

# CARLTON-ON-TRENT PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2013 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Present: T Cooper(Chair), N Fletcher (Vice-Chair), R Whate, J Clark, K Smith, F Jerome, M Eley, T Grimes (Clerk) and 2 members of the public

1. To consider any apologies for absence  
Cllr Laughton and Cllr Rose both gave apologies for their late arrivals due to having other meetings to attend.
2. To receive any declarations of interest in items on the agenda  
None
3. To accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2013 and 8<sup>th</sup> October 2013.  
RW proposed that both sets of minutes were accepted as a true account and ME seconded the motion.
4. 10 minute open forum to receive questions and comments from members of the public  
No comments were made.
5. To note any matters arising from the Minutes of 17<sup>th</sup> September 2013 and 8<sup>th</sup> October 2013 which are not elsewhere on the agenda
  - (a) Village Sign (TG)  
Nothing to report.
  - (b) Re-siting of weight limit signs (JC)  
Mike Keeling has acknowledged that there was not a paper signed by the Parish Council and that the map and description sent to the Parish Council stated the full length of Main Street would fall within the weight restriction. JC is awaiting a call from him regarding the next step.  
It was noted that there had been another complaint about an HGV reaching the weight restricted zone and trying to turn round adjacent to Bell Lane endangering other road users and pedestrians.
  - (c) Dog Bin signs (RW)  
The problem does seem to have reduced. The signs RW had seen have Rushcliffe BC written on them which may result in their removal by NSDC. TG had been unable to find signs specifically for this purpose on the internet but had found reference to it being illegal in some areas. It was suggested that signs were printed and laminated by councillors and put on the bins after checking whether NSDC encouraged the use of litter bins for dog waste.
  - (d) Plaque for the churchyard (RW/ME)  
The metal plaque has been passed to Dean Fairhurst for mounting on a wooden plate and fixing to the gate of the churchyard. TC offered to remind DF.
  - (e) Cromwell Halt lorries (RW)  
RW needed a better map so had not sent it to NSDC as yet. It was suggested that the problem had lessened; since the cafe had closed the area was not used as much, however the Cromwell area still posed a danger. TC offered to contact Cromwell PC before the matter was pursued any further.
6. To receive updates on any District & County Councillor matters
  - (a) A1 Noise  
Cllr Rose reported that there had been a meeting with Cyril Day. Noise measurements have been taken at The Chestnuts and CD has looked at new traffic flow data. The result is that both showed noise levels above the safe limit, therefore a barrier is required. However this is not something CD's budget covers – it would have to come through the Department of Environment or DEFRA.  
Cllr Rose is now waiting for written confirmation from CD that a barrier is needed.  
Cllr Laughton added that he had met with Patrick Mercer's PA and Sue Saddington regarding this matter and that they would be working to push for remedies in both Carlton and Muskham.
  - (b) A1 Slip-road Damage  
KS & JC met Jo Horton to view the slip road. It would cost £100,000 for resurfacing which simply was not an option. However, extending the 40mph speed limit to the end of the houses was suggested to reduce the damage caused by lorries on the slip road. JH agreed to get someone to see if the traffic flow warranted a flashing speed limit sign. The council's duty is one of safety not noise but she offered forms for individual residents to make claims for damage.
  - (c) Any other matters  
Cllr Laughton gave an update on the budget cuts. Those impacting Carlton on Trent directly included reducing the support for buses from Sutton to Newark and although the Sutton library is not in danger of imminent closure it does need more community support to keep it open. The area would also be indirectly affected by the reduction in budget for aspects like Highways resulting in

less pot hole repairs and the closure of nearby facilities such as Newlands centre in Newark and Whitewater centre in Ollerton which some residents may use.

Cllr Rose gave an update on the Pears extension. An appeal had been submitted and a hearing will be held for 1 week beginning on Jan 14<sup>th</sup>. The best support that can be given is to attend the hearing and to continue reporting any lorry spills to the action group who will be able to put their case at the hearing so all data will help.

