral Register- placed in correspondence pack
- d) Notification of Tree Works- all present agreed and accepted awareness.
- e) Training opportunities- details placed in correspondence pack.

6. Financial Matters

- a) Payment of village Hall Fees
The sum of £10 agreed for the hire of the Hall. Proposed by Mr T Cooper and seconded by Mrs M Eley. Mrs Whate informed those present that the fees for the Village Hall hire will rise from the 1st May to £15.00 per meeting.
- b) NALC
The sum of £57.90 in respect of annual subscriptions proposed by Mrs J Clark and seconded by Mrs F Jerome.
- c) Dog Bin emptying
The NSDC bill for emptying the Dog Bin stands at £71.03- propped by Mr T Cooper and seconded by Mrs J Clark
- d) Forthcoming PC Election Bill
The clerk has received notification that the forthcoming elections if uncontested will cost the PC £54.27 plus £18.06 however if contested this fee will rise to £659.75

7. Planning Issues.

- a) **Decisions Made**
None
- b) **Planning applications to discuss**
None
- Any other planning business**
None

8. Items for Inclusion on the next agenda

- a) Matters arising

9. Any other business

- a) **Dog Fouling**
The problem is particularly bad along Ferry Lane and along the flood bank. The Clerk will bring to the next meeting some more dog fouling warning signs of prosecution.
- b) **Dumping of Garden Rubbish along Back Lane/Carlton Lane**
This problem has escalated again, all Parish Councillors to be vigilant to see who is disposing of their garden rubbish in the hedge way, this is most unsightly.
- c) **Next newsletter for the Spring/Summer**
This will contain information about the Rubbish dumping and dog fouling.
- d) **Snow Plan**
This to go on the next agenda
- e) **Police improved communication**

Mrs Rose sent an email informing the PC that the PCSO for the village wishes to improve communication with the Parish Council and will be setting up an email communication system.

f) Confusion regarding street names

There is still much confusion regarding the Emergency services finding certain properties in the village and the use of street names particularly Old Great Road, Old North Road and Great North Road. Recently an Ambulance and the Police has struggled to find two properties in the village because of this confusion. To discuss the matter again with Mrs Rose at the next PC meeting.

g) Royal Wedding commemoration

All present discussed the forthcoming Royal Wedding and the view to presenting certain village residents with Commemoration gifts. It was decided after a debate that due to the present economic climate, it would be unlikely and perhaps unnecessary to carry out this gesture.

h) Flood Warden Post

After four years of gallantly keeping water from our doors, Mr Terry Cooper announced that he wished to step down as Flood Warden in the village. A replacement would need to be sorted out as soon as possible therefore an advert to go in the next newsletter if a replacement for Terry is not sourced before then. The Chairman thanked Mr Cooper for all his hard work and efforts in the last four years.

i) Red Tape Buster

The PC was recently offered the services of a District Council "Red Tape Buster". Mr Cooper expressed to those present that he has tried this service and so far was awaiting a response..... !!!

10. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 24th March 2011

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 21.30pm.