

Carlton-on-Trent Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 18th September 2008 commencing at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Lt Col G.E.Vere-Laurie (Chairman), Mrs R Whate, Mr T Cooper, Mr N Walton, Mrs S Beresford (Clerk), Mr B Laughton (County Councillor) and 2 members of the public (Mrs L Wells-Pope and Mrs J Clark)

1. **Apologies for absence.** Mr C Hemstock, Mrs C Rose (District Councillor)

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

Mr N Walton- item 7b-i- Planning application

Lt Col G.E Vere-Laurie- item 5b- Severn Trent Water culvert diversion.

3. **To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 19th July 2007.**

The minutes, having been circulated and read were agreed to contain a true record of items discussed. Proposed by Mrs R Whate and seconded by Mr N Walton. A typography error was noted- 178th September 2008 should read 18th September 2008.

Discuss applications from residents to formally co-opt onto the Parish Council

Two applications were received from Mrs L Wells-Pope and Mrs J Clark. Both residents were in attendance and unanimously approved to join the Parish Council.

Mrs L Wells-Pope proposed by Mr N Walton and seconded by Lt Col G.E. Vere-Laurie

Mrs J Clark proposed by Mr T Cooper and seconded by Mr Terry Cooper.

The Clerk to obtain information regarding the Code of Conduct and send out to both newly elected Councillors. The necessary paperwork was completed at the meeting.

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

a) **Highways Issues**

Mr Cooper brought to the meeting information regarding a damaged portion of tarmac outside the property adjacent to The Chestnuts- the Clerk to contact Highways department to refer.

Mr Laughton informed the meeting he was still pursuing the complaint he made to Bob Hart regarding the poor resurfacing work completed recently

on Ossington Road. He has obtained photographic evidence and will be taking this matter higher.

The white lines at the junction of Ferry Lane and Cromwell Halt have still not been repainted- the Clerk to report this again.

The footpath alongside the Great North Road in the direction of Sutton-on-Trent is also overgrown by trees and the hedge- the Clerk to report this to Highways.

The other area of overgrown vegetation is alongside the footpath towards the Great Northern Inn- the Clerk to write to Caledonian to ask if the trees are their responsibility and if so, could they be lopped back.

b) Flooding Issues

The Culvert, known as Park Drain which takes water from under the A1 and off the A1 carriageway was the main topic of discussion. Following a meeting on 9th September attended by Stephen Broadhead it appears that the Option (from the consultation process) which is preferred is to put in a new ditch (drain) on the far side of the dual carriageway to come down towards the village near to the small lay-by (south of the village) which will take any potential flood risk away from properties and residences.

This will include doing some work this side of the A1 to take the water.

This is the preferred recommendation by the Drainage Board who will put forward this proposal at a meeting in November. He does however, rely on co-operation from the landowner (Lt Col G.E. Vere-Laurie) and will mean in effect the giving up of ¼-1/2 acre of farmland. We now have to wait for the Board Meeting to see if this proposal will go ahead and if so the work will be carried out hopefully by the end of the financial year (subject to the landowners permission and harvesting issues).

A unanimous vote of thanks was offered to the Chairman for co-operation with the drainage board and the offer of the land.

c- Resilience Store

The Parish Council have received a response from Judith Kemp at Newark and Sherwood District Council. The Chairman of the Village Hall committee has also renounced that the committee are happy for the store to remain in situ. However, the wording of the letter from NSDC was somewhat ambiguous and declared that the Parish Council would be responsible for the store, contents and replacement of items used out of the store. Lt Col G.E.Vere-Laurie to write back to Judith Kemp and declare that the Parish Council do not want to assume “ownership” of the store, not accept responsibility for replacement of items and clarify the situation regarding third party insurance. The letter will be circulated to Parish Councillors and the opportunity made for comment prior to the letter of response being sent. One or two of those present saw things slightly differently and that the store was indeed an excellent resource for the village. Most of those present were keen to see the store remain but agreed that the ownership issue required clarification and that the Parish Council did not have revenue to replace items used, such as sandbags. The key to the store is presently with the Chairman of the Village Hall committee and some of those present also believe a replacement key was in the kitchen of the Village Hall; therefore only

key holders to the Village hall can access the store. It was agreed that the Flood Warden- Mr T Cooper needs a key of his own.

d) Development of the Parish Council website

The Clerk will write to Andy Love again to put this into motion.

