

CARLTON-ON-TRENT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on Tuesday 5th February 2015 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Present:

T Cooper (Chair), N Fletcher (Vice-Chair), F Jerome, M Eley, M Martin, J Clark and T Grimes (Clerk)

1. To consider any apologies for absence

Robbie Whate – prior engagement. There was a unanimous vote to approve this absence.
Cllrs B Laughton and C Rose sent apologies due to being at another meeting.

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

Murray Martin – Clerk's wages

Jean Clark – Planning application 14/02229/FUL

3. To accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held Tuesday 6th January 2015

NF proposed that the minutes circulated prior to the meeting were approved as a true record of the meeting and ME seconded the motion.

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

There were no members of the public present but the following matters had been raised with councillors prior to the meeting:

A pot hole at the crossroads turning towards Sutton was reported to RW: TG offered to report this via the County Council website.

NF was informed that a polite note was left on a vehicle which was completely blocking the kerb between the Grey House and the Village Hall. The vehicle owner was a relative visiting their family and they took great offence at the note. It was felt that the council could not get involved as the note was anonymous and the council newsletter had requested that vehicles were not left on pavements. However, it was felt that this response should be considered when deciding what action the council may take in future.

5. To note any matters arising from the minutes of 6th January 2015 which are not elsewhere on the agenda

- (a) Fly Tipping Sign in the Lay-bye (TG)

A second sign has been obtained and MM has put it in place at the Northern entrance to the lay bye.

- (b) Bus Stop Litter Bin (TG)

Mike Keeling has been out to the site and approved the position for the new post which should appear soon.

6. To receive updates on any District & County Councillor matters

TC reported that a detailed summary of the meeting with Robert Jenrick regarding the A1 noise had been provided and although it did not suggest when any action would be taken it did state that Highways were responsible for any mitigating action. A copy was put in the pack for councillors to read.

7. To discuss the options regarding the potential solar farm Community Fund

The clerk outlined the two options available as:

Option 1 Don't accept the money – hand it over to a village trust. The council would have to call a village meeting, ask for volunteers, determine the number of committee members and hold a village vote to elect them. Then the committee take over and do the rest – they get registered, canvas public opinion, set up a bank account, deal with Martifer, check the legality of any suggestions and decide how to spend the money.

Option 2 Take the money and determine how to spend it, if and when it materialises. Notts ALC have come back with several options: existing powers include provision of a bus shelter (Mike Keeling has suggested about £10,000 but thinks a drainage dyke may prevent its erection), provide support for the village hall or its activities (unlimited), accept bids from groups for section 137 community benefit funds (£1300 max per year for several years), carry out council projects with community benefits under section 137 spending eg planters (must not exceed £1300 per year with any bids included) or purchase of land to provide village green or allotments. After May – if the clerk qualifies – there will be even more choice of spending activity.

TC proposed Option 2 and a unanimous vote followed.

The clerk was asked to contact Martifer to obtain a pledge in writing in the hope that a legal representative

would look over it.

8. To receive feedback from councillors on any meetings/training attended
 - (a) Rail Track Consultation (postponed)

Jonathan Stott, Director of Land Assembly and Compulsory Purchase, who organised this meeting sent sincere apologies for not informing the councils of the decision to combine it with the Muskham meeting. He reported that there had been a good turn-out for public meeting but they still want feedback from the parish councils. He has suggested rescheduling the meeting for 17th Feb 7-9pm. Five councillors indicated that they would attend.

9. To consider any planning matters
 - (a) Decisions made (no decisions pending)
 - (b) Planning applications to discuss (14/02229/FUL Solar Panel Installation Hill Farm)

The plans were tabled and councillors felt this was a small scale development mainly for powering the farm which would not be visible from the road. TC proposed that the council support the application and the vote was carried unanimously. JC did not take part in the vote.

- (c) Any other planning business (None)

10. To discuss and note any further actions required from correspondence received since the last meeting

- (a) Clerks and Councils Direct

This was put in the pack for councillors to read.

- (b) NCC £100 for bin post

The clerk informed the council that a cheque had arrived from Cllr BL for the bin post and had been banked.

11. To discuss and respond to the following consultations

- (a) N&SDC Draft Statement of Community Involvement

FJ had sent a summary of this document to councillors and it was felt all seemed acceptable; as a result it was decided that no response was necessary.

12. To consider and approve any financial matters

- (a) To approve payments for:
 - Village Hall fees £3
 - Clerk's Wages £227.27
 - NALC Subs invoice £60.91

ME proposed that all three payments be approved and JC seconded the motion so the cheques were duly signed.

- (b) Any other outstanding financial matters
 - Bank reconciliation

The clerk apologised for leaving the bank reconciliation on the printer so the bank statement was left unsigned.

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

No matters were raised.

14. To note the date of the next meeting

The next meeting will be the regular meeting on 3rd March at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.

Tanya Grimes – Clerk to the Parish Council