

CARLTON-ON-TRENT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 4th November 2014 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Present: T Cooper (Chair), N Fletcher (Vice-Chair), R Whate, F Jerome, M Eley, M Martin, J Clark, C Rose and T Grimes (Clerk)

1. To consider any apologies for absence

BL apologised for being unable to attend due to other meetings. FJ apologised for having to leave at 9pm.

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

MM declared an interest in the payment of clerk's wages and RW declared an interest in the selection of an electrician to connect the defibrillator case.

3. To accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held Tuesday 2nd September 2014

The minutes were accepted as a true account of the meeting after the deletion of planning details inserted twice in error.

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

There were no public in attendance; however several matters had been brought to the attention of the council prior to the meeting.

The clerk reported that there had been two instances of fly tipping in the lay bye which had been reported and cleared. The clerk had enquired about measures to reduce the problem and Jill Ridge of N&S DC had offered to supply 'No Tipping' signs for the council to erect but could not provide surveillance equipment.

MM reported that the light in the telephone box wasn't working and offered to change the bulb.

- (a) Parking on Pavements

There was discussion as to whether parking on pavements was illegal and it was felt that the drivers concerned probably felt this safer than in the road, but that there should be room for a pedestrian to pass on the pavement. The options of inconsiderate parking notices, approaching the offending drivers, asking for hedges overhanging pavements to be cut back and asking the PCSO to walk the village and give an opinion were all considered. As the PCSO would be visiting soon it was agreed to ask him to advise on the situation.

- (b) Overhanging branches

There were branches overhanging the bench and bin adjacent to the pavement by the cross roads. FJ had approached the owner of the hedge who has agreed to remedy the situation.

- (c) Dog/Horse droppings on Carlton Lane

There have been complaints that this issue is getting worse again. It was agreed that a reminder to 'bag it and bin it' would go in the newsletter, KS would be approached to renew the signs he had put up round the village and MM would paint similar markings on the road to those used by Sutton on Trent PC.

- (d) Vehicles left on Ferry Lane

FJ was informed that new residents with several vehicles have been leaving some in Ferry Lane instead of outside their own house or on their driveway. Since then, a resident has complained directly to the owners because they obstructed the road preventing the horse box from passing. As a result, the matter seems to have been resolved.

- (e) Lorries on Church Lane

A lorry and trailer, over the weight limit, parked in Church Lane intending to stay overnight. ME approached the driver to say it was illegal to pass through the village and reported the matter to the Police who took the details and asked that other vehicles are reported to the police on 101 and to the parish council.

5. To note any matters arising from the Minutes of 2nd September 2014 which are not elsewhere on the agenda

- (a) Litter Bin from the bus stop (TG)

A new post has been fitted adjacent to the bus stop and a bin fitted on the post. A bill for £100 has been received; £50 for the materials and £50 for the fitting. JC reported that whilst checking the bin had arrived, she noticed there was a manhole nearby with no cover and she had reported this to N&S DC.

- (b) Defibrillator (MM) (TG)

MM organised three electricians to visit and quote for an electrical supply to the cabinet, which resulted in a quote of £135 from Matthew Whate and £100 plus VAT from Denys Hutchinson but Russell Electrics declined to quote. There was a discussion as to whether a further quote was required but it was felt that this would not be necessary and TC proposed that Denys Hutchinson be instructed to commence the work to avoid delays. JC seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

TC requested that Graeme Coutts be thanked for the training he ran, which was well received with 17 people attending over two sessions.

The clerk reported that she had asked the insurance company to add the defibrillator and cabinet to the asset register. She had also checked that the village hall would be covered by the public liability insurance should there be any damage to the building. The insurance company confirmed that the village hall committee would need to claim on their own insurance, who would then seek recompense via the PC insurance.

The clerk showed councillors a printed sign for the cabinet to say the purchase had resulted from public donation,

which it was agreed should be put up.

(c) Date for Safer Neighbourhoods coding meeting (TG)

The clerk confirmed that PCSO Crowhurst would be in attendance on 8th November from 10-11am for the coding meeting and that this had been advertised in the newsletter.

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

Cllr Rose updated the council on the following matters:

The Pears Factory appeal has been successful but the objection group will continue their work and any spills or smells should continue to be reported to Broxtowe BC and to the objection group.

The library at Sutton had re-opened after being decorated but the volunteers have not taken over yet as the County Council have asked them to draw up contracts.

The housing development in Sutton on Trent is now going to planning.

The Safer Neighbourhoods meeting reported the need for increased powers for PCSOs to stop speeding and Robert Jenrick is pushing Paddy Tipping on this matter.

Robert Jenrick continues to support the work to reduce the A1 noise and is awaiting a date for a meeting at Westminster, which TC has agreed to attend.

7. To set a date for a Winter Litter Pick

November 29th was set as a suitable date. This will be advertised in the next newsletter and RW offered to organise the loan of equipment from N&S DC.

8. To review Council Policy and amend as appropriate

(a) Health & Safety Policy (NF)

Kevin Smith was the H&S representative. The proposed H&S policy circulated prior to the meeting required a replacement so MM offered to take on this role. This was proposed by TC and seconded by RW before being carried unanimously. Having appointed a H&S representative it was agreed that the proposed policy would not require rewording and TC proposed it be adopted. ME seconded the motion which was then carried unanimously. NF offered to update the next policy as appropriate and to circulate this prior to the next meeting.