e) Speeding Traffic

We are still waiting for a traffic assessment. Mr T Cooper informed those present that the Council for the Preservation of Rural England are campaigning for speeding traffic issues in rural areas to be highlighted and will email the article he has found to Bruce Laughton. Mr Laughton believes the way forward is to prevent HGV Lorries from using rural lanes. He also informed those present that the County Council are borrowing an extra £33 million to carry out capital projects which may well raise our taxes.

f) Grant Application for IT equipment

The application through the Notts Community Foundation was not possible due to the fact that Parish Councils are not allowed to apply- therefore the Youth Club to send in the identical application in the same format. Thanks to Mrs Wells-Pope and Mr Walton for agreeing to do this.

g) Postcode irregularities

This item to be transferred to the next agenda due to Mrs Rose's absence

h) Erratic Mail deliveries

Mr Walton has kept a log and the situation appears to have improved. There are still occasions when letters are delivered to the wrong properties. The Clerk has had no response to her letters to the Sorting Office but all agreed to monitor the situation for now.

i) Safer Neighbourhood Meeting

Mrs Rose was attending the meeting this evening- hence her apologies at the Parish Council meeting. There has been some low level anti-social behaviour within the village, whereby young people (from outside the village) have been seen to be tying fishing line across the road- potentially causing a serious accident. Mr Walton left a message on PC T Hayes answer machine regarding this incident.

The Clerk to contact Stephanie West to ask for the dates of all the Safer Neighbourhood meetings scheduled for this year.

6 Financial Issues

a) Payment of the Village Hall Fees

A cheque made payable to the village Hall Committee for the sum of £10.00
Proposed by Mrs R Whate and seconded by Mr N Walton.

b) Notts Association of Local Councils

The Clerk brought to the meeting an invoice for NALC for £56.52 in respect of annual membership. Proposed by Mrs R Whate and seconded by Mr N Walton.

c) HSBC Mandate

It was agreed that we need to replace three signatories of former members of the Parish Council. Currently Lt G E Vere-Laurie and Mr C Hemstock are current signatories and in addition Mrs R Whate and Mrs L Wells-Pope to join the mandate. Proposed by Mr T Cooper and seconded by Mr N Walton.

7. Planning Issues

Applications received- River Mead, Ferry Lane, Carlton-on-Trent- Single storey Extension- All present perused the plans and following a discussion, all agreed unanimously to support the proposal.

Other planning business- it appears that a planning application has been submitted for extension to Cromwell Halt café- as this is out of Carlton-on-Trent electoral boundary- we have not been invited to submit our observation. The details of the application are on the NSDC planning website.

There has also been a recent application at Village Farm in the village; the Clerk was informed by NSDC that our observation was not required according to planning policy.

8- Correspondence

1- Pruning trees – Endlich- Main Street- permission granted for re-pollarding of Lime Trees

2- Sherwood Foresters- Western Front Memorial Committee- letter asking for £30 donation towards monument in Ypres. All present expressed support for this cause. £30 donation agreed- proposed by Mr T Cooper and seconded by Lt Col G.E. Vere-Laurie.

3- Campaign to protect Rural England- this flyer will be contained within the correspondence pack for all Councillors to read at leisure.

9. Items for Inclusion of the next agenda

- a) Highways Matters
- b) Flood issues
- c) Resilience Store
- d) Irregularities in Postcodes
- e) Other matters arising.

10. Any other Business

a) Nottingham Flood Warden Workshop-

Mr Terry Cooper and several members of the village community to attend

b) Sustainability Appraisal Report-

Mrs Wells-Pope agreed to read and decipher this document and bring findings to the next meeting.

c) Citizen of the Year Award- no one could think of whom to nominate

d) Trent Vale Heritage Partnership

Mrs Whate, Mrs Rose, Mrs Wells-Pope and Mrs Walton attended this meeting and were asked to put forward projects up to £2k. The Youth Club are planning to put forward a proposal. The aim of this organisation is to get people in the area to connect with the River and Communicate with others. There are possible plans to reinstate the Ferry between Carlton-on-Trent and Collingham for a Festival but this is in the early stages. Other ideas included walking the coal track between Carlton-on-Trent and Norwell.

e) The Best Kept Village Competition

All agreed that the village did very well to reach the finals and thanks to all members of the community for their efforts and enthusiasm.

11 Date of the Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday 6th November 2008.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.55pm.