

Carlton-on-Trent Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 12TH November 2009 commencing at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Lt Col G.E.Vere-Laurie (Chairman), Mrs R Whate, Mr T Cooper, Mrs L Wells-Pope, Mrs S Beresford (Clerk), Mr B Laughton (County Councillor, Mrs J Clark,

1. **Apologies for absence.** Mr Nigel Walton, Mr C Hemstock and Mrs C Rose
2. **Declaration of interest on items on the agenda-** None

3. **To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 10th September 2009 and Monday 19th October 2009.**

The minutes, having been circulated and read were agreed to contain a true record of items discussed. Thursday 12th November 2009 - Proposed as a true record by Lt G Vere-Laurie and seconded by Mrs R Whate. The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 19th October – proposed as a true record by Mrs R Whate and seconded by Lt G Vere-Laurie.

4. Matters arising from the minutes.

a) Highways and HGV Issues

The No-tipping signs discussed and to be put on the next agenda. All hedges have now been trimmed.

The street lights outside the Church and the Dower House have been replaced for modern versions. Apparently this is for safety reasons in terms of maintenance. The Clerk will write to the County Council to seek an explanation – proposed by Mrs R Whate and seconded by Mrs Clark.

The results of the statistical survey conducted by the County Council do not support the amount of HGV traffic that those living in the village experience on a regular basis. The Clerk will write to Mike Keeling to request another survey. The only suggestion offered by the County Council would be to extend the village Gateway and erect signs asking HGV traffic to drive carefully and respect the village.

The Parish Council agreed to take names of offending companies and write to the transport directors.

County Councillor Bruce Laughton asked the Clerk to ask Mike Keeling to contact him regarding the next steps.

The County Council are due to start next year a contact point to report nuisance companies and will act on Parish Councils behalf.

Mrs Whate, Mrs Wells-Pope and Mrs Clark agreed to carry out their own survey of traffic.

b- Remedi Service level agreement

The Clerk still reports problems with this and although she has finally tracked someone down from the organisation, there does not seem to be any further action. County Councillor Laughton agreed to help and gave details of his secretary who we can contact and will act on behalf.

Mr Cooper agreed to ring the number tomorrow and report the issues.

c- Feedback from Strategic Land Availability document

There are no major implications for Carlton-on-Trent although this is an extremely important document and requires all present to carefully peruse. It appears that Carlton-on-Trent has been designated a village/hamlet in open countryside. We do need to respond formally to this planning document which will drive strategic planning policy until 2023.

Liz Wells-Pope agreed to read the document and Lt Col G Vere-Laurie proposed we hold a separate meeting to discuss.

e) Bridle ways and Slow down for horses signs

It is not likely that we could apply for signs asking for motorists to Slow down due to the village having a void of Bridle ways.

f) Use of Advertising boards/Billboards in and around the village

Lt Col Vere-Laurie has spoken to the landlord of the pub who immediately responded to removing the sign which was causing an obstruction to visibility. There are no further issues in relation to this although some members of the Parish Council wish to seek clarification of the legality of the signs at the crossroads where there are three advertising boards on the fence. The Clerk to write to the County Council to seek advice and guidelines- proposed by Mrs Whate and seconded by Lt Col Vere-Laurie.

g) Feedback from Newark and Sherwood Homes AGM

Mrs J Clark informed the council that she had been re-elected to Director of the board of Newark and Sherwood Homes with 1,263 votes, the nearest rival gained 931 votes. There was 6,873 votes (a turnout of just under 29%). Congratulations to Mrs Clark, who brought along an information pack about Newark and Sherwood Homes and informed the council that Newark and Sherwood Homes are up to date with decent homes initiatives and maintenance and structure.

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 Lt Col Vere-Laurie and seconded by Mr T Cooper.

b) Finance and Precept-

Those present discussed the need to raise the Precept to start enabling a fighting fund in case of future need and increase the deposit account funding. Those present agreed a special meeting should be held to debate the Precept requirements in line with considering Parish requests for funding and donations. The Church PCC has asked the Parish Council for support financially with the maintenance of the churchyard in the region of £600 per annum to enable a contractor to be used. The questions asked by those present is what the Parish Councils legal and moral responsibilities is in respect of financial support to the Church. The Clerk will seek guidance and information from the NALC. This will be further discussed at an extra ordinary meeting.

c) Invoice to Clement Keys for external audit

The sum of £57.50 proposed by Mrs Wells-Pope and seconded by Mr T Cooper.

d) Letter from Village Hall Committee requesting a contribution to the recent WREN funding application.

The Carlton-on-Trent Village Hall committee have submitted a WREN funding application to enable further modernisation work to be carried out including heating and flooring in the hall. The letter asks for a supporting letter and small contribution to the works. The Clerk will provide a letter of support and inform the Village Hall committee that the request for a donation will be considered when the Precept debated at the next meeting.

7. Health and Safety Inspections

Telephone box- the Kiosk is looking a little unkempt at present and needs a coat of paint. The Parish Council will reimburse the cost of the paint. Proposed by Mrs Whate and seconded by Mrs Wells-Pope, all in agreement with one Parish Councillor Exception who wishes to abstain from the vote.

Dog Bin- no concerns

Benches- no concerns

8. Planning Issues

Decisions made- The Grey House Cottage- planning application APPROVED

The Clerk was also asked to check details of the Detached Garage application for The Grey House- this is all in order, approved in 2007.

Applications Received- Householder application for erection of Boundary wall – The Coach House, Carlton-on-Trent- All present perused the plans and after a short discussion Mrs J Clark proposed to support the application which was seconded by Mrs R Whate, all in agreement.

No further planning matters to discuss.

8- Correspondence

- 1- Dog Fouling Sign- Mrs Wells-Pope to erect sign somewhere appropriate in the village
- 2- Email correspondence from Carlton-on-Trent Village Hall Committee- thanks expressed for the recent donation of £50.00 towards the insurance.
- 3- Review of the Mobile Rural Contact point- The questionnaire was completed at the meeting and the Clerk will return. All agreed that the service was poorly used despite the notice and dates appearing in the notice board.
- 4- Forthcoming meeting about Improved working with the County Council- no one available to attend.
- 5- Core Strategy Options Report- Mrs Wells-Pope to deal with alongside the planning document.
- 6- District Wide transport strategy- Mrs Wells-Pope to deal with this along with the above.

10. Any other Business

- a) Post Office Deliveries-
Mrs Rose has written a detailed letter of complaint to the Post Office regarding Carlton-on-Trent's postal delivery service, which is both erratic and unreliable.
Mrs Rose has asked members of the Parish Council to monitor the post service for at least a week. Mr Cooper informs the council that most of his communication and correspondence is done by email, therefore the Clerk to email Mr Walton to ask him to carry out this monitoring task.
- b) Planning Application Training Seminar- South Muskham Village Hall 28th January 2010- Mrs Whate agreed to go on behalf of the Parish Council at a cost of £20- proposed by Lt Col Vere-Laurie and seconded by Mrs Clark.
- c) Flood Warden weather reports- Mr Cooper informed the Parish Council that he gets lots of information about weather particularly forthcoming spells of inclement conditions and informed those present that they can also get notifications if it is important.
- d) Mrs Whate-Report and Feedback from Ypres- Memorial weekend-Belgium
The weekend and service was very moving. There were trees planned using acorns from the Major Oak. More people turned up than anticipated but Mrs Whate was proud to represent the Parish Council and the residents of Carlton-on-Trent at the ceremony.

- e) Dog Bin- It was agreed that over the winter months the dog waste bin could be emptied less frequently (fortnightly). The Clerk to make the necessary arrangements. Proposed by Mrs Wells-Pope and seconded by Mrs Whate_

11 Date of the Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday 26th November 2009. This will be an extra ordinary meeting to discuss the Precept and Strategic Planning Document. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 21.30pm.