7. Phonebox Upkeep  
TC suggested the phone box would need painting in Spring and KS offered to do it. The paint went to Sutton PC so TC will contact them to get whatever is left or to buy some more.
8. Newsletter Items  
There were many suggestions including: encouraging residents to register to vote, giving information on the new village signs, reminding everyone of the phone box, providing information on reporting rubbish, potholes, etc and encouraging them to attend meetings.
9. Review of Standing Orders  
TG reported that NALC had issued new model standing orders – these were put in the pack for Councillors to review. Councillors requested that all other policies be emailed out for review as well.
10. Dealing with Public Enquiries/Complaints  
KS suggested encouraging the public to take responsibility for matters such as rubbish or potholes themselves in the first instance and then ensuring that any matter undertaken as a Councillor on behalf of the public is reported at meetings. It was felt that this was good practice and already happened on the whole but a reminder would be useful whenever there were new councillors.
11. To receive feedback from councillors on any meetings/training attended
  - (a) Flood Forum (NF)  
This was actually the Annual Parish Meeting but the emphasis was on flooding. There is no money available for defences but they were encouraging community plans whereby aspects are costed and volunteers do much of the work and in these circumstances some support may be available. The only alternative was to promote the use of personal defences.
  - (b) Parish Boundaries meeting (JC)  
JC outlined the proposed new boundary. Although Carlton remained with Sutton, the area has been extended to include Kneesall and Kersall but would no longer include Norwell. Cllr Rose felt that this was too large for one District Councillor and that some of the Western fringes would be better served if linked to other wards. Councillors asked TG to report this feedback to the Boundary Commission.
  - (c) Safer Neighbourhoods (KS or NF)  
KS reported that there had not been any issues in this area.
12. To consider any planning matters
  - (a) Decisions made (awaiting The Stables decision, Great North Road barn decision, the Wind Turbine appeal decision and the Weston Turbine decision)  
The Stables and Turbine Appeal are still undecided but the Great North Road Barn had been issued a certificate and the Western Turbine application had been withdrawn.
  - (b) Planning applications to discuss  
None
  - (c) Any other planning business (the conservatory on the Wharf, One Acre)  
There were no updates available on the Wharf or One Acre.
13. To discuss and note any further actions required from correspondence received since the last meeting
  - (a) Mr Kirk  
A response to be sent advising there were no opportunities for a litter picker here.
  - (b) NSDC – Register to Vote  
Poster to be displayed in the phone box.
  - (c) NSDC - Citizen of the Year Awards
  - (d) NALC – Sustainable Communities
  - (e) NCC - Notts Minerals Local Plan
  - (f) NALC - Smaller Councils Committee
  - (g) War Memorials Trust
  - (h) Richard Butler – Local Improvement Scheme
  - (i) Greenwood Tree Planting Grant Scheme
  - (j) Hough on the Hill – Temple Hill Wind Farm
  - (k) NCC – Listed Building Survey
  - (l) NALC – Implementation of CAP Reform
  - (m) Paddy Tipping – The Beat

Items (c) to (m) were put in the pack after noting any deadlines for responses. Any comments to be forwarded to TG prior to the appropriate deadline if Councillors wanted anything submitting.

14. To consider and approve any financial matters

(a) To approve payments for:

- Village Hall fees £9
- Jubilee Rose plaque £34.03
- Clerks wages plus expenses £905.34

All three payments were proposed by JC and seconded by KS.

(b) Any other outstanding financial matters

- HMRC annual return and RTI of PAYE

The annual return was submitted with an appeal against the fine for late submission. The appeal was successful and the fine was reduced to £0. The PAYE was still not being reported although TG had started the process by registering and installing the software.

- Precept setting

Having viewed the last two years financial summaries and the spend to date this year, it was felt that the precept need not be increased but that an update on spending nearer the year end would confirm this. TG will circulate this information prior to the next meeting.

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

None

16. To set the date of the next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2014.

The meeting closed at 10pm.

*Tanya Grimes – Clerk to the PC*