

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 4th September 2018 at 7.30pm

Present:

Cllr N Fletcher (Chair), Cllr M Martin (Vice-Chair), Cllr M Eley, Cllr L Hopkins, Cllr F Jerome, Cllr R Whate and T Grimes (Clerk)

1) To consider any apologies for absence

MMc gave apologies which were accepted.

The clerk conveyed DCllr SM and CCllr BL's apologies.

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

MMA declared an interest in the clerk's wages and the defibrillator battery payment.

3) To accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held Tuesday 10th July 2018

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

ME reported that the concerns highlighted in the recent Park Farm planning amendments response had caused stress and inconvenience to the builder who felt they were unfounded. It was suggested that in future, whenever possible, applicants are contacted and invited to the meeting when their application will be discussed and, if they are agreeable, a site visit is made beforehand. It was felt that there may need to be a committee for this purpose and a change to standing orders, both of which should be put on the next agenda.

LH informed council that she had been approached on a matter of when trees become hedges. It was noted that NSDC had guidance on this and that it could be re-iterated in the next newsletter.

5) To note any matters arising from the minutes of 10th July 2018 and 3rd July 2018

a) Village Hall update

The chair reported that builder Jo Kerr, the conservation officer and the enforcement officer had come to an agreement which enabled the village hall committee to replace the UPVC windows with wooden ones but without the need for them to be single glazed, leaded or have antique handles. This will reduce the cost to £6000 so plans have been submitted and accepted and the windows are being made; work should start imminently.

b) LIS funded Noticeboard update

The clerk reported that Jessica Knight of Notts CC had asked whether the village had been consulted and when told they hadn't, she suggested the council approach those nearest who would be affected. The chair had since done so and received an objection.

Jessica Knight had also said that the Notts CC logo had to appear on the new noticeboard. When asked the format this should take the response was that Malcolm Lane provided all Notts CC boards and would be able to do this.

6) To reconsider position and supplier for new LIS funded noticeboard

As a result of the above, the clerk had approached Mike Keeling for an alternative site but was awaiting a response. The clerk had also contacted the Noticeboard Company asking whether it would be possible to add the NCC logo and at what cost, and had requested a quote for a similar board from Malcolm Lane. Neither had responded at the time of the meeting so no decisions could be taken and this matter was carried forward to the next agenda.

7) To receive updates on any District and County Councillor matters
None

8) To consider how the Parish Council may help with flooding issues in the village
The council received a letter following the floods in June which caused sewage problems at the South end of the village. Severn Trent failed to turn up at the meeting arranged by CClr BL and Sutton on Trent Parish Council so it was hoped CClr BL would be able to provide an update and suggest a way forward but he could not attend this meeting. It was agreed the clerk should contact him for an update and/or contact details.

9) To consider the matter of people walking through Park Farm to get from Main Street to Old Bell Lane and vice versa
FJ reported that a resident had asked whether the council could help to prevent people crossing this area which is actually private property. It was then noted that other residents didn't mind people using this route so it would be unlikely that signage could be put up without agreement from all parties. Being private property, it was felt that the Parish Council could not help so it was suggested that the resident contacted Notts CC for further advice. However, it was noted that if this continued, then public right of way could be claimed so it was advisable that at least one day per year all those with shared ownership agreed to bar access to prevent such a claim.

10) To consider updating Standing Orders in line with NALC guidance
Although unlikely to affect this council, it was agreed that the updates were necessary. However, the issues raised under the public session had necessitated further updates so this was carried forward to the next agenda.

11) To receive feedback from councillors on any meetings/training attended
None

12) To consider any planning matters

a) Notifications received

The clerk reported that the planning exemption had been received for the village hall noticeboard and the board has since been installed. The clerk was asked to thank CClr BL for his contribution as he was not in attendance.

b) Planning applications to discuss

i) 18/1530/LDC – Dovecote retain wall and greenhouse

Council agreed that this was a formality and was unlikely to impact on surrounding properties.

RESOLVED: To support the application.

(proposed by NF, seconded by FJ, carried unanimously)

ii) 18/01588/FUL – Endlich extension

Council discussed the size and position, considering the impact on neighbouring properties.

RESOLVED: To support the application.

(proposed by MM seconded by RW, carried unanimously)

c) Any other planning business

None

13) To discuss and respond to the following correspondence

a) Notts ALC – constitution update

It was felt no response was necessary.

b) Notts ALC – AGM

The information was put in the pack and councillors were asked to inform the clerk if interested in attending.

c) Notts ALC – executive members required

The information was put in the pack and councillors were asked to inform the clerk if interested in joining.

d) Unity Trust Bank – interest rates

The clerk noted that the rate had risen to 0.4%

e) Enquiry about the forge and the ferry

The clerk reported that there had been a request for information from someone who was compiling a book on the Old Great North Road having recently cycled it. A number of names were suggested who may be able to help.

f) Environment Agency & Woodland Trust – planting trees along the Trent

The clerk reported that free trees were available to councils and landowners. The information was put in the pack for councillors to pass on.

14) To consider responding to the following consultations

a) NCC – Nottinghamshire Minerals Plan

It was felt no comments were necessary.

b) LGA green paper for adult social care and well being

It was felt no comments were necessary.

15) 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 sign the LIS funding agreement

It was felt that this should be carried forward to the next agenda given that there was no longer an agreed site or board design.

c) To approve the following payments

i) VH Fee (on account) - £15 to date, plus extraordinary meeting £3 and this meeting - TBC

Being 9pm it was agreed that this meeting would be £6 for 2 hours making £20 on account.

ii) Defibrillator battery - £249

The clerk reported that the low battery indicator had come on during August and that this meant there was only sufficient charge for one shock. Feeling that no-one should be in the position of needing a second shock and the battery failing, MMA had sourced a battery, having obtained a number of prices and this had been fitted immediately.

RESOLVED: To reimburse MMA.

(proposed by NF, seconded by RW, carried unanimously, MMA did not vote)

iii) British Legion Poppies - £15 donation

The clerk reported that the poppies had arrived.

RESOLVED: To make the payment

(proposed by NF, seconded by RW, carried unanimously)

iv) Village Hall – noticeboard payment of £200

This was the funds received from CClr BL towards the cost of the new village hall board.

RESOLVED: To pass the donation to the village hall.

(proposed by NF, seconded by RW, carried unanimously)

d) To note the following payments

i) Standing Order for Clerks Wages to Aug £170.59

The payment was noted.

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

Apart from the items already raised in matters above there were none.

17) To note the date of the next meeting

The next meeting will be Tuesday 2nd October at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm