

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 February 2018 at 7.30pm

Present:

Cllr N Fletcher (Chair), Cllr M Martin (Vice-Chair), Cllr M Eley, Cllr L Hopkins, Cllr F Jerome, CCllr B Laughton, DCllr S Michael and T Grimes (Clerk)

1) To consider any apologies for absence

Apologies were received from RW due to ill health and were approved.
FJ gave apologies for arriving late.

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 meeting held Tuesday 2nd January 2018

The minutes were approved as a true record of the meeting and were signed by the chair.

FJ arrived.

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

No-one was present although LH noted that the holly bushes outside Holly Farm were still creating problems for horse lorries. FJ offered to speak to the property owner. FJ said that there had been a spate of litter bin fires reported – she had advised that those affected report incidents to the police and asked that this be mentioned at the next Safer Neighbourhoods meeting. NF noted that the next meeting wasn't until April.

5) To note any matters arising from the minutes of 5th December 2017

a) Standing Order for clerk's wages

The clerk noted that this was now set up and would hopefully pay out from February 10th onwards.

b) Bank signatories

Following the successful login by both RW and ME, the clerk had prepared the form to remove JC from the bank account, having resigned from the council. NF and ME signed the form.

c) The Housing Survey

The clerk reported that she had only just received the questions for Miles, so had passed them on but not received a response.

d) LIS application

Having found out from Mike Keeling that the installation of the notice board would cost approximately £750 plus and expense incurred in 'avoiding' services, the clerk informed council that the application had been submitted for £3000; £1500 for the board, £750 for installation and £750 for moving services.

6) To co-opt a new member to the council

No-one came forward. It was agreed councillors would keep asking around for anyone that may be interested and FJ offered to include an item in the next newsletter.

7) To receive updates on any District & County Councillor matters

CCllr BL noted that the council would be spending £5m on Highways over the next four years. There would be an extra £3.5m spent on surface dressing to prevent water ingress and reduce the number of potholes forming and the focus would be on unclassified roads. This would be paid for, in part by Council Tax increases of almost 5%. DCllr SM reported that NSDC would be establishing a development company, the profits of which would help to fill the increasing funding gap. She also confirmed that the Sutton on Trent development was approved by the planning committee in January.

8) To set a date for the next litter pick

It was agreed that the litter on the verges was increasing so 10th March was selected as an appropriate date. MM noted that NSDC will provide bags if required. ME asked whether the road sweeper could be requested as the roads were in a state too. DCllr SM gave the clerk details of who to call.

9) To consider any planning matters

a) Notifications received

None

b) Planning applications to discuss

None

c) Any other planning business

i) Park Farm development

The clerk tabled a response to the potential planning breach which stated that the planning department were satisfied that matters had been put right.

ii) Update on the Village Hall Windows

The clerk told councillors that an update had been sent stating that the planning department felt there was still a breach of planning and the case remained open.

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

a) Safer Neighbourhoods Meeting (NF)

NF reported that there had been a couple of burglaries in the area and instances of lamping and hare coursing. On one occasion police had been able to confiscate a vehicle.

b) NSDC Planning Training (ME, LH, RW)

ME and LH reported that the training was informative and interesting. LH enquired as to whether the presentation had been circulated – the clerk confirmed it had but agreed to send it out again. ME said NSDC were asking for suggestions of what other training they could offer.

11) To note the following correspondence and respond as appropriate

a) Mike Keeling - Carlton on Trent Rainy Day Issues

The clerk read out an email from Mike following his visit on 10th January and suggesting that the problem may be due to the high water table creating slow drain away. He will be visiting again to confirm his initial diagnosis.

b) Notts ALC – Appraisal Training

The clerk tabled details of a training event. No-one wanted to attend.

c) Viaem - Sign opposite village hall

The clerk informed councillors that CCllr BL had made an enquiry about the new sign and the response from Highways was that it was a replacement for a sign that had been there in 2009.

12) To respond to the following consultations

a) Highways England's Strategic Road Network Report

It was felt that this would not affect Carlton on Trent so no response was necessary.

13) To consider the following financial matters

a) To note the bank reconciliation

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

b) To consider purchasing lamppost poppies for Remembrance at £3 each

It was agreed these had been well received but that some had not survived the weather so could not be used again.

RESOLVED: To buy 5 new lamppost poppies.
(proposed ME, seconded FJ, carried unanimously)

c) To consider a Grant Application from Newark Citizen's Advice Bureau

It was felt that there were insufficient funds to award a grant.

d) To consider the following payments

i) Appraisal training at £25 per attendee

No-one wanted to attend.

ii) Notts ALC membership subs at £68.38

Councillors felt membership was good value for money.

RESOLVED: To make the payment, thus remaining in membership.
(proposed NF, seconded MM, carried unanimously)

e) To note the following payments

i) Village Hall Fee TBC

The fee was determined to be £6 for 2 hours, making £12 on account to date.

ii) Standing Order for Clerks Wages to February £167.19

This was noted.

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

The clerk tabled a brochure promoting the work of the Canal and River Trust which was put in the pack for councillors to read.

15) To note the date of the next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 6th March.

The meeting closed at 8.44pm