

## CARLTON-ON-TRENT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2005 commencing at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Lt Col G. E. Vere-Laurie (Chairman), Mrs A O'Brien, Mr E Holland, Mr C Hemstock, Mrs C Rose (District Councillor), Mr B Laughton (County Councillor), Mrs S Beresford (Clerk). 11 members of the public

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Mrs C Fitzpatrick, Mr J Fairhurst.
2. **Declaration of interest on items on the agenda.**

There were no declared interests in agenda items.

The Chairman announced, due to the public presence, that the Planning applications would be dealt with first on the agenda. For the purpose of these minutes, the original agenda order will be maintained. Following completion of planning business all but one member of the public left the meeting.

3. **To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 26th May 2005.**

The minutes, having been circulated and read were declared to be a true record. Approved by Mr E Holland and seconded by Mrs A O'Brien

**To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2005-**  
approved by Mrs A O'Brien and seconded by Mr E Holland.

4. **Matters arising from the Minutes.**

- a) Highways Issues

The Clerk asked if the overgrown footpath that was reported had been dealt with. The footpath from the Crossroads along the Old North Road on the east side remains in a poor state. The Clerk to write again asking for this to be dealt with.

There are also trees overhanging the path over the A1 Bridge.

The issue of flooding requires some serious action. Mr Hemstock brought to the meeting various photographs that he has taken of the problem. Mr Laughton agreed to write to the Environment Director, Mr P Webster and the Clerk to do the same asking for some action to resolve the issues. All present agreed that this issue has been ongoing for ten years and only token remedial action has been attempted with poor results. Lt Col Vere-Laurie also confirmed that the stagnant water was beginning to compromise the condition of the historical wall surrounding Carlton Hall.

- b) Storage of Sandbags –

From discussions with Newark and Sherwood District Council the Clerk understood that the sandbags would be supplied ready filled in the event of a flood warning. Mr Fairhurst to be asked to provide further information at the next meeting to clarify the situation.

- c) Building Better Communities

Lt Col Vere-Laurie provided the meeting with an insight into the Building Better Communities scheme and the potential for development in the

village. The level of funding available ranged enormously in the local level category. However, the funding is only available for initiatives on public land (not privately owned). Those present at the meeting discussed the possibility of applying to close the lay-by prior to the transport café returning the area to grass land, planting a tree scheme etc. This item to remain on the agenda and the parish council to consider submitting an application for next years funding. All applications need to be rubberstamped by our County Councillor. The Clerk to apply for the relevant application forms. Another idea involved applying for funding to resolve the drainage issues in the village.

d) Decorative Village Sign.

The funding from Building better Communities would not be available for a decorative village sign and to purchase privately, the estimate would cost the Parish Council something in the region of £2,000. Mr Laughton reported that approximately £300 would be available from his Electoral initiative fund. The item to remain on the agenda but all agreed that to purchase a decorative sign costing this amount would be ill spent precept funds.

## **5. Financial Matters**

- a) Payment of the village Hall fees- £10.00 agreed and the cheque signed for the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> August. Proposed by Lt Col G E Vere-Laurie and seconded by Mrs A O'Brien. The Chairman suggested that this proposal to account for all future village hall fees throughout the year. All in agreement.

## **6. Health and safety Inspections-** nothing to report.

## **7 Planning Matters:**

- a) Demolition of stables, conversion and extension to Barn- Erection of 2 houses- Land adjacent to The Old Forge.

The Chairman initially opened up the floor to the public asking for their observations and comments. All present that voiced their views opposed the application and many had written letters to the Planning department at District Council offices. The objections mainly expressed were regarding access to the proposed properties. The access road was a narrow lane with property in close proximity (6 metres across). One member of the public suggested a culvert ran through the proposed properties, which was not noted as an accurate interpretation on the plans. Other concerns revolved around increased traffic, further load on the sewage system and the over intensification of the site, wildlife issues etc.

Following a discussion and all present perusing the plans, the Parish Council voted unanimously to oppose the planning application. A letter to be written stating all opposition views by return of post. Mrs Rose will also discuss with the planning department about the development being heard at a committee rather than

a generalised decision made. All residents to continue to write to the planning department to state their individual views.

b) Erection of 2 ancillary factory units- Caledonian Building Ltd.

All Parish Councillors present perused the plans of this major development and again the Chair asked members of the public for comments. The major opposition to the development revolved around extension of the growth of the site- seen by many as “creeping development”. Some present felt that the site was already over intensified and this proposal amounted to further use of Greenfield site. Concern was raised about increased lorry access and traffic. Following a vote, all Parish Councillors unanimously opposed the development on the grounds of planning “creep” and over- intensification of the site.

## 7. General Correspondence

a) Severn Trent Water- Sewage spillage and flooding

The Clerk brought to the meeting a response email from Severn Trent Water, however since this time another serious flooding had occurred with even greater inconvenience to all affected. This recent occasion was the worst ever with all the pumps failing, raw sewage spilling onto lawns and property and residents unable to use their lavatories. The Clerk to write again to ask for the issues to be rectified. Mrs O’Brien agreed to act as a point of contact.

b) Newark and Sherwood Partnership Meeting- Kneesal Village Hall-  
No one available to attend.

c) Code of Conduct and local Investigation training  
No one available to attend.

d) Voluntary first Registration of title-  
The document to be circulated in the pack of correspondence.

e) Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act  
All present aware of the new regulations and implications for Parish Councillors. Further information to be circulated in the correspondence pack.

f) All other correspondence circulated for Parish Councillors to read.

8. Items for Inclusion on the next agenda. - None stated

9. Any other business- None stated

10. Date of Next meeting- To be arranged- The provision date set at the meeting (hall not available).

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.50pm

