

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 1st March 7.30pm

Present:

Cllr T Cooper (Chair), Cllr N Fletcher (Vice-Chair), Cllr J Clark, Cllr M Eley, Cllr F Jerome, Cllr M Martin, Cllr R Whate, DCllr S Michael, T Grimes (Clerk) and 2 members of the public

1) To consider any apologies for absence

None.

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

MM declared an interest in the clerk's wages.

3) To accept the minutes of the Parish Council meetings held Tuesday 5th January and 16th February 2016

Having been approved as a true record of the meetings both sets of minutes were signed by the chair.

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

a) Railway crossing barrier closed on the walking group (RW & ME)

ME informed the council that the walking group had been waiting at the barrier, a train passed and the barrier rose but then dropped immediately and the group did not have sufficient time to cross. The group leader and several members had written to Network Rail. The responses said that there was no CCTV evidence of walkers on the crossing and that the barriers were operating within safety limits so the case was being closed. DCllr SM suggested that the group wait for Robert Jenrick's reply before taking further action.

Members of the public reported:

- overgrown holly bushes between the Dower House and the field. FJ offered to approach the land owner.
- overgrown branches between Pear Tree Cottage and the Butcher's Shop making it difficult to pass by a car which parks too close. TC offered to speak to the car owner.
- there are several areas where the verge is still very muddy - it was felt that this was where cars had been parked when the sweeper visited the village so FJ offered to explain this in the next newsletter.
- from Pear Tree cottage to the next drive the road is still very broken up despite the rest having been repaired – again it was felt this was probably due to cars parking over it when the council visited to mark the areas for repair.
- there is a deep gap in the pavement round Jo Kerr's house and the uneven area outside the Grey House/Coach House still has not been repaired - it was felt these had been exposed as a result of the verges being cleared and they should be added to the list for Bruce Laughton along with the road repair above.

A member of the public asked whether the Parish Council would host some history information on the council website. It was felt that there may be issues with size if it involved a huge number of photographs. The clerk offered to contact Hugo Fox to find out whether it was possible and to put it on the next agenda.

- 5) To note any matters arising from the minutes of 5th January and 16th February 2016**
- a) Walk round village to report any matters to BL and MK (FJ)**
Many of the items have been done. RW has the lists and offered to check through and pass any outstanding items to CCllr BL.
 - b) Dog mess signs (MM)**
The second luminous sign is now on a post near the wharf.
 - c) Road sweeper (TG)**
The sweeper visited the village on 23rd February.
 - d) Speeding car (TG)**
The PCSO suggested residents keep a note of happenings and get a registration then pass the information to him.
 - e) Cold Calling Zone update (FJ)**
FJ has investigated this and there have not been sufficient reports of nuisance sales to set up a zone. If this changes over the next year then the situation can be reviewed. FJ offered to put something in the newsletter to encourage reporting of incidents.
- 6) To receive updates on any District & County Councillor matters**
DCllr SM asked whether Sue Gray had offered a date for councillors to meet Robert Jenrick to discuss the A1 noise and when the response was no, she offered to follow this up. She also reported that NSDC will be meeting w/c 7th March to set the council tax and a 1.9% increase looked likely. NF asked about the Unitary Authority but DCllr SM thought that it was unlikely to happen as 3 Derbyshire councils have already opposed it.
- 7) To set a date for the next litter pick**
The clerk reported that Keep Britain Tidy had launched a campaign called 'Clean for the Queen', encouraging communities to tidy their area during March for the Queen's 90th Birthday. NSDC were supporting the scheme and promoting it so equipment may be unavailable due to increased use. A date was set for 19th March and RW offered to organise equipment and collection of the waste.
- 8) To consider what can be done about parking on verges and at the South of the village**
The clerk informed councillors that a resident had approached NCC to report problems with cars blocking verges and asking that they write to the properties concerned. NCC directed her to the PC. The matter was discussed but it was felt that very little could be done other than repeatedly requesting residents are more considerate when parking. This would not resolve the issues with visitors parking on verges. The clerk was asked to seek NCC advice and TC offered to approach the owner of one car which wasn't from the village but parked on the verge to go to work with a resident.
- 9) To receive feedback from councillors on any meetings/training attended**
- a) NALC Website training (TG & FJ)**
The clerk reported that the planning facility had been added to the site listing all the applications relating to Carlton on Trent. The day had been a good opportunity to update other aspects of the site and to find out what other councils have on their website.
 - b) Network Rail meeting (MM)**
MM reported that it would be 2019 before anything could be done regarding crossing replacements due to budget restrictions. The long delays at crossings were mainly due to slow goods trains but Network Rail said that it wasn't feasible to publish timetables. The response to concerns over blue light vehicles being held up was that there are protocols in place when approaching crossings. It was reported that the signals were being upgraded in order to put more trains in service so delays are likely to increase.
 - c) Any other meetings**
None

10) To review the Publication Scheme and to determine the next policy for review

The clerk had circulated proposed changes. NF suggested 2 further changes. The clerk offered to incorporate them and circulate for the next meeting.

The Financial Regulations were identified as the next policy for updating. The clerk informed council that there had been a circular from NALC requiring a change to Standing Orders which would be circulated if necessary.

11) To discuss and note any further actions required from correspondence received since the last meeting

a) Busy Bees funding request

It was felt that there were no children in the village who benefit from this service and that there were insufficient funds to make a donation of any significance.

RESOLVED: Not to donate.

(proposed FJ, seconded MM, carried unanimously)

12) To discuss and respond to the following consultations

a) Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan

It was felt that no response was necessary as there were no apparent implications for Carlton on Trent.

b) Rural Planning Review

It was felt that this was a matter for individuals with experience of the planning system to respond. FJ offered to include it in the next newsletter.

13) To consider any planning matters

a) Notifications received

The clerk reported the following outcomes:

15/00806/out – Scotfield appeal has been dismissed

15/02173/ful – Cony Grey has been permitted

b) Planning applications to discuss

None

c) Any other planning business

The clerk informed council that following the consultation by Notts CC, they were not prepared to put yellow lines along the full length of the road at Cromwell filling station but that the posts had already been put in the verges.

14) To consider and approve any financial matters

a) To approve payments for:

- **Clerk's wages: £273.78**
- **Notts ALC Fees: £66.50**
- **Village Hall Fee: £15** (£9 c/f plus £6 for 2 hrs this evening)

RESOLVED: to make the three payments listed above.

(proposed by JC, seconded by FJ and carried unanimously, MM did not vote)

b) Any other financial matters

i) To note the bank reconciliation

The clerk circulated the bank reconciliation which was signed by NF, along with the bank statements.

ii) To review the draft 2015/16 accounts

The clerk circulated a draft set of accounts. It would be subject to change if the VAT claim was successful before the year end. It was agreed that the accounts should be sent to the Internal Auditor prior to the May meeting to ensure they were signed in the correct

order. Councillors confirmed that Mike Harness should continue as Internal Auditor if willing.

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

NF informed the meeting that the hall would be used for the referendum on 23rd June.

The clerk added some promotional material to the pack for councillors to read.

NF requested that the clerk use BCC to copy councillors in on any responses sent so that everyone was aware of what exchanges took place.

FJ offered to put an item in the newsletter on dogs being stolen following reports of suspicious vehicles in the area.

TC resigned from the council.

16) To note the date of the next meeting

The next meeting will be the Annual Village Meeting at 7pm on 3rd May followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.