

## Carlton-on-Trent Parish Council

### Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2009 commencing at 7.30pm at the Village Hall, Carlton-on-Trent

**1. Present:** Mrs R Whate (Vice-Chairman), Mrs J Clark, Mrs L Wells-Pope, Mr T Cooper, Mr N Walton, Mr C Hemstock, Mrs C Rose (District Councillor), Mr B Laughton (County Councillor)  
Mrs S Beresford (Clerk) and 1 member of the public. In the absence of the Chairman, the meeting was chaired by Mrs R Whate (Vice-Chair)

**2. Apologies for absence:** Lt Col G.E Vere-Laurie.

**3. To approve the minutes of** the meeting held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2009. The minutes having been circulated were agreed to contain a true record with the following corrections. Mr N Walton was present although not included on the minutes and Item 4f should read “this was a most unusual event”.

Proposed by Mr T Cooper and seconded by Mrs L Wells-Pope.

### **3. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda.**

There was no interest declared in items on the agenda.

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

#### a) Flood Resilience and drainage issues

Mr Cooper informed the Council that a village meeting had been held on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2009 to inform all residents of the new Resilience and flooding defence issues. Although letters had been delivered to all houses in the village there was just a 10% response at the meeting. All equipment including a pump is now in place. The Park Drain improvements are due to be carried out by July (some two years after the flood). Water will be taken from the West side of the A1 south as far as the Beck. Some concern was noted that the Environment Agency have sent out maps showing potential flood risk areas and this has created a reaction from some Insurance companies, especially properties on the Eastern side of the village (which has never flooded). A vote of thanks was given to Mr Cooper, Mr Bingham and Mr Rodgers for all the work invested in this issue.

#### b) Highways Issues

The Hedge still needs cutting in Great North Road and Ferry Lane. The footpath on the right going towards Sutton-on-Trent also has not been addressed. The Clerk will report again to Highways giving specific locations. The Clerk will also report obscured street lights outside the Maltings and on the corner of Old Bell Lane. There is also a very boggy

area on the entrance to the Village which appears to have some drainage problems to report.

c) Parish Council Website feedback

It was agreed that a sub committee would meet to address the Policies and procedures and enable these to be presented at the next Parish Council meeting for ratification. This sub committee will consist of the Clerk, Mrs Wells-Pope and Mrs Whate and a date to be agreed after the meeting.

d) HGV issues including speeding and parking and the unnecessary use of HGV within the village.

There have been two meetings held recently between County Councillor Bruce Laughton, Mike Keeling from County Council, Cromwell Parish Council and Mrs J Clark representing Carlton-on-Trent. The first meeting represented considerable progress in both locations. The County Council are applying for weight restrictions in both villages. They are also looking at work to the verges in both villages and looking at reinstating footpaths which would then allow us to examine traffic regulation orders. Mike Keeling is visiting the village once per fortnight making assessments. The Highways department are unwilling to act irrationally to move the problem elsewhere but are working on long term solutions which will benefit all. This requires a multi-agency engagement with the Highways Agency and District Council. The Highways department are looking closely at the cafe extension application. The second meeting when Jean Clark attended offered some solutions to be examined, one idea was to have signs at the North and South end of the village, “stating cafe, straight ahead”. This interim solution was proposed as the weight restriction application may take considerable time. All agreed that the problem seemed to be from North bound traffic coming to the cafe. The cafe owner has argued to the County Council that the Lorries turn round at the cafe to prevent having to go back through the village, however, those present disagreed and counter argued that there was insufficient room to do so.

The cafe planning application was not sent to the Parish Council of Carlton-on-Trent for consideration despite there being a written request to do so. The Clerk has written to Clare Walker, the planning officer to ask why this was overlooked. The Clerk will write a letter from the Parish Council to oppose the planning application to both Newark and Sherwood District Council and the Highways Agency- Owen Walters. The Clerk to also include details of the petition carried out in November 2008.

