

CARLTON-ON-TRENT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting and Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 17th June 2010 commencing at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Lt Col G.E Vere-Laurie (Chairman), Mrs R Whate (Vice- Chairman), Mr T Cooper , Mrs J Clark ,Mr C Hemstock, Mrs Liz Wells-Pope, Mr N Walton, Mrs C Rose (District Councillor), Mrs S Beresford (Clerk), plus 12 members of the public.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Mr B Laughton

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

Lt Col G.E.Vere-Laurie declared an interest in the Item 8H- Park Farm Development and 12B- Application for the erection of a 60 meter high tubular steel wind monitoring mast.

3. **To approve the minutes** of the meeting held on 15th April 2010 and the extraordinary meeting on Thursday 27th May 2010 Proposed by Mr T Cooper and seconded by Mrs J Clarke, proposed by Mrs J Clarke and seconded by Mr T Cooper respectively.

4. **Election of Chairman**

Lt Col G. E Vere-Laurie took this opportunity to stand down as both Chairmen of the Parish Council and as a Councillor. The Vice Chairman- Mrs R Whate thanked George for all his years' service to the Parish Council- At this point Lt Col Vere-Laurie left the meeting.

Mrs Clarke nominated Mr N Walton for Chairman who declined to stand. Mr T Cooper nominated Mrs R Whate for position of Chairman, seconded by Mrs Wells-Pope- all in favour. Mrs Robbie Whate accepted the offer and took her place as Chairperson.

5. **Election of Vice-Chairman**

Mrs Wells-Pope nominated Mr Terry Cooper, Mr Chris Hemstock seconded, all in favour. Mr T Cooper accepted the offer of Vice-Chairman.

The meeting then temporarily closed to address the members of the public present. Matter 6H discussed and then meeting re-opened.

6. **Matters arising from the Minutes.**

a) **Flood Resilience issues**

The photographs were returned to those who had provided them in relation to past flood events. The clerk is waiting to hear back from the Environment Agency regarding the flood issues.

b) **Highways issues**

There are some potholes visible adjacent to the crossroads which the Clerk will report. Mrs Rose will also bring up the issues of speeding in the 40 mile zone at the next Safer Neighbourhood meeting.

c) Remedi Church Yard Maintenance

The clerk is to write again to the Remedi organisation to enquire if further work is to be done in the Church yard.

d) Telephone Kiosk refurbishment

The work has almost been completed, painted once and just the floor and the back of the kiosk needs completion. Mr Hemstock will continue with the work on Wednesday and will bring in the invoices for reimbursement to the next meeting.

e) Erratic Postal deliveries

Mrs Rose has spoken again to Patrick Mercers secretary who is sorting out a meeting date with the Post Office and all the Councillors in the Newark Delivery region. Mrs Rose is waiting to hear the date for this meeting.

f) Bus Stop progress

The new bus stop in the village is now in service although there are no changes to the bus stop at the Crossroads. All present agreed to observe for any further issues or problems arising.

g) Fly tipping

The problem appears to have been resolved down Back Lane.

h) Matters arising from the extra-ordinary meeting in relation to the Park Farm Development (the discussions with the members of the public- meeting closed for the duration- highlights of the actions below)

Several concerns have arisen in relation to the proposed development, particularly in relation to the access of the new development from Old Bell Lane. The Workshop at the end of Old Bell Lane has never been acknowledge on the plans and parking access for the work van is required at all times (the proprietor has been able to access this parking position for 45 years). The proposal includes the application of a 1 metre wide footpath which will further narrow the Lane. Concern was raised about the removal of Birch Trees. The Clerk will write to Highways and requested either a site meeting or invite a planner to the next meeting to discuss some of these issues. One resident of the village who was unable to attend the meeting wrote a letter regarding some of the issues and this was read out by the Clerk.

7. General Correspondence

Preparing for an emergency- contingency electronic document and completion of on-line information required by Nottinghamshire County Council

This document created concern, especially in relation to the liability elements that it causes to the Flood Wardens. It was agreed that the Clerk will write to the County Council refusing to complete the document and state that it is an inappropriate request. .

a) Newark and Sherwood Local Development Publication.

Some of the Foundation documents have changed however; there are no impacts on Carlton-on-Trent.

b) Request for donation – Busy Bees Pre-school.

The Clerk read out a letter from the Pre-school requesting a donation. Mrs Wells-Pope proposed that we do not support this year, Mrs J Clark seconded. Mr C Hemstock proposed £30, no one seconded. Therefore it was agreed that no donation to be made this year. The Clerk will write back to the Pre-school to inform them.

c) Donation towards the maintenance of the Churchyard- £400 pledged.

