

CARLTON-ON-TRENT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Carlton-on-Trent Parish Council held on Tuesday 12th February 2013 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Mrs R Whate (Chair), Mr T Cooper (Vice-Chair), Mrs J Clark, Mr K Smith, Mr N Fletcher, Mrs M Eley, Mrs F Jerome, Cllr B Laughton, Miss T Grimes (Temporary Clerk) Mr M Wray (Environmental Agency) and 1 member of the public

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr C Rose

F Jerome for late arrival

K Smith for early departure

2. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda

None

3. To approve the minutes

(a) of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 12th December 2012

(b) of the extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 15th January 2013

Both sets of minutes were accepted as a true record and approved.

4. Flooding

Mr Morgan Wray circulated data regarding the flood risk to various properties in the village at differing water levels.

The data was presented as suitable for residents to use to aid any problems in getting or reducing insurance quotes on these properties. The survey did not cover the whole village as some properties were known to flood so their insurance would be high as a result – the emphasis was on those which are less likely to flood but seem to be paying unnecessarily high premiums.

The question of whether CoT would get any flood defences was raised. Mr Wray explained the various funding options that were available via local levy money, Defra and community fund raising. He advised that £100,000 was the maximum grant the village was likely to receive and that this would in no way provide flood banks to bridge the gap between those existing in Sutton on Trent and Cromwell.

When asked how to go forward in accessing these grants Mr Wray explained that the Environment Agency is carrying out computer remodelling on the tidal river Trent and that this would provide more accurate data so any action would only be taken after this had been completed.

Cllr Laughton noted that he was aware of a list of schemes under consideration and that CoT did not appear on that list despite the fact that it was now 2 years since the initial walk along the river with the Environment Agency representatives. Mr Wray agreed that CoT could be added in the next update i.e. Apr-Jun, after which it was a case of costing any work and pushing to get CoT moved up until it becomes top priority.

Mr Wray then went on to explain that individual properties could apply for grants towards resilience measures but that this would be offset against any village scheme.

The issue of surface water was raised due to the Beck flooding when the river is high. Mr Wray was made aware that the IDB had taken steps to alleviate this some time ago but that they had made little difference. His response was that he would approach the IDB but that the funding was all from the same 'pot'.

Mr Wray said flood warnings had now changed and were for Carlton rather than Carlton & Sutton combined and he asked that he be kept informed of whether these were more effective.

Before leaving, Mr Wray was asked about the noise issues from the A1 and although not his area of expertise he offered to make enquiries with colleagues.

(During this session FJ arrived and BL and KS left)

5. 10 minute Open Forum for members of the public

Several matters were raised:

The potholes on Old Bell Lane are getting rather large and there are some on Castle Hill. Although the Council report these on a regular basis, it was felt that a faster response often results when members of the public report such items.

Tractors and vehicles have been reported using the public footpath to access Park Farm. There was a consensus of feeling that vehicular access should be via Old Bell Lane or the A1 slip road and that this should be checked.

6. Matters arising from the Minutes

(a) Horse manure on Carlton Lane

This was cleaned up when reported but the lane is still muddy due to large vehicles going onto the grass verge.

(b) Vehicles parking close to crossroads in Ferry Lane

The Police have been made aware of this issue but with the change

in PCSO they have not yet been able to address the matter.

(c) Trellis blocking pathway on Main Street

This is getting worse. It was agreed a letter should be sent to the owners asking them to take action.

(d) Lorries parking near wind turbine/litter

The Police have been made aware of this issue but with the change in PCSO they have not yet been able to address the matter.

7. Precept for 2013/2014

The precept for 2012/2013 was set at £2500, an increase from £2250 in the previous year. In the absence of financial information and given that the deadline for submitting the request had passed it was suggested that this remain the same for 2013/2014.

NF proposed a precept of £2500 for 2013/2014 and TC seconded it.

8. Community Bench – Ferry Lane

This had been repaired before the meeting. It was felt a letter should be sent to Mr D Pykett thanking him for his work.

9. Informing the public to clean up after their dogs

There has been a noticeable increase in the occurrence of dogs fouling the footpaths and pavements within the village and several complaints have been received. It was felt that a formal notice quoting the regulations should be sent to all householders. NF volunteered to draw up a flyer and TC offered to help with deliveries.

10. Planning

(a) Decisions made

Willow Forge Stables Planning No 12/01518/FUL,

The Spinney Planning No 12/01535/FUL,

Rivermead Planning No 12/01520/FUL

These have all been granted planning permission.

(b) Planning applications to discuss

None

(c) Any other planning business

None

11. Correspondence

(a) Local Improvement Scheme

RW and TC will attend the meeting.

Village sign update (applied for under last year's LIS) – there is a meeting today when the decision will be made but the outcome will not be known until March.

(b) Karen White re Parish Clerk – legal position

Karen White has passed the matter to Caroline Hall who has

suggested that there be a hearing. Helen should be invited to attend with a representative and Caroline will attend to represent the PC.

Helen is now in Mansfield but correspondence is still to go via her home address in Sutton.

It was felt that a hearing may be costly and that as so much time had elapsed it may be possible to wait for the 6 month probationary period to end and simply send a registered letter to say that the PC will not be renewing Helen's contract of employment. There was a vote to terminate the contract of employment which was carried unanimously. RW will go back to NSDC to check that this is legal.

(c) Norwell PC re Neighbourhood Plan meeting

RW, ME, NF and FJ attended the meeting but it was felt that although the principles of this scheme seemed a good idea, the methodology was costly and divisive. The PC would like to understand the requirements of the community and may go ahead with a questionnaire but it would be self generated rather than via participation in this scheme.

(d) NCC - Lengthsman scheme

This has been discussed in the past and the feeling is still the same – that it is not appropriate for CoT PC.

(e) NCC – Nottsbus Connect

Information was put in the pack for parish councillors and in the telephone box for the public.

(f) NSDC – Community Games Initiative

FJ took the information as the fête organisers made use of this last year and may be interested again.

12. Financial matters

(a) Payment of Village Hall fees

The fee was agreed as £6 for 2 hours but was not paid due to there being no cheques left in the cheque book.

(b) Any other outstanding financial matters

The year end is 31st March and the yearly accounts need to be done ready for the AGM in May and auditing in June. All the relevant paperwork must be obtained from Helen as a matter of urgency.

13. AOB

The two roses which were to be planted for the Jubilee will be purchased shortly as now is the time to plant them.

14. Date of the next meeting

Next meeting will be the regular Parish Council meeting on March 19th at 7.30pm. The meeting after that will be the AGM at 7pm on 7th May.

Meeting closed at 9.35pm

Tanya Grimes – Temporary Clerk to the PC