

Carlton-on-Trent Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 2nd July 2009 commencing at 7.30pm at the Village Hall, Carlton-on-Trent

- 1. Present:** Lt Col G E Vere-Laurie (Chairman, Mrs R Whate (Vice-Chairman), Mrs J Clark, Mrs L Wells-Pope, Mr T Cooper, Mr N Walton, Mr C Hemstock, Mr B Laughton (County Councillor), Mrs S Beresford (Clerk)
- 2. Apologies for absence:** None

- 3. To approve the minutes of** the meeting held on Thursday 30th April 2009. The minutes having been circulated were agreed to contain a true record with the following corrections. Proposed by Mr T Cooper and seconded by Mr N Walton

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

Nothing new to report by Mr Cooper. Lt Col Vere-Laurie informed those present that the relief flood drain has now been completed on the opposite side of the A1.

b) Highways Issues

Mr Laughton informed those present that another meeting has been arranged with Mr Mike Keeling next week. Mr Laughton also stated that he would be happy to fund “no parking” signs at the lay-by if this was the wish of the Parish Council. The current policies are being amended (which may take 3-4 months in respect of lorry parking. Following this process we could reconsider lorry and weight restrictions through the village and interactive speed signs. The no parking signs are a simplistic measure although they are no enforceable. The Parish Council will bring forward proposals to the next meeting following the next discussion with Mr Keeling. Mr Laughton suggested that if a sign was erected stating 7.5 tonne only, this could be a deterrent at the entrance to the village. The Clerk will speak to Mr C Rose regarding “no tipping” signs at the lay-by. The parking on the slip road running up to the A1 was discussed as many lorries park increasingly close to the slip way. Unless the Lorries are creating a direct hazard this is very difficult to Police. The most proactive approach would be to take this issue to the Safer Neighbourhood meeting. The white lines around the transport cafe have been re-painted. Mr Laughton informed the Parish Council that he is now the East Midlands representative for flooding issues. Mr Cooper again asked if the bollard issue had been given any thought along the grass verges. Mr Laughton stated that Mike Keeling did not feel

this was the ideal solution. Mr. Cooper felt it was something to consider especially on the bend in the village. Mr Cooper invited to join the forthcoming meeting at Cromwell on Tuesday 7th July between 10-11am. The hedges still require attention from Ferry Lane to Sutton-on-Trent, landowners aware.

c) Parish Council policies feedback

All present agreed to adopt the policies and procedures. Proposed by Mrs J Clark and seconded by Mrs Whate. The Clerk will complete the proforma for the Freedom of Information Act and this will go onto the website. The Parish Council agreed to charge postage and photocopying costs for anyone wishing to view a hard copy of a policy or procedure; however emailed copies would be free of charge.

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

Also see above- Highways issues. A traffic survey schedule facilitated by several of the Parish Council have identified the busiest times to observe – 6-7am, 1.30-2.30pm and 5-6pm. A rota and record sheets were provided at the meeting. It was mentioned however, that currently 40% of HGV activity has ceased temporarily due to various reasons and it was felt perhaps poignant to wait until normal activity resumed prior to undertaking the survey. One member of the public has written to Eddie Stobart regarding the use of this companies lorries in the village.

e) Postcode Irregularities.

Agreed to defer this item until the next meeting due to the absence of Mrs Rose.

f) Adoption of the BT box

The process has finally completed and the certificate of ownership arrived. The electricity supply is now the responsibility of the Parish Council and the first bill arrived as expected.

g) Best Kept Village

The first round judging has taken place and we are currently waiting to hear the results.

h) Remedi

The Clerk will arrange a meeting with Mr T Jackson from the County Council. Mr Cooper and Mrs Whate will also try to attend the meeting.

i) Feedback from various documents

Equality Bill- Mrs Wells-Pope perused this new legislation. By the end of 2011 three separate pieces of legislation will combine and create four strands which are only likely to affect the Parish Council as currently.

Tick-Tock – Mrs Whate reviewed this DVD which sets out the Parish Councils responsibilities under the Freedom of Information Act. We have 20 working days to respond to any written request for information.

j) Newark and Sherwood Homes

The Clerk received a response from Newark Homes stating that there was a tenant in the property that we wrote to them concerning however, it was now up for re-letting. The response also indicated that it is the responsibility of the tenant to maintain the exterior of the property in good order. Mrs Clark brought to them meeting a copy of the Newark and Sherwood Homes tenancy agreement.

5. Correspondence

- a) Invitation to Ypres for unveiling of Sherwood Foresters Western Front Memorial- The Chairman unable to attend, therefore Mrs Whate (as Vice Chairman) and guest will take up the invitation.
- b) Draft strategic Housing land availability- Mrs Wells-Pope taken away to read.
- c) Letter from PCC- the Church committee have written requesting a grant to assist with equipment and costs of mowing the Churchyard. This request to be considered in November when the new Precept will be set. The meeting with Remedi may also provide some workforce and labour in the respect of maintaining the Churchyard.

6. Financial Matters

- a) Internal Audit- The Clerk has delivered the books to Mr Fairhurst and is awaiting the return in order to progress with the external audit.
- b) Payment of village Hall Fees
The sum of £10 agreed for the hire of the Hall. Proposed by Mr N Walton and seconded by Mrs J Clark.
- c) Clerks wages and expenses
The clerk reported this to be £559.14. Proposed by Mrs Whate and seconded by Mrs Wells-Pope.
- d) Parish Council Insurance
The sum of £163.10 in respect of the Parish Council Insurance proposed by Mr N Walton and seconded by Mr T Cooper.
- e) Overpayment of Dog Waste Bin

The Clerk reported that there has been an overpayment of approx £3 to Glasdon when we purchased the dog waste bin, this has been returned as a cheque and banked by the Clerk.

7. Planning Issues.

a) Decisions Made

Erection of Steel frame barn from existing location adjacent to retained Brick barn- Willow Forge stables, Main Street- APPROVED.

b) Planning applications to discuss

None

c) Any other Planning business-

The Parish Council wish to formally thank Mr Chris Hemstock for erecting the dog waste bin.

8. Items for Inclusion on the next agenda

- a) Matters arising

9. Any other business

- a) Dog Bin- The newly erected dog bin has had positive feedback from the village. This will be emptied weekly at a cost of £1.50 per week plus VAT.
- b) Amcott Highways agency is to change its name to A1 PLUS.
- c) Petition request to enable the Government to use Big Lottery funding to support Village Halls- the Parish Council to support this national petition.
- d) Register of members Interests- The changes necessary have been made and forms returned to Kelham Hall.
- e) Horse Chestnut Trees- Mr Mike Catchpole aware of the diseased tree. Another tree looks to be in a similar state- the Clerk will also inform Newark and Sherwood District council.

10. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 10th September 2009

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