

## Carlton-on-Trent Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2008 commencing at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Lt Col G E Vere-Laurie (Chairman). Mrs Robbie Whate (Vice- Chairman), Mrs Liz Wells-Pope, Mr T Cooper, Mrs J Clark, Mr C Hemstock, Mr E Holland, , Mrs S Beresford (Clerk)

**1. Apologies for absence:** Mrs C Rose (District Councillor), Mr B Laughton (County Councillor)

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

There was no declared interest in items on the agenda.

**3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2008.**

The minutes, having been circulated and read were agreed to contain a record of items discussed. One amendment identified- the Drainage Board Meeting (item 4b) was to be held in December, not November.

Proposed by Mr T Cooper and seconded by Mrs R Whate.

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

a) Highways Issues

The white lines have been painted at the end of Ferry Lane. New Tarmac has also been requested on the pavement alongside Rushmoor. The trees which were overhanging the pavement adjacent to Caledonian have been lopped and a thank you letter sent to the Managing Director for the speed in which this request was responded.

b) Severn Trent Water and Newark Area Internal Drainage Board issues

The Flood Warden, Mr T Cooper informed the meeting that a team attended the recent meeting and progress is on target. The Village Hall committee has agreed to take responsibility for the resilience store and they are in the process of putting this in writing. The Chairman, Lt Col Vere-Laurie is dissatisfied with the tone of correspondence from Judith Kemps office and the apparent unwillingness to work with the Parish Council to arrive at a satisfactory solution i.e. "if we (the Parish Council) do not take ownership, the store will be allocated to another village"). The village Hall committee have stated that the village hall insurance will cover the store in respect of third party claim and that this will very slightly increase the annual premium.

Mr Cooper, as Flood Warden asked to minute that he was unaware of these processes and that the resilience store equipment has been ordered and a

clinic will be held at the Village Hall on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2008 from 10-12 to update the village community regarding flood resilience. The District Council have stated that if we use equipment during a flood, it will be replaced by them and only if we require more than our quota, will we have to buy this ourselves.

The Chairman asked for a vote of thanks to Terry Cooper for all his hard and valiant work on behalf of the village. Thanks are also extended to Richard Bingham and Matt Rodgers, two fellow flood wardens. All three wish to state that they are open to suggestions, ideas and offers of help.

c) Parish Council website

All present agreed that the Parish Council website should include all Parish Councillors contact details, Agendas and minutes, Links to the Youth Club, Village Hall Committee, Flood Warden, a “what’s on “section and links to planning.

The application for IT equipment is still in progress. It is now going through as a Village Hall committee application, not Youth Club

Postcode Irregularities

This item will be placed on the next agenda in Mrs Rose’s absence.

f) Adoption of BT telephone kiosk

The Clerk informed the meeting that this has been a lengthy and complicated process and it appears that the key stakeholders have clearly not thought through this process, neither communicated with each other. Complaints have gone to BT from the various electricity suppliers in respect of the complexity and contradicting information given, especially in light of the deadlines that BT has set.

A discussion took place regarding the adoption of the box. Mr C Hemstock agreed to re-paint the box. A vote to determine whether this application should continue took place. Those in favour – 5, those against- 1, Abstainers- 1. It was therefore decided to go ahead with the adoption application. Proposed by Mr N Walton and seconded by Mrs J Clark. This item to remain on the agenda and a discussion to take place at the next meeting regarding using the space inside the box for displaying Parish Council meeting minutes, agendas and Parish Council news. The Clerk will approach Newark and Sherwood District Council to enquire if the current Insurance covers the ownership of the box.

Traffic issue

The results of the Highway Traffic survey are still awaited. This item will be discussed with County Councillor Bruce Loughton at the next meeting.

Correspondence

- a) East Midlands Regional Plan- Mrs Wells-Pope has taken this disk and paperwork to read on behalf of the Parish Council
- b) Chairman of the Nottinghamshire County Council charity events- no interest registered
- c) The Making and Enforcement of Byelaws- this document to be placed in the correspondence pack for circulation
- d) Communities in Control- a consultation document- Mrs R Whate agreed to read on behalf of the Parish Council
- e) Local Development Framework- Mrs Wells-Pope agreed to read on behalf of the Parish Council and alert to any potential effects on this parish
- f) Freedom of Information Act- new model publication scheme- Mrs R Whate agreed to read on behalf of the Parish council.
- g) Parish Council conference- very short notice granted therefore no one available to attend.

## **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 T Cooper.

### Clement Keys- External audit

A cheque for £58.75 was made payable to Clement Keys for services in relation to the Annual Audit 2008. Proposed by Mrs R Whate and seconded by Mr N Walton

### b) Budgetary Estimate and Proposed Precept 2009/2010

The Clerk will produce a financial statement of spending for the next meeting. A short discussion about the village hall fees deducted that we need to continue to hold the meetings at the Hall and therefore need to continue the payments.

After some discussion it was agreed to raise the annual precept to £1400 per annum to take account of rising costs, the needs of the community and potential budgetary requirements i.e. flood resilience costs.

### c) Clerks Salary

The Clerks wages and salary amounted to £399.62. Proposed by Mrs L Wells-Pope and seconded by Mr T Cooper.

### d) Other Financial business

Mrs Wells-Pope informed the meeting that she was unable to complete the mandate at this present moment but will be shortly able to register as a signatory.

## **7. Health and Safety**

Other than the Potholes and poor state of the pavements, there were no further Health and Safety issues to discuss.

## **8. Planning Issues**

a) Decisions made- Rivermead- Ferry Lane- Single Storey extension- Application APPROVED

b) Applications received- Demolition of existing steel framed barn and single storey outbuildings- Land adjacent to the Old Forge

Following a short discussion where all present perused the plans, a unanimous decision to support the application was determined. Proposed by Lt Col G E Vere-Laurie and seconded by Mrs L Wells-Pope.

c) Other Planning matters

Mrs Whate discussed the proposals for a new cafe and lorry park at Cromwell Halt that was on the Newark and Sherwood planning website recently. Mrs Whate went to Kelham Hall to see the plans and determined that the lorry park would be built on the boundary of Carlton-on-Trent and Cromwell. Mrs Whate has written a letter asking if Carlton-on-Trent could be included in the list of parish councils to make an observation on these plans. At the present time, the planning process has been interrupted but when the plans are back for discussion we should receive a notice of observation.

## **9. Items for Inclusion of the next agenda**

- a) Highways Matters
- b) Flood Resilience
- c) Postcode irregularities

## **10. Any other Business**

### Street Lighting

There are particularly dark areas of Main Street, opposite the Old Butchers Shop and around the Post box which was brought to the meetings attention. A discussion followed about the need for extra street lighting and Mr Cooper proposed we apply for new street lighting. A vote followed in which the Parish Council against 5, For 2 therefore the request overturned at present.

## **11 Date of the Next Meeting**

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2009

The meeting closed at 20.55pm