

Carlton-on-Trent Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 27th March 2008 commencing at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Lt Col G.E Vere-Laurie (Chairman), Mrs A O'Brien, Mr T Cooper, Mr C Hemstock, Mrs R Whate, Mrs S Beresford (Clerk), 2 members of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Rob Boothroyd, Ernie Holland, Chris Rose (District Councillor) Bruce Laughton (County Councillor).

2. **Declaration of interest on items on the agenda.**

There was no declared interest in items on the agenda.

3. **To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 31st January 2008.**

The minutes, having been circulated and read were agreed to contain a true record of items discussed. Proposed by Mrs A O'Brien and seconded by Mr T Cooper.

4. **Matters arising from the minutes.**

a) Severn Trent Sewage/Flooding issues

Nothing further reported.

b) Update from Newark Area Internal Drainage Board

This issue is ongoing. There has been a drainage expert on site looking at the issues and we are awaiting a report from AMScott. When they are further developments the Parish Council will host a public meeting to inform all the villagers the outcome of the last eight months work.

b) Highways Issues

There is still a dip in the pavement adjacent to Coney Grey and outside 1-2 Council Houses, Old North Road- the Clerk to report this again. The water meter on the crossroads has been knocked over; this has been dealt with already by Lt Col G Vere-Laurie. The manhole cover on the Ossington Road is still missing despite the Clerk receiving correspondence from Highways to say that this has been dealt with- to report again.

c) Problematic parking of HGVs in the village

Photographs were provided at the meeting of HGVs parking inconsiderately, this will be sent to the Safer Neighbourhood group. The Clerk to ask this group to take up the parking issues adjacent to the A1 transport café and also, lorries have been parking for considerable lengths of time in the County Council lay-by just up from Spittle bridge. The Clerk to write to Highways to discuss this.

d) Memorial bench- Mr and Mrs Legg

The Clerk reported that there has been much email correspondence between Lt Col Vere-Laurie, the Clerk and the Leggs. They have agreed to the siting of the bench on Ferry Lane, backing onto the farm fence belonging to Lt Col Vere-Laurie. All present at the meeting agreed this location. Mr Legg will send a cheque to the Clerk and the Parish Council to instruct Gills with the siting of the fence. Proposed by Mrs A O'Brien and seconded by Mr T Cooper.

e) Website Development for the Parish Council

Andy Love from Newark and Sherwood District Council was not able to make the meeting tonight to discuss the Parish Council website but will be invited to the next meeting.

f) Purchase of projector and screen for the village Hall

Mr Cooper will wait for the village hall committee meeting and address the potential for the committee to join forces with the Parish Council to jointly purchase the necessary equipment. . The Clerk will also await correspondence from Mike Salt- Clerk from Farnsfield PC regarding grant applications. It may also be possible to split the costs three ways with the Youth Club.

g) Post code and Electoral Roll Irregularities

Mrs Rose and Mrs O'Brien met to try to address the issue of irregularities with post codes on Ferry Lane. Mrs Rose was awaiting a meeting with a representative from Kelham Hall and then draft a letter to the residents affected to see if they wish to change their addresses from Main Street to Ferry Lane. There is concern about the implications for residents in respect of passports and driving licenses if details are amended. The Parish Council raised the more important issue of the Emergency services holding incorrect data regarding postal codes for some properties. The Clerk will write to the Post Office to ask for assistance.

h) Fly-tipping

The Clerk to write to the Litter busting squad again regarding the ongoing issues at Cromwell Holt and also the area opposite Caledonian, Plant 2, on the Ossington side of the level crossing. There are also incidents of fly tipping up the Ossington Lane, past Castle Hill cottages on the right side, just inside the entrance to the Bridle Path. The Clerk will report all these areas.

i) Formation of Parish Plan

Mr Cooper has spoken to Liz Wells-Pope and at present the issue to be left alone. This item will come off the agenda.

j) Dog Fouling Signs

These have been ordered and the Clerk will bring to the next meeting- it is not known as yet whether there will be a cost for these.

k) Complaint regarding verge parking in the village.

This has been resolved most amicably and the issue concluded.

5. Correspondence

Role of the Parish Council- letter read out from another Parish Councillor objecting to the amount of paperwork- those present disagreed, therefore no action taken.

Strategic Housing Availability Assessment- Mrs Whate will read this document and report any major issues to the next meeting.

Training opportunity- Mr Cooper took the information to peruse and may be able to make the event in Sherwood Park.

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 Mr T Cooper and seconded by Mrs A O'Brien.

b) Appointment of Internal Auditor

Lt Col G Vere-Laurie to approach Jonathan Fairhurst to ask if he would kindly audit the books this year.

7. Health and Safety

No issues raised.

8. Planning Issues

a) Caledonian Building Systems- extension to office buildings- APPROVED

b) The Maltings- Ferry Lane- appeal to Bristol to convert barn to three bed roomed home- those present asked the Clerk to write letter of objection. Proposed Mr T Cooper and seconded Mrs R Whate. Lt Col G E Vere-Laurie abstained from the vote and decision.

9. Items for Inclusion of the next agenda

Matters arising from the minutes.

10. Any other Business

Clerks Contract of Employment

It has come to the meetings notice that the Clerk does not have a Contract of Employment. Mrs Whate will look into and bring information to the next meeting.

Burial Site Provision

Lt Col Vere-Laurie to take away and deal with this request, in respect of contingency planning in the event of dealing with mass fatalities.

Best Kept Village Competition

Those present decided to enter the competition and a cheque completed for £4 proposed by Mrs Whate and seconded by Mr Cooper. The Clerk will put details of the competition into Unity magazine and also a notice on the notice board nearer the time. The Clerk will complete the application form and Mr Cooper will send the Clerk a map of the village for inclusion with the application form.

Offer from Caledonian Building Systems to host next Parish Council meeting

The Clerk has had an offer for Caledonian to host the next Parish Council meeting. All present agreed this would be an excellent idea.

11 Date of the Next Meeting

To be arranged for Thursday 15th May at Caledonian Building Systems at 7.30pm
Public most welcome as usual. Further details will be posted on the notice board.