Concern was also noted at the meeting that Lorries are using the area as overnight parking, despite the cafe being closed. Concern was raised that there are no overnight lavatory facilities and residents have witnessed human waste discarded. There are also no white lines to demark the parking bays – the Clerk will raise these issues with Mike Keeling. Mr Cooper asked that is the weight restriction was imposed, how would this affect legitimate delivery such as oil tankers and removal Lorries. Mr

Laughton stated that these would still be enabled and following a visit to Leicestershire to see how the blanket restrictions there are “policed”, he informed the council that the savings made on Highways repairs are ploughed into the Police budget to enable offenders to be prosecuted. Mr Cooper brought to the meeting a proposal for bollard markers for residents whose grass verges come down to the road. Mr Laughton took away the details but the general consensus of those present felt that these particular styles of bollards were not in keeping with the conservation village appearance. Mr Walton stated that he felt the important issue was to investigate the legitimacy of Lorries using Carlton-on-Trent as an overnight Lorry park, when there was a purpose built facility in Newark. Mrs C Rose will speak to Gary Burden to look into the facility of overnight parking. The Clerk will contact Mike Keeling again specifically regarding the overnight parking issue.

Mr Laughton also informed those present that he had contacted the Traffic Enforcement unit regarding the B1164, Old Great North Road as speeding has become a huge issue. The village is on the waiting list for interactive speed cameras and Bob Richards from the Police is fully briefed regarding the situation.

All in agreement with the proposals and actions which have been raised above proposed by Mrs Wells-Pope and seconded by Mrs J Clark.

e) Postcode Irregularities.

Peter Harrison, member of the public present, in his capacity of District Councillor has been assisting Mrs Rose with this issue. He has spoken to all but one resident and they are all happy to change their addresses. The Police and Emergency service database is all driven by the Electoral Roll information. Although the GPO allocated postcodes, the database for emergency assistance is provided by the Newark and Sherwood District Council electoral roll. The Clerk will confirm in writing to Mrs Rose that the Parish Council wish to formally make the changes.

f) Adoption of the BT box

The Clerk has signed an agreement between BT and the electricity provider to take over the electrical supply to the box. The Clerk is now awaiting further details from BT.

## **5. Correspondence**

a) Nottinghamshire County Link- community network – invitation to join the network- No interest in this item

b) Victim Support- requests for financial assistance- no action to be taken.

c) Busy Bees

The Clerk read out a letter asking the Parish Council for the donation towards the Busy Bees Pre-school group. Mrs Whate proposed a donation of £30- seconded by Mr T Cooper- all in agreement.

d) Community Safety Liaison group- date of next meeting. Mr Cooper to try to attend the Safer Neighbourhood group meeting with Mrs C Rose and Robbie Whate. A discussion took place about the potential re-

launch of Neighbourhood Watch; this item will be on the agenda of the Safer Neighbourhood Meeting. Mrs Rose will let Mrs Whate and Mr Cooper know the dates of the Safer Neighbourhood Meetings in order to diary plan in advance.

- e) County Partnerships Training- no interest in this item
- f) Newark and Sherwood Local Development- consultation on Development policies- item placed in pack for councillor's perusal.
- g) Letter from Caledonian offering funding for Dog bin- the Clerk has already written a letter offering thanks and appreciation.
- h) Parish Council remote CCTV monitoring- this item to be placed on the next agenda.

## **6. Financial Matters**

### a) Payment of village Hall Fees

The sum of £10 agreed for the hire of the Hall. Proposed by Mr T Cooper and seconded by Mrs L Wells-Pope.

### b) Dog Waste Bin

The kind donation of £146.70 has enabled the purchase of one dog waste bin. The Clerk will order this and arrange for Newark and Sherwood District Council to empty the bin. Those present selected the colour and design of bin. Proposed by Mrs J Clerk and seconded by Mrs R Whate.

### c) NALC

The sum of £58.79 in respect of annual subscriptions proposed by Mrs J Clark and seconded by Mr C Hemstock.

## **7. Planning Issues.**

### a) **Decisions Made**

*Proposed boundary Wall-Carlton House, REFUSED.*

### b) **Planning applications to discuss**

None

- c) **Any other Planning business**- Mr Cooper informed the Council that a planning application is imminent for the re erection of the shed taken down recently on land adjacent to the Old Forge.

## **8. Items for Inclusion on the next agenda**

- a) Matters arising

## **9. Any other business**

- a) Request by the Church for donation to assist with Grass cutting- Church committee asked to put request in writing.
- b) Mrs Rose informed the council that she has £100 available from her Community fund if anything was needed in the village- it needs spending by the end of March- councillors unable to offer a definitive request.

## **10. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2009 and this will also be the Annual Village Meeting.

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