

## CARLTON-ON-TRENT PARISH COUNCIL

### **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 26 May 2005 commencing at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.**

Present: Lt Col G. E Vere-Laurie(Chairman), Mrs C. Fitzpatrick (Vice-Chairman), Mrs A. O'Brien, Mr E. Holland, Mr J Fairhurst, Mr C.N Hemstock, Mrs C Rose – for part of meeting (District Councillor), Mrs S.Beresford (Clerk),

#### **1. Apologies for Absence:** Mr B Laughton (County Councillor)

#### **2. Declaration of interest on items on the agenda.**

There were no items on the agenda that required a declaration an interest.

#### **3. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2005.**

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

#### **4. Matters arising from the minutes.**

##### **a) A1 Carriageway repairs.**

The Clerk reported that she has received correspondence from Amscott with the promise to put right the grass verges on completion of the A1 carriageway repairs. The Parish Council also commented on the wonderful support shown to the community by Amscott with the donation of tarmac to surface the carpark at the village hall.

##### **b) Improvements to safety at the Cross roads- Building better communities.**

The Clerk informed the Parish Council about an event planned by Nottinghamshire County Council in relation to building better Communities at Boughton Pumping station on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2005 from 10.00am-15.00pm.

It was felt this event would aid the Parish Council to apply for grants to significantly help with improving safety at the junction. Lt Col G.E Vere-Laurie to attend as a delegate on behalf of the Parish Council.

##### **c) Highways Issues- Potholes and Flooding.**

The Clerk read out letters received from the County Council in relation to the Flooding and pothole issues, which have been ongoing for much of the last five years. It was agreed that following the next downpour, Mr Chris Hemstock would take photographic evidence of the scale of the flooding and the Clerk to retrieve all the letters that have been written over the last few years and replies received from the County Council. The Parish Council to enlist the help of Cllr Bruce Laughton and if necessary approach the media and out local MP to deal with this ongoing issue.

d) **Decorative Village Sign**

The Clerk read out a letter received from the County Council detailing our legal obligations in relation to erecting Parish Council owned village sign. The County Council have the resources to put up a different type of sign and these designs were shown to all present. Mrs Fitzpatrick had also sought some information regarding liability and it appears that the County Council will not accept any responsibilities for maintenance or insurance for privately erected signs therefore the Parish Council insurance would need to reflect this. This item to be carried to the next agenda for further discussions.

e) **Trent Fluvial Strategy**

No further issues to discuss at this present time.

f) **Flower bed planting scheme- Crossroads**

The Clerk had received correspondence from the County Council regarding this. As the Garden centre was to provide the plants, the County Council stated that as a provider they needed to be insured to the value of £5 million pounds and hold public liability insurance cover. In addition, the plants must not exceed 0.9 metres in height. The general consensus of opinion was to abandon such plans at this time to decorate the entrance to the village.

**5. Financial Matters**

a) **Statement of Accounts 2003/2004.**

The Clerk briefly presented the completed year-end of accounts and the cash book. These were accepted as a true record and signed by Lt Col G E Vere-Laurie.

b) **Audit of Accounts**

Mrs C. Fitzpatrick spoke of a local accountant, Mr Andrew Derry of Norwell who may be willing to Audit the accounts for the second year. The Clerk to contact Mr Derry.

c) **Receipts and Payments.**

The Village Hall fees for this meeting - £10.00 proposed by Mrs A O'Brien and seconded by Mr C Hemstock.

The Parish Council insurance quote arranged through Newark and Sherwood was again £140.00- Proposed by Mrs A O'Brien and seconded by Mr E Holland.

The Clerks wages from August 2004- May 2005 proposed by Mrs A O'Brien and seconded by Mr C Hemstock.

**d) Mandate for change of signature**

The Clerk gave Lt Col G. E Vere-Laurie the completed mandate to take into the bank to finalise the change of signatory.

**e) Health and Safety Inspections.**

There have been no reports of any Health and Safety Issues. Mr Boothroyd to confirm, at the next meeting, that the inspection has taken place.

**Planning Issues**

**e) Decisions Made**

Conversion of Barn to form dwelling, demolition of outbuildings and erection of garage/store- APPROVED. Yew Tree Farm Cottage, Great North Road

**f) Applications**

None received

**a) Advance Notice of changes to planning decision time**

The Clerk informed the Council that latest changes within the Planning Department meant that decisions needed prompt attention. The Parish Councillors present that this was not particularly an issue as we normally hold an extra-ordinary meeting to deal with planning applications

**9) Correspondence;**

- a) Best Kept Village Competition – The Parish Council declined to enter this year.
  - b) Nottinghamshire Rural Community – The Parish Council agreed to join, free of charge to this organisation.
  - c) Youth Club Committee- Mr J Fairhurst was nominated as Parish Council representative. The Clerk to write to Liz Wells-Pope to confirm this.
  - d) Letter asking for assistance searching for an ancestor- Mrs Linda Randall- Lt Col G.E. Vere-Laurie to take away this and deal personally with this matter.
- The remaining correspondence was distributed for all Parish Councillors to peruse.

**10) Items for inclusion in the next agenda.**

Drains and Flooding

**11. Any other business**

**a) Fly- Tipping**

The Clerk read out a letter received from the District Council stating that Cromwell Holt is on their list as a regular rubbish and fly tipping collection site and that they also will be erecting signs. The email address and contact number for future reporting of dumped items for removal is. [ron.dawes@nsdc.info](mailto:ron.dawes@nsdc.info) or [ruth.parsons@nsdc.info](mailto:ruth.parsons@nsdc.info) Telephone number 01636 650000 Waste Management department.

b) Parish Paths Partnership

Lt Col. G E Vere-Laurie has met with Mr Bob Knowles, the Parish Paths Co-ordinator in relation to the P3 scheme. Carlton-on-Trent is now on the waiting list to begin this initiative.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.00

Date of Next Meeting - **TBA**