

Carlton-on-Trent Parish Council

Present: Bruce Laughton, Christine Rose, Roberta Whate, Jean Clarke, Margaret Eley, Terry Cooper, Nigel Fletcher, Kevin Smith, Fiona Jerome

Plus 5 members of the public

Minutes 12 December 2012

1. **Apologies for absence**

None

2. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda

Terry Cooper declared an interest in planning issue a

3. **Approve the minutes of the last meeting** - no minutes available, RW to review minutes produced by Fj from Clerk's notes. FJ noted several pages of notes were missing.

4. **10 minute open session for members of the public**

Richard had talked to council workers about the slip road and they explained the rippling was due to tarmac laid over drains, which had sunk over time. They had told him it needed a complete overhaul rather than a quick fix, as it had been doing it cheaply the first time that produced the problem. Richard noted the drains laid under the road were full of rubbish anyway and therefore no longer effective.

The matter of a HGV parking in the village was raised during discussion of the weight limit, and TC identified it as being a local visiting his family. TC agreed to clarify with him that the weight limit applied to social calls and was only suspended when lorries were making necessary deliveries for business purposes.]

Nigel Walton wanted us all to sign up for faster broadband. Fj will put it in the newsletter again. Address is nottinghamshire.gov.uk/broadband or you can call 08449 808080 to pledge your support. Nigel noted we are far behind Lincolnshire and therefore are less likely to attract investment from private companies in setting up faster broadband in the area. He also disagreed with BL's views on turbines and was concerned FRAKing will replace green energy as energy resources dwindle. He urged councillors to look up FRAKing if they weren't familiar with the concept.

5. **Matters arising from last meeting**

a) Winter service order/grit box

NF has ordered grit and chased delivery. Will chase again. JC will also chase Mike Keating.

b) Environmental weight limit, moving of signs

A new advisory sign has been put at the crossroads to inform HGVs of impending weight limit, but this is still too late for them to turn away safely. BL advised that the Traffic Regulation Order relating to the limit would have to be changed as that stipulates where the signs are placed. All agreed they needed to be placed at or before the crossroads at the

entrance to the village, as once lorries have turned into the village they cannot safely turn back.

RW to call Gary Bridges at Scott Wilson, the company installing the signposting, on 0115 9077238.

c) Noise from A1 update - Mr Terry Cooper

CR has contacted Cyril Day, the Highways Officer responsible. She has been told they will carry out noise readings before the end of April 2013 and that action to ameliorate noise if it's found to be excessive will take place between 2015 and 2020. The Highways Agency note that their noise reduction surfacing is failing sooner than anticipated (Stone Mastic Asphalt). CR will chase Cyril Day on 1 April to make sure readings have been taken and to make a case for Carlton to be one of the first problems tackled in the area.

TC has supplied her with noise readings, one week's worth taken from the garden of his own property and one week's worth taken from the garden of The Spinney. Both show noise levels in the mid 80 dbls. Readings were taken for a three minute period each day, and the highest noise level reached recorded.

KS noted that it is not just a noise issue, it is also a vibration issue for properties close to the slip road.

The slip road and its attendant vibration and noise issues are a County Council issue while the A1 is a Highways issue so both parties will have to be approached. BL suggested getting a petition together and will contact JC about organising it. He would like it to be ready to present at the next CC meeting at the end of February. He suggested that people power was the best way to get things moving. He noted that the sliproad had been put in for funding in the next financial year, but had no idea if he had been successful. If we don't get funding next year he will put in for it again the following year. He pointed out that the CC was using weight limits to reduce noise and damage to the road surfaces and control the flow of traffic in the area.

TC suggested a buffer fence along Main Street southwards from the sliproad and north up the sliproad itself. He asked BL to investigate the effectiveness of such fencing at other sites in the area.

BL to copy in Patrick Mercer MP and ask him to pressurise Highways into tackling our problem sooner rather than later.

d) Footpath signs update - Mrs Robbie Whate

RW has met with Steven Tipping of Highways and inspected the signs (or lack thereof) for the footpath between Carlton Lane and The Wharf. He will be erecting new signs.

