

Carlton-on-Trent Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 21st October 2010 commencing at 7.30pm at the Village Hall, Carlton-on-Trent

- 1. Present:** Robbie Whate (Chairman), Terry Cooper (Vice-Chairman), Mrs J Clark, Mrs F Jerome , Mr N Walton, Mr P Jackson , Mrs M Eley, Mrs S Beresford (Clerk) and 2 members of the public.
- 2. Apologies for absence:** Mrs C Rose (District Councillor) Mr B Laughton (County Councillor)
- 3. To approve the minutes of** the meeting held on Thursday 9th September 2010. The minutes having been circulated were agreed to contain a true record.
Proposed by Mrs J Clark and seconded by Mr P Jackson.

3. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda.

Mr N Walton declared an interest in item 7b – the planning application which came in after the agenda was publicised. Mrs Whate also expressed an interest in the same application as a direct neighbour to the proposed development site.

4. Welcome to new Parish Councillors

The Chair expressed a warm welcome to Mr P Jackson, Mrs F Jerome and Mrs M Eley in which will be the first full meeting as members of the Parish Council.

5. Matters arising from the Minutes

a) Autumn newsletter

The Clerk will make a start on the next newsletter which will be scheduled for November/December – a twice yearly publication. To include in this issue: information about planning applications, a thank you for the photographs provided by members of the public in respect of flooding issues, new recycling provision and anything else of interest.

b) Highways issues/potholes etc

The pavement from Ferry Lane to the southbound bus stop has grass encroaching severely in places. This poses a trip risk for the elderly. The Clerk will contact the County Council. There is also a deep pothole where the tarmac has become dug out on the right hand bend along Ossington Road near the tree. The Clerk will also report this and ask for repair assessment.

c) Erratic Postal service

In Councillor Rose's absence, the Clerk reported that a meeting has been arranged with Patrick Mercer MP, District Councillors and the Royal Mail on 12th November at 11.15am to discuss rural postal delivery services. All present agreed that since the appointment of the new regular postman, the service has been much improved.

d) Feedback from any meetings.

Mrs Clark to attend the meeting next week 17th November and Mrs Jerome to attend on 8th November- will feedback at the next Parish Council meeting.

e) PCC payment to St Marys Churchyard- grass cutting and maintenance

The two letters sent to Mrs Storer read out to the Parish Council and also the response letter the Clerk recently received. One member of the Parish Council expressed concerns about the dates on the "invoices" received. These invoices were hand written on recycled paper and not from the young person employed to actually do the maintenance. Concern rose about the validity of the invoices and whether they would meet with the External auditor's standards of scrutiny. The current situation appears that the PCC are unwilling to open a separate Church Yard maintenance account. The meeting was temporarily closed to allow members of the public the opportunity to speak. The Parish Council was informed that the next meeting of the PCC will be on 1st November whereby these issues will be addressed.

The Parish Council meeting was re-opened and the Clerk informed the Council that Remedi will no longer be involved with maintenance so therefore that avenue/alternative is no longer an option.

All present agreed that the Church yard is an extremely important part of the village irrespective of resident's theological views. The Parish Council agreed that they do want to invest public funding to support the maintenance of the churchyard, however, must abide by the Code of Conduct in respect of the financial aspects of providing this support. To be further discussed at the next meeting.

f) Flood Resilience's issues

The Clerk has been trying to contact Morgan Rays, the latest person allocated to deal with Carlton-on-Trent's flood issues. When the Clerk makes contact she will try to arrange a meeting with him.

Thanks to Councillor Bruce Loughton for help with sourcing the correct contact.

g) Litter and fly tipping

There are two tyres in the culvert near to the Spittal Bridge, and the area is somewhat overgrown. The Clerk to report this and the rubbish accumulation along the A1 northbound.

Other Matters arising

a) Parish Council signatories

The mandate has now been updated to include Mr N Walton and Mr T Cooper to add to Mrs. Whate and Mrs Clark. Apparently the mandate held by the HSBC was out dated.

6. Financial Matters

a) Payment of village Hall Fees

The sum of £10 agreed for the hire of the Hall. Proposed by Mrs R Whate and seconded by Mrs J Clark.

b) Payment of External Auditors- Clement Keys

The sum of £58.75 agreed in respect of the annual audit proposed by Mrs J Clark and seconded by Mrs R Whate. The auditors wished to draw to the PC attention that fixed asset registers do not need to show depreciation of said assets.

7. Planning Issues.

a) **Decisions Made**

None

b) **Planning applications to discuss**

a) **Householder application for alterations and extensions to annex to dwelling- Beck Cottage, Church Lane.**

At this point Mr N Walton left the meeting and Mrs R Whate handed over the Chair to the Vice-Chairman- Mr T Cooper.

All present perused the plans and a brief discussion regarding the sensitive use of materials noted. Mrs J Clark proposed we support the application, seconded by Mr P Jackson, all in agreement. Therefore application unanimously supported.

Mr T Cooper handed back to the Chair to Mrs Whate and Mr Walton returned to the room.

b) Scoping opinion request- Wind Farm, Ossington Road

The Parish Council have not been consulted regarding the scoping opinion request. Currently Mr T Cooper has been trying to ascertain further information from the planning consultants regarding the previous request for information in respect of health concerns. Mr Cooper emailed Clare Walker, the planning officer for NSDC who in turn wrote to Engena. The response was mainly in respect of evidence of “flicker” effect rather than directly addressing the main issue of audible effects on those with hypersensitive conditions. As a result no real answers were provided to the question.

The resident asking the questions states that it is more about the type of noise rather than the level of noise which will cause the problems. The Parish Council expressed real concern about the individual issues affecting residents of the surrounding area and village. There has been documentary evidence of wind turbine applications being turned down in respect of Autism and other more common health issues. Mrs Jerome agreed to further research some of these issues and Mrs Rose will meet with Clare Walker to gain more insight into the proposals. To further discuss at the next meeting. In the meantime the Parish Council learnt that the resident group opposing the plans are becoming more active in the village and may have determined further supportive evidence to put forward a case for opposing the proposal.

The information received from Kelham Hall suggests that the planning application may well be changing from 5 proposed turbines to 2 smaller ones. Mr Walton also passed on a message from George Vere-Laurie stating that he wished residents to know that he is reducing the application. Mr Jackson also stated that he was planning to discuss these issues further with George Vere-Laure and may have further information at the next meeting.

Any other planning business

None.

8. Correspondence

- a) Rural Mobile Contact Point –Due to public spending cuts, this service has been permanently withdrawn as of immediate effect. The Clerk posted a notice to that effect in the notice board.

9. Items for Inclusion on the next agenda

- a) Matters arising

10. Any other business

- a) Grit and Severe weather supplies

The supplies ordered for the village are 25kg x 5 bags of grit.

b) **Operation Shadow**

Mr Walton brought to the meeting information about the success of some young people from the village taking part in Operation Shadow. The Clerk to obtain more information from Mr Walton and write a letter to the young people involved to offer congratulations from the PC.

c) **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 9TH December 2010
There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 21.00pm.