

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 2nd April 2019 at 7.30pm

Present:

Cllr N Fletcher (Chair), Cllr M Martin (Vice-Chair), Cllr M Eley, Cllr L Hopkins, Cllr F Jerome, Cllr D Wells-Pope, R Whate, T Grimes (Clerk), DC Sylvia Michael, CCllr B Laughton and 1 member of the public

- 1) **To consider any apologies for absence**
FJ and RW apologised for their late arrival.
- 2) **To receive any declarations of interest in items on the agenda**
MM declared an interest in the clerk's wages and defibrillator payment.
- 3) **To accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held Tuesday 5th March 2019**
The minutes were approved as a true record of the meeting and were signed by the chair.

FJ arrived.

- 4) **10 minute open forum to receive questions and comments from members of the public**
LH informed the meeting that there had been further developments with the people trying to buy the library property in Sutton on Trent. CCllr BL reported that the library will be kept but that the developers needed to sell 15 properties before they could release their share of the funds for the community building. He also informed councillors that there would be a large shortfall in funds so as part of the NSDC Community Plan, there had been a suggestion to make it less Newark centric and as a result there is now a village hall fund available which may help Sutton on Trent.
Having received a report from Mike Keeling, FJ gave an update on the slip road resurfacing. Highways have agreed that the work needs doing and are sourcing materials, but the work will not be carried out before June 2019.
FJ then informed the meeting that a resident had been in touch with Pears and Normanton on Trent PC to report lorries parking on the A1 slip road South at Carlton on Trent. There had been a positive response stating that drivers will be told this is not acceptable and asking that any further occurrences be reported. CCllr BL reported that the Environment Agency had visited the Pears site and has restricted the storage of offal which was the main cause of the terrible smell. Pears have also purchased the Marnham Power Station site for lorry storage. Highways have now agreed to re-surface the Grassthorpe Road which should reduce spillages.
ME reported that there had been lorries parked on both sides of the road at the Cromwell A1 exit/service station. CCllr BL offered to start a new campaign.
- 5) **To note any matters arising from the minutes of 8th January 2019**
 - a) **New noticeboard**
The clerk displayed the proof headboards received from the company and confirmed that the majority of responses all preferred the same font. Having ascertained that everyone else was happy with this the clerk noted that the text would read Parish Council Notices and that the order would now be approved..
 - b) **Kiosk electricity supply**
The clerk reported that BT paid the electricity for Weston PC defibrillator because there had been an offer promoted by the defibrillator supplier for newly adopted kiosks at the time of the purchase. DCllr SM then informed the meeting that BT also paid for Caunton PC defibrillator, although probably by oversight rather than any community scheme payment. It was felt that this was unlikely to be an option for Carlton on Trent and therefore this should be left as is for the time being.
- 6) **To receive updates on any District and County Councillor matters**
DCllr SM informed the meeting that NSDC were proposing to take housing management back in-

house and to wind up Newark & Sherwood Homes, saving £950,000, although this would be ring fenced for housing matters. The final decision will be made on Thursday 4th April.

DCllr SM also reported that the residents' survey carried out as part of the Community Plan, had received an 11.3% response rate. Of the 1331 responses 90% of residents were satisfied or very satisfied with the Sutton on Trent area as a place to live, 6% were neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, 4% were dissatisfied and only 1% were very dissatisfied. This will be repeated every 4 years with some targeted surveys in the interim.

CCllr BL informed the meeting that the County Council had decided to keep the gravel works extension application on hold until the Minerals Plan was complete.

7) To consider any planning matters

a) Notifications received

The clerk reported that 19/00022/FUL and 19/00023/LBC - Yew Tree House Entrance Porch have both been granted.

b) Planning applications to discuss

None

c) Any other planning business

None

8) To discuss and respond to the following correspondence

a) NSDC – Footpaths on Farmland

The clerk put this in the pack for councillors to read.

RW arrived.

b) CPRE – Best Kept Village Competition

The clerk asked councillors to consider which areas the council would like to be exempt.

MM suggested a working party to encourage volunteers and co-ordinate activities, starting with a newsletter. FJ confirmed that 113 leaflets would be needed and she would be circulating some material soon so would include a leaflet in the drop. RW agreed to co-ordinate matters and talk to residents at the coffee morning. DCllr SM also offered to mention the scheme when canvassing.

c) Notts ALC – New Councillor Training

DWP expressed an interest in attending the Elkesley event.

9) To discuss and respond to the following consultations

a) NALC – Audit Code of Practice

It was felt no response was necessary.

10) To consider the following financial matters

a) To note the bank reconciliation

The reconciliation was circulated and having checked the statements, the chair signed them.

b) To approve the following payments

i) VH Fee (on account) – TBC

The chair confirmed that this meeting would close within the hour so the fee would be £3 on account.

ii) E-On Electricity - £28.99

The clerk confirmed this had been listed in error and was last year's bill which had already been paid.

iii) NSDC Dog Bin Emptying - £88.92

The clerk explained that this had been sent to the village hall again but a replacement invoice had been requested.

RESOLVED: To make the payment when the corrected bill arrives.
(proposed MM, seconded ME, carried unanimously)

iv) M Martin - £7.80 postage on defib battery

In completing the year end accounts, the clerk had noticed a discrepancy between the invoice and the amount paid; MM being refunded the cost of the battery but not the associated postage.

RESOLVED: To make the payment.
(proposed NF, seconded LH, carried unanimously, MM did not vote)

c) To note the accounts for 2018/19

i) To appoint an Internal Auditor

It was suggested that Mike Harness be maintained as internal auditor. The clerk confirmed that he was still prepared to do the accounts.

RESOLVED: To appoint Mike Harness as internal auditor.
(proposed NF, seconded RW, carried unanimously)

d) To note the following payments

i) Standing Order for Clerks Wages

The regular payment was noted.

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

The clerk asked whether repurposing the kiosk should be put back on the agenda but it was agreed to wait until the new notice board had been installed.

RW asked if it would be possible to ask the council to remove the mud from the road to reinstate it to its full width in Church Lane. ME added that the footpath from the bus stop to the cross roads was so overgrown with the encroaching verge that it couldn't be used and that the pavement opposite the Grey House was so mossy pedestrians had taken to using the road instead. The clerk offered to report the issues.

FJ informed the meeting that she had not submitted a nomination for election and that this would be her last meeting.

NF informed the meeting that although he had submitted a nomination for election, he would not put himself forward as chair.

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

The next meeting will be the annual Parish Meeting at 7pm on 14th May followed at 7.30pm by the Annual Parish Council meeting.

The dates for the coming year are:

4th June, 2nd July, 3rd Sep, 1st Oct, 5th Nov, 3rd Dec, 7th Jan, 4th Feb, 3rd Mar, 7th Apr and 5th May.

The meeting closed at 8.33pm