The planning dept has put up notices about the diversion of the footpath near Park Farm Cottages. Angus Trundle has confirmed footpath 5d will be diverted and is marked on the Definitive Footpath Map.

e) Road surface on A1 slip road

See answer to c) above.

f) Village litter pick

Successful as it went, but TC questioned the usefulness of doing them a couple of times a year when there is rubbish in the verges and around the trouble spots almost immediately it's done. It was pointed out that the local litter squad were very good at clearing up trouble spots but didn't clear out the less accessible areas like under hedges and in ditches, where we had collected a lot of rubbish. There was support for doing it every few months on the 'every little helps' principal.

KS suggested a litter bin in the 'layby' – the crescent owned and used by the Council to store heaps of gravel, seemingly – might reduce litter being dropped there. Cost was an issue.

g) Diamond Jubilee rose arbour

Mr John Whate has suggested a near-thornless, perfumed climbing peach rose called A Shropshire Lad. RW and John Whate to liaise with the church to see about purchasing and installing two roses.
PROPOSED NF, SECONDED KS

h) Flood defences

No 3 The Bungalow sent the PC pictures of water filling their garden during the flooding in November/December 2012 and said they were very worried about the situation. Flood wardens reported back that if 24-hour monitoring and pumping of the culvert hadn't taken place the water could have been very much higher. In this situation it was possible to pump water from the A1 runoff into the drains. On other occasions the drains have also been flooded. It was also noted that the flooding was particularly severe in certain parts of the village, not those normally associated with flooding, because of the high water table level. It was identified that we need to contact the Environment Agency and also the Newark Drainage Board they are responsible for different aspects of the infrastructure.

BL asked us to promote www.floodforum.co.uk, where a petition for the government to take action over insurance issues is being raised. BL wants Paul Lockhart and Morgan Wray to come to the next meeting to discuss flooding. JC to contact them and arrange.

6 Planning

a) Willow Forge Stables, Main Street Planning No. 12/01518/FUL

The owner clarified that he was keeping the brick stable building at the property but converting it to garage usage. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

b) The Spinney, Old Bell Lane PLANNING No.12/01535/FUL
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

c) Rivermead, Ferry Lane, Planning No. 12/01520/FUL
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

7 Financial Matters

a) Payment to Village Hall
£6 paid, PROPOSED BY JC, SECONDED BY ME

b) Any other payments
NONE

8. Crime Report/ Safer Neighbourhood Feedback - Mr Kevin Smith

KS pointed out no one had told the police the 'theft' of the bench at St Mary's Church was only the family of the commemeratee removing it for refurbishment and therefore it remained on the Carlton crime figures (raising crime this year in the area by 33%!). KS undertook to report the matter to them.

9. Correspondence

a) *Diversion of Footpath No. 5B*

See 5d

b) Helen Cobb – Clerk

RW had contacted NALC following letter from Mrs Helen Cobb in which she appeared to resign but did not state it categorically, and presented an invoice for hours worked. RW had been able to retrieve some files from Mrs Cobb's mother in law, but they were by no means complete, and there was none of the work she had carried out on behalf of the PC. The PC decided KS should draught a letter asking her to confirm that she was resigning, giving her reasons, and return all files, including work done on her computer. It was noted that she had returned her contract unsigned.

10. **AOB**

a) Taking down of Anemometer

CR had received promise it would be taken down by end of the second week in December but that has not happened. CR will contact Zoe Fuller about the matter. It may be because an appeal is pending. At the recent planning meeting to discuss a second turbine in Carlton CR proposed a policy was needed for placement of turbines.

BL noted that local applications for turbines were being passed without exit strategies, and is pushing for turbines to pay business rates.

b) New garages at Trent View, Ferry Lane - is planning permission needed?

RW to follow up with Planning Department.

The issue of a large conservatory with solid roof that has been erected at Mill Farm was also raised and will be added to the next agenda.

c) Horse Manure on Carlton Lane

FJ to advise Highways that the lane is particularly difficult to traverse following the floods and use of the lane by large vehicles which have churned up a lot of mud, as well as extensive deposits by our equine friends.

d) Vehicles parking close to crossroads in Ferry Lane

KS to speak to police about moving the vehicles along – they appear to be parking all day while the occupants travel on to a job in a single vehicle.

e) Trellis blocking pathway, Main Street

FJ to draught a polite letter on behalf of the PC pinpointing exactly where the nuisance is.

f) Lorries parking near wind turbine / litter

KS to raise this with the police. Councillors concerned they do not have lights, protrude into the road, and are the scene of hanky-panky with unclothed people visible to passers by.

MEETING CONCLUDED 9.30pm

NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday 12 February