

CARLTON-ON-TRENT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of
Carlton-on-Trent Parish Council held
in the Village Hall, Main Street, Carlton on Trent on

Tuesday 6th November 2018 at 7.30pm

Present:

Cllr N Fletcher (Chair), Cllr M Martin (Vice-Chair), Cllr M Eley, Cllr L Hopkins, Cllr F Jerome, T Grimes (Clerk), CCllr B Laughton and 1 member of the public

1) To consider any apologies for absence

RW gave apologies for having another event to attend, these were approved.
FJ gave apologies for her late arrival.

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

MMA declared an interest in the clerk's wages.

3) To accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held Tuesday 2nd October 2018

Following the correction of a typing error the minutes were approved as a true record of the meeting and were signed by the chair.

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

A member of the public raised concerns about a letter from Cemax regarding a proposed extension to the gravel works at Cromwell. The clerk tabled a map from the County Council website which showed 2 sites one in the s bend of the river and one right behind the houses at the South end of the village.
(FJ arrived)

CCllr BL explained that one developer had pulled out, leaving the new local minerals plan 1.3m tonnes short. Cemax have heard about this, contacted NCC and arranged a public meeting to present their proposed extension plans. He said that the site behind the houses had already been disregarded by NCC and that there was president for refusal on the basis that the other site would change the course of the river.

Two residents in Bell Lane asked ME whether it would be possible to get a new street light at the 'end' of the road now that it continued into the new development. CCllr BL suggested that the clerk contact Mike Keeling about this.

The question of widening Bell Lane, as per the original planning application, was then raised and CCllr BL suggested that DCllr SM would be able to follow this up.

FJ offered to speak to Mike Keeling as she would be meeting him on Thursday regarding the A1 slip road noise. CCllr BL confirmed that he had been contacted by two residents about the increased noise levels and had arranged for it to be looked into. The road surface had degraded and there has been an increase in traffic, particularly Pears lorries, which have resulted in residents having sleepless nights and wearing ear defenders. CCllr BL offered to raise the matter as a priority for repair in the 2019 financial year but felt it may not be done due to the fact that it would require the equivalent of the full capital spend for 2 years. It was mentioned that last time this was raised Highways England had indicated that it was due for repair in 2020. CCllr BL suggested lobbying Highways England through Mike Keeling and Robert Jenrick.

Being itemised on the agenda for later discussion it was agreed that there should be parish council representation at the meeting.

RESOLVED: That FJ should attend the meeting with Mike Keeling in her capacity as a councillor.
(proposed MM, seconded NF, carried unanimously)

NF reported that permission had been given to remove the fir tree at the front of April House.

5) To note any matters arising from the minutes of 2nd October 2018

a) Casual Vacancy

The clerk reported that, following the October meeting, Mel McKinnon had given her resignation creating a casual vacancy. The clerk placed the required notice in the telephone box and the deadline for calling an election is 14th November. As soon as NSDC confirm that there has not

been any such call, the clerk will advertise the vacancy and inform councillors so that they can encourage residents to apply.

6) To receive updates on any District and County Councillor matters

CCllr BL had nothing to add to the comments raised in the public session on Cemax.

7) To reconsider the position for the new LIS funded noticeboard

The clerk had circulated the findings of RW, who had approached the neighbouring properties regarding the two sites; adjacent to the bus stop and directly opposite the village hall gate. There was much discussion about the merits of each and the reasons for objecting to either.

RESOLVED: To position the noticeboard in the location originally investigated.
(Proposed LH, seconded ME, carried by majority 3:2)

8) To consider setting a date for the next litter pick

It was agreed that 10am on 8th December would be appropriate, giving sufficient time to advertise the event. NF noted that equipment would have to be put outside before the prayer group meeting started in the hall at 10am.

9) To revisit the issue of noise on the A1

This was covered under the public session discussions above.

10) To consider updating Standing Orders to reflect the planning issues raised at the last meeting

Having previously circulated a proposed wording for addition it was agreed this should be included.

RESOLVED: To adopt the new version of the Standing Orders.
(Proposed NF, seconded MM, carried unanimously)

11) To receive feedback from councillors on any meetings/training attended

a) Parish Conference

The clerk read out a report from RW who felt the event had been useful and interesting.
(CCllr BL noted that Insp Louise Clark had since been replaced by Insp Heather Sutton.)

b) NCC Local Government Reorganisation Engagement Event

The clerk noted that this had been open to clerks, chairs and vice chairs, but that no-one had been able to attend from Carlton on Trent. The clerk was able to feed back due to Notts ALC having attended. A presentation was given explaining the present structure and the need for cost cutting. The proposed savings resulting from one or two unitary authorities were outlined and questions were taken. The feeling was that the majority present supported/accepted the need for change but were not happy about the lack of notice and publicity for the consultation. The findings of the preliminary consultation will be discussed at NCC's December meeting and a decision will be taken as to which model they take forward.

c) Safer Neighbourhoods

NF reported that PCSO Crowhurts's sergeant attended the meeting to discuss the recent spate of concrete being thrown at vehicles from bridges. The incidents had taken place between 12 and 2am and any information should be reported to PC Debra Bakin or via Crimestoppers or 101. NF stated that there had been a request for speed monitoring between the cross roads and Sutton on Trent due to increasing numbers of vehicles apparently exceeding the speed limit.

12) To consider any planning matters

a) Notifications received

None

b) Planning applications to discuss

None

c) Any other planning business

None

13) To discuss and respond to the following correspondence

a) Notts ALC Agenda

The clerk checked that no-one wanted to attend as this year voting cards were being introduced so members needed to be registered to vote.

14) To consider the following financial matters

a) To note the bank reconciliation

The reconciliation and statements were checked and then signed by the chair.

b) To approve the following payments

i) VH Fee (on account) - £33 to date, plus this meeting - TBC

It was agreed that this meeting would be over within the hour so £3 would take the total on account to £36 to date.

c) To note the following payments

Standing Order for Clerks Wages to Oct £170.59 (£2.60 to HMRC, £167.99 to T Grimes)

Noted.

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

The clerk confirmed that co-option of a new member and the preliminary budget figures would both be on the agenda.

A copy of Clerks and Councils Direct was put in the pack for members to read.

The clerk reported having received many positive responses to the poppy arch and lamp post poppies, then informed the meeting that tags would be available in the church porch for anyone wishing to add a personal commemoration to the arch.

After the agenda was displayed the council received a copy of NSDCs Cleaner, Safer, Greener consultation, the deadline for responses being 30th November. The clerk put it in the pack and asked that any responses be pencilled in and then it would be decided how to respond.

16) To note the date of the next meeting

The next meeting will be Tuesday 4th December at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm