

CARLTON-ON-TRENT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 15th May commencing at the early time of 7.00pm at Meeting Room 1, Caledonian Buildings Systems by Kind invitation of Mr D Turnbull- Managing Director.

Present: Lt Col G E Vere-Laurie, Mr C.N Hemstock, Mr T Cooper, Mrs R Whate, Mrs S.Beresford (Clerk), two members of the public. Mr A Love (Newark and Sherwood District Council IT section) and Mr D Turnbull- Managing Director of Caledonian Building Systems,

At 7pm- A short presentation by Mr D Turnbull informed those present about Caledonian Building Systems. This was followed by a short tour of the nearest factory and a detailed explanation about the industry and products manufactured.

Mr Turnbull was thanked by the Chairman- Lt G E Vere-Laurie for both the generous hospitality and time taken to inform the Parish Council and answer any questions arising.

At 7.30 pm, following light refreshments, the Parish Council meeting convened

1. Apologies for Absence: Mr B Loughton (County Councillor), Mrs C Rose (District Councillor), Mr R Boothroyd, Mrs A O'Brien.

2. Declaration of interest on items on the agenda.

There were no items on the agenda that required a declaration of interest.

3. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 27th March 2008.

The minutes having been circulated and read were declared a true record. Proposed by Mr Terry Cooper and seconded by Mrs R Whate.

Presentation by Mr A Love- IT Section- Newark and Sherwood District Council- Parish Council website development

Mr Love provided a short presentation to the Parish Council explaining the range and depth of the website capabilities and the options open to Carlton-on-Trent to display minutes, meeting agendas, hyperlinks to other Government websites. (See copy of presentation attached to the minutes). This item will go onto the next agenda for a discussion to ascertain the Parish Council needs and then the Clerk to meet with Mr Love to take this forward.

4. Matters arising from the minutes.

a) **Update from Newark Area Internal Drainage Board.**

The Newark Area Internal Drainage Board are pushing ahead with the Consultants regarding the drainage ascertaining costing in order to

excavate and repair the drainage along the entire culvert. The actual job is a lot bigger than previously thought and although there is a blockage it is still not identified. Discussions are taking place with the authorities regarding who will pay for the work. There was another episode of flooding two weeks ago on 27th April when the pump at the sewage works failed. The Clerk will telephone Chris Rose regarding this ongoing issue and to determine if further concern needs to be raised with Severn Trent. The Clerk will inform George Vere-Laurie of the outcome of this. Mr Turnbull from Caledonian joined in the discussions at this point to identify flooding from Caledonians perspective. During last years flooding the whole of the Caledonian site stood under water which Mr Turnbull stated came from the fields towards the Railway line and not from the A1. His investigations had found that the culvert taking water under the A1 was blocked. Mr Cooper argued that the water from Caledonian may have contributed significantly to the flooding in the village, especially if the said culvert was blocked- the water had to go somewhere. It was agreed that Mr Cooper and a representative from Caledonian would jointly meet at a convenient time and walk the water courses as mentioned.

b) Highways Issues

It was brought to the Parish Councils attention that there was sadly a fatal accident involving a goods vehicle at the crossroads on Monday. There are still significant concerns about the traffic and speeding issues arising in and around the village. The Clerk was presented with a letter from Jean Clark- resident of the village asking the Parish Council to write to Dan Gray to request a traffic assessment. Mr Laughton was presented with a petition by local residents asking to ban HGV vehicles in the village. Mr Turnbull stated that the signs indicating the direction of Caledonian were now in place and he would personally take issue with any employees from the sites that were seen to be speeding.

There have been complaints about speeding motorists on the Ossington Road and Kneesal and the Police informed of registration numbers and makes of vehicles.

