

Adopted Minutes CARLTON-ON-TRENT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 7th August 2012 commencing at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Mrs R Whate (Chairman), Mr T Cooper, Mrs J Clark, Mr N Fletcher, Mr K Smith (arrived slightly later), Mrs F Jerome, Mrs M Eley, Mrs S Beresford (Clerk). Mr B Laughton (arrived late) and 4 members of the public and guest speaker Mr Dean Taylor

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Mrs Christine Rose
2. **Declaration of interest on items on the agenda.- None**
3. **To approve the minutes of the Parish council meeting held on Tuesday 26th June 2012.**

Mr Fletcher informed the council that there was a typography/spelling error on page 1- Mr Cooper name spelt incorrectly -amended on adopted minutes.

Other than the above, all agreed a true record- proposed by Mrs Whate and seconded by Mr Cooper.

To approve the minutes of the extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 29th May 2012. All agreed a true record, proposed by Mr Cooper, seconded by Mrs Eley

To approve the minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 23rd July 2012- All agreed a true record- Proposed by Mr Fletcher and seconded by Mrs Clark.

4. **Presentation from Trading Standards- Dean Taylor Notts County Council**

Mr Taylor welcomed to the meeting by the Chair. He explained that Trading Standards are the enforcement department and cannot help speed up the process of the weight limit sign erection. The first aspect Mr Taylor emphasised was that this weight limit will not stop Lorries who may have business in the village, nor will it necessarily deter Lorries in the first instance. The weight restriction, although legally enforceable, does however usually tend to act as a deterrent to most HGV businesses. In addition to the weight restriction the Community could set up a Lorry Watch scheme, a free of charge service, which would involve several volunteers signing up to an observation programme whereby they will report, using number plates, any vehicles which are seen in the village which have no business. Mr

Taylor left several application packs. There is an on-line reporting system where volunteers pass on the details to one person who will collate the details and pass onto Trading Standards. They may then carry out an observation and will send out a letter to the company owning the lorry. The Trading standards department has to ensure that the prosecution system is fair so therefore several letters are sent out prior to the business taken to court and prosecuted. Community involvement in Lorry watch has been successful. Mr Taylor advised waiting until the weight limit signs go up and monitor the situation for a while to see if there is an issue first before signing up to Lorry Watch. Mr Taylor will write to the transport cafe owner at Cromwell Holt to ask if a notice could be displayed to drivers to inform them of the new weight restrictions in Cromwell, Carlton-on-Trent and North Muskham villages. A map showing the alternative routes back onto and off the A1 would be useful. If Lorry Watch is launched in the village, Mr Taylor suggested getting the local media involved. He also stated that signs would be fastened to the weight restriction order signs showing Lorry Watch was taken place in the village. These are all deterrent strategies which are far more successful than prosecution routes, which in real terms is less likely outcome unless Trading Standards can show a systematic flouting of the law by an individual or company. A general discussion explained some of the issues to Mr Taylor, namely the fact that many Lorries are Continental and some of the Lorries are causing nuisance in the village very early in the mornings. Mr Taylor left his contact details with the Parish Council and suggested waiting until the weight restriction signage was up before making further plans. Mr Taylor was thanked by the Chair for attending the meeting.

5. 10 minute open forum for members of the public

The PC meeting temporarily closed at 19.35pm to allow the open forum. Nothing was raised therefore the PC meeting closed to the general public and re opened.

6. Matters arising from previous minutes

a) Highways issues

The potholes have all been filled down Church lane and the tarmac damage repaired.

b) Fly tipping and culvert clearing

The litter hit squad cleared the area of rubbish at the back of the properties which lies adjacent to the A1 slip road and asked to speak to the resident who came to the meeting to say it had not been cleared. A litter pick has been carried out at the lay-by by the District Council.

c) Crime Figures up to the end of July/Safe Neighbourhood Meeting

The recent Safer Neighbourhood meeting decided that Police Alerts had diluted the need for Neighbourhood watch schemes. The Parish Councils want to be able to put issues on the Police Alert system to share information. Chris Rose wishes to get all the parishes involved and appoint a Parish or person to act as Police Co-ordinator. Kevin Smith stated that he is very happy to act as the Co-ordinator for Carlton-on-Trent. He will attend the next SNG meeting on 4th October.

d) Environmental Weight Limit

The signs are still not in situ and expected to be erected between now and October. Lorries are still using the village legitimately at the moment. Mr Laughton responded personally to the resident who wrote to the Clerk asking about the weight restriction signs.

e) Overgrown hedges adjacent to the bus stop. Great North Road

The overgrown hedges have been reported to the respective field owners and one land owner has responded so far to say that the hedge will be cut.

f) Defibrillator scheme

The approximate cost of a Defibrillator would be about £1,750. Mrs Jerome will speak to the Community Emergency volunteer scheme. North Muskham Pc has set up a First Responder scheme and is in the process of purchasing a Defibrillator at the above cost. This item will be placed on the next agenda.

g) Rose Arbour- St Marys church yard

The Clerk has written to the PCC and is still awaiting a response.

h) New Blue Bin

To refill the Grit bins the PC need to order grit/sand -at a cost of £130.00 (250KG). The Clerk has had a confirmation from Mike Keeling that the Village can have another new blue bin on Old North Road however; Mike needs to meet with the PC to agree a site. Mrs Clark offered to meet with Mike Keeling therefore the Clerk will give Mr Keeling Jean Clarks telephone number. The Clerk will write to Bruce Laughton asking him to fund the new bin and the £130.00 bill for refilling the existing blue bin. Mr Fletcher will order the 250kg grit/salt from a local builder's merchant.

i) Refilling of Yellow Bin- Castle Hill

This will be done as part of the County Councils refilling programme in the autumn.

j) PEARS spillages

If a lorry from PEARS or any other company is seen to spill contents onto the roadway it needs to be reported to Trading Standards, then ring the Police on 101 (due to the road surface becoming a potentially dangerous driving surface), then the Cleansing department at NSDC in hours and Environmental out of hours and then report through email to the Bassetlaw Environmental Health department, copying in Chris Rose. The Clerk and Parish Councillors have all the contacts numbers.

k) Lengthsman Scheme

Mrs Jerome directly liaising on this with the County Council and will inform them that the parish of Carlton-on-Trent not in a position to take part as we do not currently employ anyone. The process of changing insurance and appointing a Lengthsman would be too lengthy - we also do not have other villages wishing to join our cluster. It would be difficult to sell the idea to the residents of Carlton-on-Trent if we have not taken part in the Pilot scheme.

l) Publications allocations and development consultation- feedback from Mrs Jerome

Mrs Jerome stated that nothing new was contained in this edition of the consultation. Local service expansion is still targeted at Sutton-on-Trent with a new library and social centre possible. There is still no change to the closure of the Post Office although Bruce Laughton and Chris Rose are lobbying the M.P responsible for Post Offices in

the hope of meeting to explain why current policy does not support the small rural post office success.

m) Replacement of the Clerk

The Parish Council had a small get together earlier in the week to decide that the new Clerk contract would be 50 hours per annum as the Parish Councillors wish to do some of the work themselves rather than pay the Clerk. The Contract of employment would also be amended slightly. There has been some interest and one firm application at the time of the meeting, Mrs Whate asked Mrs Jerome to create an application form which could be sent out to the applicants. Mrs Whate and Mr Cooper asked by other members of the PC to interview applicants as they apply. The closing date would be 21st August. The current Clerk willing to facilitate the planning meeting next week as her final meeting but will meet with the new Clerk to hand over. Mrs Whate asked for the Clerks Contract to be sent electronically.

n) Noise from A1 carriageway Banks/Buffering

Mr Cooper asked if this could go on the agenda to see if we can try to improve resident's quality of life by looking for noise reduction schemes. The A1 had always been troublesome but the new surface which was promised to be the answer in reducing sound levels has not worked. Mrs Rose has already done some work on this so Mr Cooper will contact her to see where we are at. Mr Laughton suggested that Mr Cooper contact Patrick Mercer MP via his secretary Sue Gray. The Clerk will send Mr Cooper Sue Grays number.

o) Flood Bank situation

Mr Laughton agreed to talk to Paul Lockhart from the Environment Agency to see what the outcome was following the discussions earlier in the year about funding new defences against flooding. Further surveying work was going to be carried out in the village to look at residents flood risks and the Parish Council though that they were waiting for a report on this, but nothing has transpired.

p) Feedback from Library services

The Clerk received a letter back from library services at the County Council apologising if Carlton-on-Trent perceive that they have an unreliable service as they always try to ensure that they let at least one resident know if the van cannot visit the village.

q) New Footpath sign

The Clerk has not had a response as yet from Angus, however Mr Laughton present at the meeting informs the PC that Angus has moved departments and a new footpath manager has yet to be appointed. Mrs What stated that another sign is required for the footpath from Carlton Lane through to Ferry Lane (The Wharf). Mr Laughton asked the Clerk to send through an email and he would pass the details onto Angus who could deal with this.

r) Local Improvement scheme - village sign- deadline 28th September

Mr Laughton signed the forms to enable the PC to submit an application. Mrs What to contact two local artists in the village to design a village sign. The Clerk to contact Sue Jacques at Trent Bridge house to say that the village is interested in a sign. A small group of Parish Councillors should get together to take this concept and submit an application.

s) Valuation ledger- donated to the Parish Council by Mr Eddy Darke

A resident in the village Mr Eddy Darke has donated a historical valuation ledger to the Parish Council to be kept with PC archived material. This will live upstairs at the village hall. Mrs Eley has some acid free tissue which can be used to wrap the document. Parish Councillors to have the opportunity to look at the ledger before it is stored. The Clerk will write to Mr Darke to thank him.

7. General Correspondence

a) Newark Health care review document- placed in the pack - PC informed that judicial review has failed.

b) Standards training- 20th September- Mrs Whate and Mrs Eley to attend and feedback to the PC.

c) NCC Civic service- Mrs Whate attended this service at Southwell Minster.

8. Financial Matters

a) Payment of Village Hall fees

The sum of £9.00 proposed by Mrs J Clark and seconded by Mrs F Jerome

b) Clement Keys- External Audit

The sum of £60.00 for the completion of a successful external audit proposed by Mrs J Clark and seconded by Mrs R Whate

9. Health and Safety Inspections

All assets checked by Mr K Smith and found to be in full working order.

10. Planning Issues.

- a) Decisions Made - none
- b) Applications to discuss- none
- c) Other planning business- none

11. Items to include on the next agenda

Matters arising

12. Any other business

- a) Noise and vibration from the A1 Carriage -Rippled road surface on A1 Slip road- Mr Smith brought this matter to the attention of the Parish Council. The vibration caused by the visibly rippled road surface on the A1 slip road is causing serious noise problems for residents living at the back of the slip road particularly when heavy Lorries travel along. The vibration is possibly also responsible for creating damage to property as cracks are appearing in some homes. The Clerk to report to Highways and A1 Highways and ask for an assessment.

11. Date of Next Meeting-Tuesday 9th October 2012
Extraordinary meeting to be held on 13th August 2012.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 21.15pm.