Those present discussed three options available in order to manage the pledged monies. The Church wardens to either open a separate maintenance bank account and the monies paid in directly. The Church to send the parish Council invoices which would be paid on receipt or the landscaper to send the Parish Council the invoices directly. The Clerk will write to Mrs Storer and agree the option which the Church Parochial Committee favours.

d) Severe weather consultations

The Clerk will respond to the letter asking for feedback about the responses to last year's poor weather. The Clerk will include the lack of grit and poor upkeep of pavements.

e) Seasonal Decorations

The Clerk read out a letter stating that if the Parish Council wish to adorn hanging baskets on lamp posts or from other Council owned property they must obtain a license.

8 –Financial Matters

a) Financial support to the Village Hall towards the annual insurance premium.

The Clerk read out a letter requesting a contribution towards the cost of the annual insurance which this year is £338.00. The Parish Council engaged in a debate about the costs of organisations using the village hall, such as the Youth club. Those present discussed the request and Mrs R Whate proposed £100 donation, seconded by Mr Cooper, all in agreement.

b) Payment of Village Hall Fees

£10 cheque for the village hall fees for this meeting- proposed by Mr N Walton, seconded by Mr T Cooper.

c) Clerks wages and expenses

The Clerks wages and expenses £329.99 agreed as a true record, proposed by Mrs Wells-Pope and seconded by Mrs J Clark.

d) Parish Council Insurance

The Parish Council insurance is now due- £163.10, proposed by Mrs R Whate and seconded by Mr N Walton.

9- Planning Issues .

a) Decisions Made

None

b) Applications to discuss

- c) Installation of a 60 metre high tubular steel wind monitoring mast with sensors at various heights, data logger and 30 m guy radius for a temporary period of no more than 2 years- Field Reference No 0483, Norwell Lane Carlton-on-Trent.

Those present discussed the application and Mr Cooper started the proceedings by stating that the scoping document discussed at the last meeting did not include this application.

The meeting was temporarily interrupted and closed in order for the local residents present to discuss their views.

Following this, the meeting re-opened and Parish Councillors agreed several issues

- This application clearly cause local residents concern
- These concerns include the disproportionate size of the eventual turbines
- Noise factors
- Wildlife concerns
- Impact on neighbouring properties and village life
- Visibility and landscape destruction

It was therefore agreed to ascertain the views and feelings of the community by holding a village meeting to be arranged by one of the residents.

SEE FOOTNOTE AT THE END OF THE MINUTES

It was agreed that a decision regarding this application would be made after this public meeting.

The Clerk will invite the developer Mr G Vere-Laurie to the meeting. The meeting will be organised by Mr K Smith and Chaired by a village resident. Norwell Parish Council has also called a public meeting to discuss the same application. A leaflet drop will be arranged by Mr Smith to every home in the village and a notice placed on the notice board.

Regardless of the personal opinions of the Parish Councillors, the decision made will back up the majority of the villages' views regarding this development. The date of Monday 5th July 2010 agreed for the meeting at 7.00pm- 8.30pm

- d) Householder application to Take down and remove existing outhouse /coal shed building attached to the side of the property and build a single storey extension with some internal alterations- 8 Old North Road, Carlton-on-Trent

All present perused the plans, Mr T Cooper proposed that the plans are supported, seconded by Mrs J Clark, all in agreement.

10- Items to include on the next agenda.

Matters arising

11- Any other business

- a. **Register of members Interests-** All present reviewed the documents. Mrs Wells-Pope to take away to complete amendments and will post back to Newark and Sherwood District Council. Mrs Rose informed the Parish Council that the Standards Board is set to be abolished under the new Government.
- b. **Resignation of Lt Col G E Vere-Laurie-** The Clerk will write note of thanks to George for all his services to the community through the Parish Council.

12. Date of Next Meeting- Thursday 9th September 2010

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 21.45pm.

Footnote following the Public meeting on Monday 5th July regarding item 9c- Installation of a 60 metre high tubular steel wind monitoring mast with sensors at various heights, data logger and 30 m guy radius for a temporary period of no more than 2 years- Field Reference No 0483, Norwell Lane Carlton-on-Trent.

Following the public meeting the Parish Council proposed to object to the above on the following grounds:

- Strength of opposition among local residents- over 85 people attended the public meeting with a majority against the proposal
- Impact on the environment
- Noise pollution
- Impact on neighbouring properties

Vote- 4 opposing, 0- for the proposal, 1 – abstinence

