

Carlton-on-Trent Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 24th March commencing at 20.30pm following the Annual Village Meeting, in the Village Hall.

Present: Mrs C Fitzpatrick (Vice-Chairman), Lt Col G.E Vere-Laurie, Mrs A O'Brien, Mr J Fairhurst, Mr E Holland, Mr C Hemstock, Mrs C Rose (District Councillor), Mrs S Beresford (Clerk), and 5 members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence: Mr R Boothroyd, Mr B Laughton (County Councillor)

2. To approve the minutes of the meetings held on Thursday 25th November 2004 and Thursday 16th December 2004. The minutes having been circulated were agreed to contain a true record. Proposed by Mrs A O'Brien and Mr E Holland (25TH November) and Mrs A O'Brien and Mr J Fairhurst (16th December).

3. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda.

There was no interest declared in items on the agenda.

3. Election of Chairman.

The vacancy of Chairman has occurred due to the resignation of Chairman from Mr R Boothroyd.

One nomination was received. Lt Col G.E Vere-Laurie was proposed by Mr E Holland and seconded by Mr C Hemstock. Lt Col G E Vere-Laurie formally declared the acceptance of offer and took up his place as Chairman. Mrs C Fitzpatrick agreed to continue as Vice-Chairman.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes

a) Highways Issues

Potholes- The reported potholes have been temporarily filled in but the standard of work is unsatisfactory. The large pothole near to the transport café has been filled rendering the area safer for road users. The Clerk to write to the County Council again asking for a more permanent solution.

Drainage Issues/Flooding- There is an ongoing issue with drainage problems in the village especially on Church Lane and Ferry Lane. The Clerk has several letters from Highways stating that they are addressing the issues. Mrs O'Brien stated that she and Councillor Laughton had indeed met with Mr C Charnley in relation to the issue to no avail. The Clerk to write again to ask why these works are not being addressed and to specify that the drain needs to be dug up and re-laid in order to solve the problem. The issue regarding broken down tarmac and the

absence of pavement outside Park Farm was also mentioned which the Clerk will inform the County Council again.

b) A1 Resurfacing works

Despite a reprieve during the last couple of weeks, the works are due to start again and continue until the early summer. The grass verges towards the end of the village are still in a poor state due to contractors and the increased traffic running over them. The Clerk to write to AMScott asking for clarification about when the verges will be “put right”.

c) Building Better Communities

This source of funding has been utilised by the Village Hall Committee for refurbishments. The Clerk has received a letter from the County Council stating that improvements cannot be carried out at the crossroads to improve safety as records show that there has not been a serious accident there causing casualty or fatality in the last three years. However, Mrs Fitzpatrick stated that the Building better Neighbourhood does include improving signing in the villages and it might be possible to investigate some warning signs to slow down traffic. It was unanimously agreed that for such a dangerous junction, there were little warning signs in evidence. Mrs C Rose to discuss with Claire Treble from the County Council.

d) New Decorative Village Sign

The Clerk reported that a local gentleman made the North Muskham sign to the cost of approx £2000. It appears that the insurance also needs to be addressed. The Clerk will write to the Parish Council insurers to ascertain the position. Mrs Fitzpatrick will investigate funding through “Building Better Communities”. The Clerk to also write to the County Council asking for permission to site the sign on County Council land.

e) Trent Fluvial Strategy

Mr J Fairhurst stated that there was nothing further to report at present. He will continue to represent the Parish Council at future meetings. This item to remain on the agenda

f) Flower planting scheme at the Crossroads

Mrs Fitzpatrick described a design approx 8 x 8 foot bed to be planted and maintained by the local Garden centre proprietors. They have agreed to dig up, plant with a variety of all round colour plants and maintain the garden for the sum of £400.00. It was decided that Lt Col G E Vere-Laurie would discuss and bring back information to the next meeting. It was agreed that £400.00 was unacceptable in terms of spending. A formal quote to be obtained, possibly asking for sponsorship at a reduced cost and to find out what is to be included in the quote.

5. Correspondence

a) Nottinghamshire County Council Statement of Community Involvement Questionnaire-

The Clerk to complete this and return

b) Tree Works- Fourofus, Main Street.

The Clerk read out a letter granting permission to carry out remedial tree pruning.

c) Busy Bees

The Clerk read out a letter thanking the parish Council for the donation towards the Busy Bees Pre-school group.

6. Financial Matters

a) Payment of village Hall Fees

The Clerk informed the Parish Council that arrangements have been made to pay on each occasion that the Parish Council uses the Hall at a cost of £10.00 per meeting.

b) Payment of the New Village Seat

The Clerk informed the meeting that a cheque had been received for a large proportion of the invoice from Mr Sid Paver. The Parish Council needs to contribute £194.55 to complete the sum due. Proposed by Mrs C Fitzpatrick and seconded by Mr C Hemstock.

The Clerk to write to the local resident that donated the money to express gratitude from the Parish Council.

c) Summary of Accounts held by the Parish Council

As of 24th March 2005 accounts stood at

Deposit Account- £207.84

Current Account - £1,899.97.

The Clerk to arrange transfer of £1000.0 from the Current to the Deposit Account and also to arrange the change of signatory from Mr R Boothroyd to Lt Col G E Vere-Laurie. Proposed by Lt Col G E Vere-Laurie and seconded by Mr J Fairhurst.

7. Health and Safety Inspections.

Apart from those issues mentioned already. There are no other Health and Safety Issues apparent. This item to appear on the next agenda.

8. Planning Issues.

a) Decisions Made-

*Proposed Rear Two-Storey Extension and single storey utility extension-
Byways, Church Lane- **Approved.***

*Convert integral Garage into Living room, add Bow window in place of
existing steel garage door and add decorative chimneystack to Gable wall,
Rushmore, Old North Road, Carlton-on-Trent- **Approved.***

*Demolition of stables and barn, erection of 5 houses, Land adjacent and
rear of the Old Forge, Main Street- **Withdrawn.***

b) Planning applications to discuss

Barn Conversion- Yew Tree Farm Cottage

All present perused the plans available and following discussion agreed to support the application.

Pre-Application- Proposed Vodafone Base Station- Stud Farm, Carlton-on-Trent.

The Clerk read out the pre-application correspondence from Vodafone in relation to this Proposed Base station. The information stated that since 8th September the landowners at Caledonian Building Systems Ltd have confirmed that they are unable to accommodate the base station and Vodafone are now in the process of securing this alternative site at Stud Farm. All those present did not see reason to write with Parish Council comments at this early stage and would wait for the detailed information within a formal planning application,

9. Items for Inclusion on the next agenda

- a) Matters arising
- b) Health and Safety Inspections.
- c) Flower planting scheme.

10. Any other business

No other business to discuss.

11. Date of next meeting

The Clerk agreed to contact the Chair when a planning application was received in order to convene the next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 21.30pm.

