

Carlton-on-Trent Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 7th June 2007 commencing at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Lt Col G.E Vere-Laurie (Chairman), Mrs A O'Brien, Mrs R Whate, Mr E Holland, Mr R Boothroyd, Mrs C Rose (District Councillor), Mr B Laughton (County Councillor) Mrs S Beresford (Clerk). Mr S Tipping (County Council Wayfinder Officer)

1. **Apologies for absence :**) Mr C Hemstock

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

Lt Col G.E Vere-Laurie declared an interest in the Footpaths issues (5c) and the planning decisions item 9a.

3. **To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 25th April 2007.**

The minutes, having been circulated and read were agreed to contain a true record of items discussed. Proposed by Mrs A O'Brien and seconded by Mr E Holland.

4. **Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman**

Lt Col G.E. Vere-Laurie stood down as Chairman and the Clerk invited members of the Parish Council to nominate and propose a new Chairman. Mrs A O'Brien proposed Lt Col G.E. Vere-Laurie, seconded by Mr E Holland. There were no further nominations. Lt. Col Vere-Laurie agreed to accept the position of Chairman and thanked the Parish Council for the continued support. Lt Col Vere-Laurie invited the Parish Councillors to submit proposals for Vice-Chairman. Mr Ernest Holland proposed Mr Rob Boothroyd and this was seconded by Mrs O'Brien. There were no further nominations. Mr Boothroyd stated that he be willing to accept nomination and agreed to take up the position.

There is one vacancy on the Parish Council- the Clerk to advertise the vacant position on the notice board and in the July edition of Unity with a closing date of Sunday 15th July 2007. All applications need to reach the Clerk in writing in order for the democratic decision to be made at the next meeting.

5. **Matters arising from the minutes.**

a) Highways Issues

There are still ongoing issues which have yet to be addressed. The Clerk will again write to Joanne Horton at Highways to enquire about the state of the pavement adjacent to Coney Grey and the flattened road sign at the crossroads. The last correspondence the Clerk received from Ms Horton stated that these would be addressed as soon as possible. There are some pot holes on Old Bell Lane that require reporting and also the grass verges at the crossroads require the regular attention.

b) Severn Trent Sewage Flooding Issues

There have been no recent problems and despite Mrs Rose not receiving confirmation, it appears that the new switching panel has been installed at the pumping station. Mr Laughton stated that he attended the Flooding Select Committee at County Hall recently and highlighted the sewage issues at Carlton-on-Trent as a matter of concern.

c) Parish Paths Partnership- Speaker Mr S Tipping- Wayfinder Officer for Nottinghamshire County Council

Mr Tipping explained the P3 scheme to those present and identified the duties of the Parish Council if accepted onto the scheme. The Parish Council would be required to undertake a survey of all the paths in the Parish and identify all the work that needs to be done; they would then compile and submit a grant proposal form detailing all the issues. The Parish would then be paid for the work and they would use a contractor to undertake the maintenance. Lt Col Vere-Laurie, the landowner of the majority of the paths in the Parish is already a member of the Farm Partnership scheme and this situation would remain unchanged. If Carlton-on-Trent joined the scheme it would mainly be signposting, way marking and stiles which would be the area of need. The Parish Council discussed the issues and following a question and answer type session, unanimously agreed not to join the scheme at the present time. Currently landowners are entitled to a 25% grant to replace furniture on the footpaths. The Clerk will liaise with Lt Col Vere-Laurie and Laura Summers of the County Council to identify the need for way marker posts and any other signage issues. Mrs Whate asked for a copy of the footpaths in the Parish which Lt Col Vere-Laurie will provide. It was proposed by Mrs Whate not to join the scheme, seconded by Mrs O'Brien and unanimously agreed. Mr Tipping thanked by the Chairman for making the efforts to visit the Parish to explain the scheme.

d) Gating orders

Mr Tipping and Mr B Laughton explained that Gating orders were useful where footpaths or other rights of way were contributing to anti-social behaviour. In the event that nuisance activity was occurring along or through a right of way, a locked gate could be installed at certain times to combat anti-social behaviour such as quad bikes, 4 wheel drive nuisances. This anti-social behaviour has to be severe and consistent and although the right of way would still exist, the locked gate could be a useful deterrent

for a proportion of a set period of time, either at night, or weekends etc. There are 1-2 parishes that might benefit from this facility although at present Carlton-on-Trent does not have issues of this type.

e) HGV Parking at Cromwell Holt

PC T Hayes agreed to investigate this issue and visit tomorrow to speak to the Café owner and drivers.

f) Adoption of the Model Code of Conduct

All Parish Councillors have individually adopted the Model Code of Conduct and returned the forms to Kelham Hall. As a Parish Council it was agreed to formally adopt the new Code. Proposed by Lt Col G.E Vere-Laurie and seconded by Mrs A O'Brien.

g) Any other matters arising

None

h) Correspondence

a) Quality Parish Council scheme

Agreed not to pursue this at present.

b) New Councillor Training

Mrs Whate to investigate the possibility of attending.

c) Carlton-on-Trent Youth Club

The Clerk had received a letter asking for a new representative to replace Mr Fairhurst. This item to be carried forward to the next meeting when the Parish Council will be in a position to fill the vacancy. The Youth Club had also in the letter asked for an annual contribution of £100 from the Parish Council to assist with their Insurance costs. The Parish Council were keen to support the Youth Club, however due to current Precept funding a contribution of this type annually would involve increasing the annual precept application. Therefore the Clerk to write to the Management Committee of the Youth Club and make a donation of £75 on this occasion and suggest that the Parish Council is not in the position to annually commit monies at this stage. Proposed by Mr R Boothroyd and seconded by Mr E Holland.

The Village Hall committee also seeks representation on the committee from a Parish Council representative. The Clerk to write to the Village Hall committee to explain that once the Parish Councillor vacancy is filled

we will nominate a representative and inform them of this decision accordingly.

d) Busy Bees request for Funding

The Clerk read out a letter from Busy Bees Pre-school requesting Parish Council support with the purchase of soft play mats. The sum of £40 proposed by Mr E Holland and seconded by Mr R Boothroyd.

e) Mobile Rural Contact Point

A letter received from the County Council to state that the Mobile Rural Contact vehicle has reached the end of its life and a new vehicle will be launched in the spring of 2008.

f) Letter of thanks from the Carlton-on-Trent Village Hall Committee

The Clerk read out a letter of thanks from the recent donation of £440 towards the Village Hall Insurance.

All other correspondence distributed in the pack for Parish Councillor perusal.

6 Financial Issues

a) Payment of the Village Hall Fees

A cheque made payable to the village Hall Committee for the sum of £10.00 Proposed by Mrs O'Brien and seconded by Lt Col Vere-Laurie

b) Insurance for Parish Council

A cheque for £157.85 was made payable to Newark and Sherwood District Council for the annual Insurance premium. Proposed by Mr Boothroyd and seconded by Mrs O'Brien

7. Health and Safety

There were no Health and Safety issues to address other than the Grassy verges at the Crossroads require attention. The Clerk to write to Highways and request this work is carried out.

8. Planning Issues

a) Decisions made- **Conversion of former barns into dwellings, former stables into workshop and carport and erection of 4 detached houses and 3 terraced houses with associated garages- Park Farm- REFUSED.**

b) Planning applications to discuss-

i) **Erection of Fencing- The Old Forge, Main Street**

All Parish Councillors observed the planning details and agreed unanimously to support the proposal.

ii) **Construction of Detached Garage- The Grey House, Main Street**

All Parish Councillors present perused the plans and following a discussion agreed unanimously to support the proposal.

iii) Any other planning business- NONE.

9. Items for Inclusion of the next agenda

- a) Highways Matters
- b) HGV Parking at Cromwell Holt
- c) Vacant Parish Council position
- d) Representative on the Youth Club Committee
- e) Representative on the Village Hall Committee
- f) Insurance Policy

10. Any other Business

The Clerk informed those present that she attended the quarterly Crime/Community Safety Liaison meetings on behalf of Carlton-on-Trent and discussed the latest crime figures for the village- please see correspondence packs for further details.

11 Date of the Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on July 19th 2007

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 21.26pm.