9. To consider any planning matters

(a) Decisions made (awaiting 13/01742/FUL re-submission of Turbine Normanton Road, Weston, 14/00601/FUL turbine at Wadnal Lane, Weston, 12/00656/FUL Turbine in Collingham, 14/01143/LBC The Dovecote and 14/01103/FUL Old Bell Lane)

The clerk reported that all these planning decisions are still pending, apart from 14/01103/FUL Old Bell Lane which has been approved.

Cllr Rose informed council that the Normanton Rd Turbine in Weston had been due to be decided by the planning committee on Nov 4th but had been removed due to the discovery of an objection by NATs. Cllr Rose added that the district council had called in consultants regarding turbine applications and that the County Council consultants were recommending refusal of turbines which would have an impact on the landscape.

(b) Planning applications to discuss (14/01817/FUL Windows at The Dovecote)

A brief discussion concluded that the alterations proposed at the Dovecote would not impact on surrounding properties and the proposal to support the application was carried unanimously.

(c) Any other planning business (14/SCR/00044 Single Turbine on Land Adjacent Whiteley Plantation, 14/SCR/00049 Solar Farm Ossington Road)

The clerk reported that there had been two scoping applications which N&S DC had already responded to. 14/SCR/00044 is for a third turbine below the existing two in the vicinity of where the anemometer used to stand. N&S DC response stated that the applicant would need to provide a full Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). 14/SCR/00049 is for a solar farm in the two fields opposite the wind turbines. N&S DC responded by informing the applicant they must submit a full EIA and soil tests.

10. To receive feedback from councillors on any meetings/training attended

(a) Parish Council Conference (NF)

NF & FJ attended the Parish Conference at which the main focus was 'The Digital Age' with sessions on Councils using Facebook, Websites and Twitter. It was felt that there was some inaccurate information presented and that much of it was irrelevant to the audience consisting mainly of councillors from small parish councils. Cllr Rose asked that feedback be communicated to N&S DC and FJ offered to write to them.

11. To discuss and note any further actions required from correspondence received since the last meeting

(a) NCC Winter Service Order

The County Council are once again offering 5 free bags of salt. It was decided that the free bags should be ordered but that no further salt was required as yet.

(b) Age UK Service Info

This was put in the pack for councillors to note and would then be put in the phone box.

(c) Notts CC Lifestyle Magazine

One of these was put in the pack and the rest were left in the village hall for the public to take.

(d) Notts CC Flood Assistance Sandbags Order

The county Council are offering a pallet of free sandbags in case of flooding. It was agreed this should be ordered but no further bags would be needed.

(e) Greenwood Community Tree Planting

The information was put in the pack for councillors to read.

(f) RCAN Christmas Market

This poster will be displayed in the telephone box.

(g) NALC AGM Agenda

The agenda was handed to NF who hopes to attend. RW informed the clerk she will also attend.

(h) Clerks & Councils Direct

This was put in the pack for councillors to read.

(i) N&SDC Shelter Volunteer Poster

This poster will be displayed in the telephone box.

(j) Girton & Meering PC & Conservation Trust

This was a plea for £50 for publication of flooding information to circulate to companies asking them for funding to implement flood mitigation. It was felt that there was a significant risk of flooding in Carlton so to pay other parishes to deal with their problems would not be appropriate.

12. To discuss and respond to the following consultations

(a) Notts CC Ticketing

There was some discussion as to whether this would benefit the area with the general feeling being that it would. FJ offered to pen a response and to circulate it for approval prior to submission. FJ left the meeting at this point.

(b) Notts CC Your Money Your Say

It was felt that this was a matter for personal response and the forms should be left in the telephone box for those interested in submitting their preferences.

13. To consider and approve any financial matters

(a) To approve payments for:

- Village Hall fees £6.00
- Clerk's Wages £182.83
- Defibrillator £120.00
- Notts CC Litter Bin Post £100.00
- NCC Salt/Sand Bags if required – not required

The clerk confirmed the above expenses. JC proposed that all payments be made and RW seconded it.

(b) Any other outstanding financial matters

- Bank reconciliation

The October statement has not arrived yet but the clerk circulated the bank reconciliation for the September statement which was signed by NF.

- Preliminary Budget Setting

The clerk circulated a comparison of spending against budgeted spend to date and a preliminary budget for 2015/16 which were noted in preparation for the January meeting.

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

ME noted that there were new street signs in Church Lane, Old Bell Lane and Carlton Lane as a result of the reports that they had become illegible.

NF informed those present that Network Rail no longer wished to attend a Parish Council meeting but had booked the village hall for a public consultation on February 3rd 2015 from 2 til 7pm.

15. To set the date of the next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 6th January 2015 at 7.30pm

The clerk suggested that the full year's meeting dates should be on display and confirmed these to be:

March 3rd, May 12th (second week due to expected election on May 7th), July 7th, September 1st and November 3rd.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm

Tanya Grimes – Clerk to the Parish Council