The Clerk will contact Mr B Laughton to clarify a couple of points in the letter and also write to Dan Gray to request assessment of traffic. Issues raised in the discussion included the possibility of weakened arches under the main road through the village and damage to listed properties caused by continual vibrations of heavy traffic. The ideal scenario would be to work towards a weight restriction through the village.

c) Problematic Parking at Cromwell Halt and HGV parking in the village

SEE ABOVE.

d) Memorial Bench- Mr and Mrs Legg

The bench is now in position and looks most attractive. Mr Andrew Legg has met with George Vere-Laurie to visit the bench and all agreed that it

looks extremely fine. Lt G Vere-Laurie will write to Andrew Legg to offer our thanks.

e) Purchase of IT equipment for the village hall

The clerk has made some enquires about grants for IT equipment but needs to join up with the Youth Club and Village Hall committee to jointly apply for the grant. This item will go onto the next agenda.

f) Postcode irregularities

This item to be further discussed at the next meeting due to the absence of Mrs O'Brien and Mrs Rose this evening.

g) Fly tipping clearance progress

All present agreed that the majority of the work has been carried out. There is a large volume of plastic rubbish opposite site 2- Caledonian entrance in the spinney. Mr Turnbull stated that this would be addressed and informed those present that the site now had a recycling facility which should reduce the volume of rubbish.

h) Dog Fouling notices

Those present each took away a notice to display in the village. The Clerk informed the meeting that a charge has been made by the District Council for this notices.

i) Clerks Contract of employment

The Clerk stated that she does have contract of employment and a copy of such provided at the meeting for perusal.

j) Best Kept Village Competition

The Parish Council are required to undertake a Risk Assessment for the litter pick which will include the wearing of High Visibility clothing, protective gloves and parental responsibility. Mrs Whate agreed to do this assessment. The Clerk will photocopy x 90 leaflets which will be delivered door-to-door informing residents that there will be a Spring Clean of the village on Saturday 7th June, meeting at 10.00am at the Village Hall.

5. Financial Matters

a) Statement of Accounts 2007/2008.

The Clerk briefly presented the completed year-end of accounts and the cash book. These were accepted as a true record and signed by Lt G E Vere-Laurie. Proposed by Mrs R Whate and seconded by Mr C Hemstock.

b) E Gill and Sons- Invoice for supply and erection of bench.

The cheque for £547.38 proposed by Mr T Cooper and seconded by Mr C Hemstock

c) Parish Council Insurance

The Clerk to liaise directly with Newark and Sherwood District Council- no invoice supplied as such yet but the estimate for the Insurance will be in line with last years premium.

d) Newark and Sherwood District Council Dog Fouling signs

£21.15 invoiced for the supply of the signs. Proposed by Mrs R Whate and seconded by Mr T Cooper.

6. Planning Issues

None to discuss.

9) Correspondence;

- a) **Flood Warden Information Pack-** This was handed to Mr Cooper- He will host a public meeting when more information is known about the excavation of the culvert.
- b) **Resilience stores for flood risk parishes-** The Clerk to write to Newark and Sherwood District Council to state that the Parish Council does not own any land and therefore do not have a legitimate right to store sandbags within the village although the Village Hall Committee could be approached to ask if storage could take place on Village Hall land.
- c) **Village Hall Committee-** Mrs R Whate was nominated to continue her position as Parish Council representative. The Clerk to write to Richard Inglis to confirm this.
- d) **BT PROPOSAL to remove Village Telephone Box-** The Clerk to write letters to all the agencies that may offer support. Mr T Cooper has already written to English Heritage and the Clerk to also write to BT in respect of opposing the decision.
- e) **Civic Service-** 13th July- Southwell Minster- no one available to attend.

- f) New GP Led Health Service Centre- The Clerk to write to support the Newark Location although concern raised at the meeting that this may impact on the viability of Newark Hospital.
- g) Building Better Communities Event- 17th June- Mrs Whate to try to attend- The Clerk to forward details of the nomination.
- h) Nottinghamshire Building Preservation Trust Nominations- agreed not to respond on this occasion.

The remaining correspondence was displayed for all Parish Councillors to peruse.

10) Items for inclusion in the next agenda.

Post code Irregularities
IT equipment and website
HGV Issue
Best Kept Village Competition
Erratic postal deliveries

11. Any other business

Resignation from Mr E Holland

The Clerk informed those present that she has received resignation from Mr E Holland. A notice of vacancy on the Parish Council will be sited on the notice board. Mr Holland will be thanked for all the years of service in writing by the Clerk.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.25

Date of Parish Council AGM **Thursday 29th May at the Village Hall at 7.30pm**