

Carlton-on-Trent Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Village Meeting held on Thursday 29th May 2008 At the Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

Present: Lt Col G.E Vere-Laurie (Chairman), Mr T Cooper, Mr C Hemstock, Mrs R Whate, Mr B Laughton (County Councillor), Mrs S Beresford (Clerk), and 4 members of the public.

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

2. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda.

None received

3. To approve the minutes of the Annual Village Meeting held on Thursday 7th June 2007.

The minutes, having been circulated, agreed a true record –Proposed by Mrs R Whate and seconded by Lt G E Vere-Laurie.

4. Matters arising:

None

5. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

Mr R Boothroyd sent a prior notification that he wished to stand down as Vice-Chairman.

Before the vote- Lt G E Vere-Laurie wished to make clear to those present that as a Parish Council those present should act as a decision making body and not meet for a discussion group. He would like to see this process improved in relation to our actions taken- there is too much time spent waffling and hesitating.

Election of Chairman- Lt Col G.E. Vere-Laurie proposed by Mr C Hemstock and seconded by Mrs R Whate- there was no further nominations- therefore Lt Col G. E Vere-Laurie accepted the position.

Election of Vice-Chairman- Mrs R Whate was proposed by Lt Col G. E Vere-Laurie and seconded by Mr T Cooper- there was no further nominations – therefore Mrs Whate accepted the position.

A vacancy ion the Parish Council caused by the resignation of Mr E Holland – one application received from Mr N Walton who will be co-opted on at the next Parish Council meeting.

6. Open Public Forum

1- One member of the public asked if the Parish Council can meet on a regular date each occasion- At present we have a meeting alternative months. It was decided to attempt to fix meetings as the 2nd Thursday alternative months although this will be subject to planning applications received, hall availability and other prior engagements. The date and times of meetings are clearly stated on the notice board 10 days prior to each meeting.

2- Mr B Laughton gave an update on the 40/50mph speed limit. A traffic regulation order will go through in June with the new signs up in September. We failed in our bid to extend the 40 mph section past the crossroads. There is also a company carrying out Satellite navigation work in relation to HGVs. We need to ensure that our Main Street is taken off the main route system by this Sat Nav team. The County Council has written to the Freight Haulage Association regarding HGV use through Carlton-on-Trent and has yet failed to enlist a response. The Clerk has also written to Don Gray to ask for a traffic survey through the village. A petition has been handed in by the villagers to the full County Council. Mr Laughton informed those present that the way forward is to request a lorry restriction zone as weight restrictions are no longer issued. This has happened in Leicestershire and has had a massive impact on the rural areas.

3- Mr Laughton informed those present that the County Council went to proposal consultation debating the closure of Bishops Court in Ollerton- there was a petition raised with 40,000 signatories against the proposal to close the home and as a result this is now to remain open- proof of what public pressure can create.

5. Any other Business

Severn Trent

Lt Col G Vere-Laurie has been contacted by Severn Trent to say that a survey has been completed to ascertain if the culvert running through the village can be directed. Mr Cooper informed those present that the Drainage Board is still awaiting costing prior to this work taking place. Residents in the village have contacted members of the Parish Council with ongoing concerns about flood risk. Mr Cooper has also been in contact with Caledonian and arranged to walk the culverts adjacent to the factory land next week.

Grant for IT equipment

The Clerk will meet with other members of the Parish Council to complete the grant applications. Mr B Laughton countersigned the application.

Village Hall Fees

The payment of £10 proposed by Mrs R Whate and seconded by Mr C Hemstock.

Clerk's wages and salary

The Clerks wages and salary of £397.11 proposed by Mr T Cooper and seconded by Mrs R Whate.

Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting is to be Thursday 17th July 2008.

There being no further business, the Annual Village Meeting closed at 8.25pm..