

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 4th December 2018 at 7.30pm

Present:

Cllr N Fletcher (Chair), Cllr M Martin (Vice-Chair), Cllr L Hopkins, Cllr F Jerome, R Whate, T Grimes (Clerk), CCllr B Laughton, DCllr S Michael and 1 member of the public

1) To consider any apologies for absence

ME gave apologies for being unwell, these were approved.

2) To receive any declarations of interest in items on the agenda

MM declared an interest in the clerk's wages.

3) To accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held Tuesday 6th November 2018

The minutes were approved as a true record of the meeting and were signed by the chair.

4) 10 minute open forum to receive questions and comments from members of the public

CCllr BL noted that Norwell PC and Caunton PC were both looking for a new parish clerk.

LH raised the point that there was no street lighting where the pavement ends near the pumping station on Church Lane making it easy to miss your footing on the edge of the pavement. The County Council would not consider this warranted street lighting so it was suggested that Severn Trent may provide lighting on their property.

NF informed the meeting that Severn Trent had contacted the properties affected by the sewage smell and were going to put chemicals down to combat the problem.

NF had also received complaints about bags of dog mess being left on the wharf. It was suggested that this be mentioned in the next newsletter, although it was felt that there was no other news to report at present so it wouldn't be an immediate response.

5) To note any matters arising from the minutes of 6th November 2018

a) Street Lighting in Bell Lane

The clerk read out a reply from Mike Keeling which suggested that this was not likely to materialise.

DCllr SM suggested that the clerk contact the enforcement officer for the planning application regarding the widening of Bell Lane.

b) New Noticeboard

The clerk confirmed that Jessica Knight had received all the required paperwork and had initiated payment but that as yet funds had not appeared in the account.

The clerk also noted that NCC had asked for 3 weeks notice of any publicity event.

6) To co-opt a new member to the council

There had not been any expressions of interest. A few names were mentioned who may be interested and various councillors offered to approach these people. The clerk noted that being less than 6 months to the next election the council were no longer under pressure to fill the vacancy they could wait to see if anyone put themselves forward for election in May. It was agreed the notice should be displayed with a February deadline.

7) To receive updates on any District and County Councillor matters

DCllr SM gave apologies for missing the previous meeting and then went on to inform the council of a meeting between the police and the District Council regarding ways to reduce crime.

CCllr BL reiterated the position with Cemex and explained the process moving forward, which resulted in Councillors feeling that it wasn't yet necessary to engage with Cemex. CCllr BL advised the clerk to contact Sally Gill, head of planning at NCC, to ensure that CoT is included in any consultation regarding the site.

CCllr BL then confirmed that he had raised the slip road issue with Mike Keeling and that he had suggested the slip road and Muskham roundabout as priority areas for repair.

FJ reported that there had been a very positive meeting with Mike Keeling, in which he acknowledged the increased noise level and the need for action. NCC have already had a meeting to identify next year's programme of road repairs, however, one of the sites is unlikely to go ahead so he didn't rule out the chance of any work on the slip road in the next year. Mike Keeling outlined an immediate short term solution using a 'pour in' method to stop the concrete slabs moving. He then said that a longer term solution would be top dressing but that wouldn't be possible before 2020. It was unlikely anything more permanent such as replacing the full road structure would occur due to cost compared to usage ratios. FJ submitted the issues in writing as requested and Mike Keeling has since sent an engineer out and his report is awaited.

8) To receive feedback from councillors on any meetings/training attended

a) Cemex presentation on extending the gravel works at Cromwell

Prior to the meeting the clerk circulated comments from Cemex and their request to attend a council meeting. It was felt this wasn't necessary yet and the copies of the paperwork provided at the meeting were put in the pack for councillors who were unable to attend.

b) Meeting with Mike Keeling re A1 slip-road noise

This was covered under the DC and CC update in item 7 above.

c) Notts ALC AGM

The clerk reiterated a few points from the speakers, Andy Cutting and Gary Wood, re highways and in particular potholes. The presentation was circulated prior to the meeting but as some could not open the file the clerk put a paper copy in the pack for councillors to read.

9) To consider any planning matters

a) Notifications received

18/01588/FUL - Endlich extension - permitted

b) Planning applications to discuss

None

c) Any other planning business

None

10) To discuss and respond to the following correspondence

a) Notts ALC Public Sector Website Accessibility

The clerk informed the council of new legislation requiring all existing public sector websites to be 'accessible' from 23rd September 2019 which involves being compatible with assistive technology. The information was put in the pack for councillors to read but the clerk informed them that Hugo Fox have confirmed that their websites already meet these requirements.

11) To discuss and respond to the following consultations

a) NSDC – Cleaner, Safer, Greener

It was felt no response was required.

b) Notts CC – Fair Access Policy

It was felt no response was required.

12) To consider the following financial matters

a) To note the bank reconciliation

The reconciliation and statements were checked and then signed by the chair.

b) To consider the preliminary budget proposal

The clerk circulated the quarters spending figures with a proposed budget and then asked councillors to suggest any comments and changes before the January meeting. It was suggested that the kiosk electricity would no longer be required when the new notice board was up – the clerk was asked to find out about disconnection costs.

c) To approve the following payments

i) VH Fee (on account) - £33 to date, plus this meeting - TBC

It was agreed that this meeting would require two hours rental, meaning an additional £6 and taking the total on account to £42. The clerk asked that this be paid due to the village hall year end being December.

Resolved: The pay the village hall £42.
(proposed RW, seconded FJ, carried unanimously)

d) To note the following payments

Standing Order for Clerks Wages to Dec £170.59 (£2.80 to HMRC, £167.79 to T Grimes)

Noted.

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

It was suggested that the phonebox would need to be repurposed once the new notice board was in place so it should be put on the agenda and ideas put forward.

The clerk tabled a book – Local Council Administration – which had been donated by Notts ALC due to their purchasing the latest edition.

14) To note the date of the next meeting

The next meeting will be Tuesday 8th January at 7.30pm – a week later than the normal pattern due to the New Year.

DCllr SM gave apologies for missing the next meeting due to it clashing with Sutton on Trent PC meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm