

CARLTON-ON-TRENT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 9th December 2010 commencing at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Mrs R Whate (Chairman), Mr T Cooper (Vice-Chair), Mrs J Clark, Mr P Jackson, Mrs F Jerome, Mrs M Eley, Mrs J Clark, Mr B Laughton (County Councillor), Mrs S Beresford (Clerk) and one member of the public.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Mrs C Rose (District Councillor)
2. **Declaration of interest on items on the agenda.**
No declarations made.
3. **To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 21st October 2010**
The minutes, having been circulated and read were declared to be a true record Approved by Mrs F Jerome and seconded by Mrs J Clark.

4. **Matters arising from the Minutes.**

a) **Autumn Newsletter**

The Clerk and Mrs Jerome completed the Newsletter and brought along 100 copies for distribution. Mr Jackson agreed to deliver Castle Hill and the Caravan Park. Mrs Whate to deliver the Main Road and Great North Road and Mrs Jerome and Mrs Clark to deliver one end of the village each.

b) **Highways issues, potholes, pavements and general repairs.**

The Clerk to email Joanne Horton regarding regular Highways inspections joanne.horton@ncc.gov.uk
Mr B Laughton agreed to fund the purchase of a Grit box- the Clerk to submit an order and ask permission to site this adjacent to the Village Hall. There is one bag of salt in the garage of Mrs Eley ready for when it is needed. The snow plough did come through the village once during the severe weather at the request of the Chairman as there was a funeral taking place in the village.

c) **Outcome of the meeting with the Royal Mail**

The latest news following the meeting between the MP, District Councillors, Bruce Laughton and Royal Mail is that the post will be delivered earlier where possible. It appears that some villages are getting a good service and others are not. The Royal Mail will monitor the situation and all residents are asked to contact Mrs Christine Rose if they have any complaints – she now has a direct line to the Customer Services manager.

The PO at Sutton-on-Trent may be taken on by other businesses in the village. More details may be available at the next meeting.

d) Payments to St Marys Church yard maintenance

It was brought to the PC attention that a tree has been taken down in the Churchyard and complaints had been made to Newark and Sherwood District Council. An investigation will be undertaken by Mike Catchpole. The PPC (Mrs J Storer) has written to the PC again to say that they are now going to open a designated Church Yard account. Mrs Clark proposed that no more money goes to the PCC until financial matters are resolved and accurate invoices received. A decision was made that the Clerk would write a letter-proof read by the Chairman and await further correspondence from the PCC regarding any further invoices. The Vicar- Rev Sheila Dixon to be copied the letter.

e) Flood Resilience issues

A meeting to be arranged for 10th Jan with Morgan Wray from the Environment Agency- this appears to be the most convenient day for all present. The PC will meet Mr Wray outside the village hall at 10.00am. If this is not possible an alternative date of 17th January proposed.

Mr Cooper informed those present that sand bags are available if there is a risk of flooding. A private company has been contracted to deliver these when required.

f) Litter and fly tipping down Back Lane

There is a substantial amount of garden waste dumped in the hedgerows down Back Lane. The Clerk has on previous occasions reported this type of debris and was informed by the County Council that biodegradable waste does not amount to fly tipping and little can be done. All agreed that this looks most unsightly and if persons were seen depositing this type of rubbish they could be asked to refrain from doing so.

g) Operation Shadow achievements- young people in the village

The clerk thanked Mr Walton for providing contact details of the young people involved in order to write a letter of congratulations. Mr Walton informed the meeting that he attended the Presentation at The Base near Kingsmill and was extremely proud of the young people involved and commended the two teams' achievement of coming 2nd and 3rd in a very competitive situation.

h) Outcomes of meetings attended

Mrs Whate- attended the Newark and Sherwood Homes AGM. Mrs Clark and Mrs Rose also attended in their other professional capacities. It was very useful to put names to faces
Mrs Jerome attended the PC Conference at Kelham Hall. Mrs Jerome opted to join the Planning forum which was useful. There are considerations by Central Government for devolution of power which will to give Parish Councils more power to determine small scale issues. Other issues discussed included lack of funding and devolution of services. The Planning department and others in the District Council are looking at shedding jobs
Mrs Clark attended the Community Safety Liaison group on 25th October. Some villages are having problems with opportunistic theft and domestic violence cases are on the increase within the region. There are 83 CCTV cameras in the centre of Newark which is driving theft out to the rural areas.

5. Financial Matters

a) Payment of Village Hall Fees-

Proposed by Mr N Walton and seconded by Mr T Cooper to sign a cheque for £10.00.

b) Clerks Wages and Expenses

The Clerk submitted expenses and salary claim for £515.10 for the last 6 months. Proposed by Mr T Cooper and seconded by Mr N Walton

6. Planning Matters

None

7. Correspondence

- a) Salting Routes in Newark and Sherwood- details of these placed in the correspondence pack- only major routes and school bus routes are a priority
- b) B) NCC Footpath diversion order- The Clerk to contact Angus Trundle as the Trent Valley path appears to have been blocked by a locked gate.
- c) Consultation on Community Infrastructure- this to be placed in the pack for Parish Councillors perusal.
- d) Gully emptying and cleansing- The Clerk to write back to the County Council to ask for just routine maintenance and cleansing.

- e) Land South of Newark, major development- The proposal web link to be placed in the pack for Parish Councillors to peruse at home.

8. Items to include on the next agenda.

Any matters arising from the minutes.

Weight Limit in the Village – issues with Lorries at Cromwell- at the request of Bruce Laughton

9. Any other business

a) Precept 2011/2012

This notification arrived too late to be placed on the agenda under the financial section. The Precept requirements discussed at length. Mrs Clark proposed that we keep the Precept the same as last year £2250 per annum. Mr Cooper seconded this and all unanimously agreed.

b) City Centre Police and County Police grouping

There is to be an amalgamation of all four divisions in Nottinghamshire into two divisions and a new Superintendent for the County- Dave Wakelin. The restructuring will save money in management posts as the force aims to cut up to £56m in the next four years.

c) Offal lorries causing environmental pollution

Concern has been expressed about the number and odour of Offal Lorries using the Great North Road. Trading Standards have been contacted to investigate the issues. It is believed the Lorries are coming from a firm at Durham-on-Trent and travelling through Sutton-on-Trent and past Carlton on route to the A1. The Clerk will write to Richard Lodge, Director of Community safety at NCC.

d) Budget changes for voluntary services

There are many examples of lobbying in respect of funding support from the County Council for voluntary groups. The County Council are willing to listen to issues and needs but there is less monies available.

e) Turbine issue meeting held at Sutton-on-Trent

There are imminent plans expected for a single turbine to be sited on the Ossington road. A meeting was held at Sutton-on-Trent by the Norwell Fighting Group. Mr Cooper passed on a message from the

applicant- Mr G Vere-Laurie to say that all applications have been withdrawn other than the single turbine on Ossington Road. A noise monitor may be erected at Hill Farm and the information from this used to monitor noise pollution.

10. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting is to be February 10th 2011 commencing at 7.30pm. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 21.00.