

# CARLTON-ON-TRENT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of  
Carlton-on-Trent Parish Council held  
in the Village Hall, Main Street, Carlton on Trent on

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2016 at 7.30pm**

**Present:**

Cllr N Fletcher (Chair), Cllr M Martin (Vice-Chair), Cllr J Clark, Cllr M Eley, Cllr L Hopkins, Cllr F Jerome, Cllr R Whate, CCllr B Laughton, DCllr S Michael and T Grimes (Clerk)

**1) To consider any apologies for absence**

Not applicable.

**2) To receive any declarations of interest in items on the agenda**

MM declared an interest in the clerk's wages and pay rise.

**3) To accept the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held Tuesday 3rd May 2016**

Having been approved as a true record of the meetings both sets of minutes were signed by the chair.

**4) 10 minute open forum to receive questions and comments from members of the public**

There were no members of the public in attendance.

**5) To note any matters arising from the minutes of 3rd May 2016**

**a) List of items for Cllr BL (RW)**

RW checked councillors were happy with the contents and passed the list to CCllr BL

**b) Parish Council Insurance (TG)**

The clerk informed councillors that no renewal had been received from N&SDC so the insurance had been arranged with Zurich Municipal at a cost of £201.48.

**6) To receive updates on any District & County Councillor matters**

CCllr BL informed the meeting that the white lines at the cross roads had been reported due to being virtually invisible in wet conditions.

He gave a reminder that there would be a meeting at Sutton on Trent Methodist Hall 7.30pm on 12<sup>th</sup> July when councillors could ask questions about the impact of recent budgetary changes in rural areas.

CCllr BL reported that there had been 56000 calls in 2 weeks relating to the use of the household refuse sites and that the council were going to look into this. There had been objections to the proposal that trade waste be allocated 3 slots per week in which they could pre-book a load for disposal at a cost of £60. Councillors responded by reporting issues experienced in trying to register to use the sites.

CCllr BL informed the council that he had attended a meeting at Cromwell filling station in which Matt Lamb had requested a s278 agreement for improvement to the highway in his objection to the second development plan submitted by BP.

Finally Cllr BL informed council that Newark & Sherwood Homes had expressed an interest in the building land at Park Farm.

**7) To discuss the implications of the receipt of solar farm money and how negative impacts may be mitigated/minimised**

The clerk noted that:

- Councils with an income between £25,000 and £50,000 currently pay £200 per year for their external audit.
- If the spending goes beyond 2017, ie the money is in the PC account for more than one financial year then the external audit fees will obviously mount up year on year and fees beyond 2017 have yet to be determined.
- The council can claim VAT back on some things but the rules are complex and very strict. The council can buy items to donate to other groups and can claim the VAT back, however they cannot buy items on behalf of other groups and claim the VAT back. Setting up a group of trustees for the solar farm money would constitute the latter so no VAT could be reclaimed.
- If it is likely that the VAT will exceed £200 it would appear more cost effective for the council to keep control of the money rather than passing this to a group of trustees.
- If potential projects are unlikely to involve VAT then it may be possible to have the money paid directly to a trustees group.

Knowing that work starts in quarter 3 of 2016 and that no funding will be paid until the solar farm is generating electricity, it was agreed that councillors would think about the likely projects and discuss this further at the next meeting.

**8) To devise questions for the coming meeting on budgetary changes to rural communities**

Most councillors intended to be at the meeting and those unable to attend had no questions to pass on.

**9) To review Council Policy and amend as appropriate**

**a) Standing Orders (TG)**

The clerk highlighted the changes to wording of the standing orders.

**RESOLVED:** To adopt the new Standing Orders.

(proposed by MM, seconded by FJ and carried unanimously)

**b) Financial Regulations**

The new guidance has not yet been received so it was agreed to carry this item forward to the next agenda.

**10) To receive feedback from councillors on any meetings/training attended**

**a) Meeting with Robert Jenrick re A1 Noise**

Thanks were expressed to CCllr BL, DC SM and also RJ MP for their valiant efforts to find a resolution to the impasse. However Highways England would not be swayed; there is nothing they will do due to the small number of properties affected and there is nothing the village can do without HE consent which they will not provide. They did agree to come back to the council by the end of June with maps and figures for houses affected.

**11) To consider any planning matters**

**a) Notifications received**

None

**b) Planning applications to discuss**

**i) 15/01715/FUL – BP Filling Station at Cromwell**

It was agreed none of the concerns raised in the previous objection had been addressed. Councillors noted that County Council Highways objected, stating that the facility would bring more trade and therefore traffic and would increase the dangers associated with the slip road.

**RESOLVED:** to submit a further objection stating the above.  
(proposed by MM, seconded by FJ, carried unanimously)

ii) **16/00828/FUL – Garage/workshop Yew Tree House**

**RESOLVED:** to support the application.  
(proposed by JC, seconded by MM, carried unanimously)

c) **Any other planning business**

None

**12) To discuss and note any further actions required from correspondence received since the last meeting**

a) **Letter from Eon regarding increase in Electricity charges for the Kiosk**

It was felt that lighting was required and as it is unmetered changing to low energy LED lights or having a motion sensor to activate the light would not reduce the bill.

b) **NALC – Chairmanship Training**

NF was interested in attending.

**RESOLVED:** That training fees should be paid for NF to attend.  
(proposed by RW, seconded by ME, carried unanimously)

**13) To consider and approve any financial matters**

a) **To approve payments for:**

- Clerk's Wages TBC

This was taken after consideration of item 13bii) as the nationally agreed **pay rise applied from April 2016.**

**RESOLVED:** To make a payment of £332.19 based on the new pay rates.  
(proposed by JC, seconded by NF, carried unanimously, MM did not vote)

b) **Any other financial matters**

i) **To note the bank reconciliation**

The bank reconciliation was circulated and NF signed the bank statements.

ii) **To consider the National Joint Council Pay Award for the clerk**

The clerk circulated the National Joint Council agreed Pay Award for clerks for 2016-2018. MM and TG left the room.

**RESOLVED:** To pay the clerk at the increased rate.  
(carried unanimously)

MM and TG returned to the meeting.

iii) **To agree the Village Hall fee (to be accumulated and paid in December)**

The fee was confirmed at £6.

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

None

**15) To note the date of the next meeting and those for the coming year**

The clerk circulated the revised dates for the coming year and confirmed the next meeting as 5<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm