

Carlton-on-Trent Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 8th November 2007 commencing at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Lt Col G E Vere-Laurie (Chairman) Mr R Boothroyd (Vice- Chairman), Mrs R Waite, Mr C Hemstock, Mr T Cooper, Mrs C Rose (District Councillor), Mrs S Beresford (Clerk)

- 1. Apologies for absence.** Mr B Laughton (County Councillor), Mrs A O'Brien, Mr E Holland.
- 2. Declaration of interest on items on the agenda.**

There was no declared interest in items on the agenda.

- 3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 20th September 2007.**

The minutes, having been circulated and read were agreed to contain a true record of items discussed. Proposed by Mrs R Waite and seconded by Mr T Cooper

- 4. Matters arising from the minutes.**

a) Highways Issues

The proposed speed restriction document from the County Council, detailing the stretch of carriageway which will become a 40mph zone, examined by all. Those present asked the Clerk to write to propose further restrictions to be implemented further past Carlton-on-Trent crossroads. This may prevent motorists accelerating when the restriction end appears in sight, and therefore speeding over the crossroads. Those present suggested a further 200m south of said crossroads and also extending the restriction beyond the junction with the Great North Road in the northern direction. This is the area where the carriageway joins the lane to Ossington and where the Great North Road joins the Old Great North Road. There are many heavy Lorries that use this section of the roadway, particularly when accessing the Industrial Estate. The Clerk to respond in writing before 28th November 2007.

The path outside 1 and 2 Council Houses has been cleared. However, the missing gully cover, on Ossington Lane, has not as yet been replaced despite reporting several weeks ago.

b) Severn Trent Sewage and other Flooding Issues

Mr Cooper has been involved in "in-depth" conversations with Stephen Broadhead from Newark Drainage Board. Money has now been released for a CCTV surveillance of pipe work. There have also been new frameworks and barriers installed in the ditches which carry water off the A1 and the Drainage Board have provided Terry with a rake, in which to clear debris! All present examined a map sent from the Drainage Board

detailing the dykes and ditches that they are responsible for maintaining, which includes the Beck. In the opinion of those present there are few others in the Parish which will seriously compromise flood risks and these are the responsibility of individual landowners. Mrs Rose has had a letter to state that the Pumping station panel has been replaced and that there have been no stoppages or sewage floods since. However, there are ongoing problems with drains being disinfected and cleared of debris. The Clerk to write to Highways, to ask if all the drains in the village can be cleared of leaves and Autumnal debris. The Clerk will also email Stephen Broadhead to ask for a maintenance schedule for the clearing and inspection of all the ditches and dykes in the village, especially Main Street, Ferry Lane, Church Lane and Old Great North Road. Mr Cooper will also be in liaison with The Drainage Board regarding the continued issue of water coming off the A1. Mrs Rose also suggested contacting Severn Trent as they stated, at the Flood Meeting, that within 3 months a CCTV survey analysis would be undertaken of the Pumping Station performance.

c) HGV Parking at Cromwell Halt

The area is still moderately dangerous with some Lorries still parking so that they are sticking out into the road. The Police have been informed now, and have visited, on two occasions. The issue is particularly a problem first thing in the morning and around 5.30pm. Mr Holland had agreed to take photographs and all Parish Councillors encouraged to do the same. It was also reported by Mr Boothroyd that HGVs are still using the village regularly; however, there is little that can be done in respect of this, as there are no weight restrictions in the village.

d) Fly tipping at Cromwell Halt

The Clerk reported this after the last meeting and the area was cleared. It was brought to the meetings attention that a settee has been dumped at the County Council Lay- by on the Old Great North Road- the Clerk to report this and ask for removal.

e) Display of Minutes of the Meeting

The issue was discussed by those present and it was suggested that the Parish Council write to the Village Hall Committee to look at either having a PC notice Board of our own or a small box with the facility to display the minutes. The Unity magazine will be utilised although the Clerk stated that until the minutes are approved, it is not possible to send them to the editor. Due to the Meetings taking place three monthly, and the deadline dates for insertion in the magazine, it can be the case that often minutes are 4-5 months out of date by the time they are published. Mr Boothroyd suggested having them on the District Council website. Mrs Rose will look into this and the matter to be discussed at the next meeting.

f) HGV Signs at Caledonian

The Clerk has received correspondence from Caledonian that the signs have been ordered and the invoiced paid to the County Council and they are now just awaiting erection.

g) Formulation of Parish Plan

The Clerk gave notification of an invitation to the Parish Planning Conference where Parish Planning was to be discussed. Mr Cooper will give the paperwork to Mrs Wells- Pope, who had expressed an interest in Parish Plans.

5. Correspondence

a) Rights of Way Conference

This conference is to be held next Friday at Boughton Pumping station. No member of the Parish Council is able to attend.

6 Financial Issues

a) Payment of the Village Hall Fees

A cheque made payable to the village Hall Committee for the sum of £10.00 Proposed by Mr R Boothroyd and seconded by Mrs R Waite.

b) Hacker Young

A cheque for £58.75 was made payable to Hacker Young for services in relation to the Annual Audit 2007. Proposed by Mrs R Whate and seconded by Mr Hemstock.

c) Budgetary Estimate and Proposed Precept 2008/2009

The Clerk confirmed that expenditure for 2008 was expected to increase slightly from the year 2007. It was therefore agreed to increase the annual precept up by £200 to the total of £1500. This was proposed by Mrs R Waite and seconded by Mr T Cooper.

7. Health and Safety

There were no Health and Safety issues to discuss.

8. Planning Issues

a) Decisions made- The Grey House- Main Street- Use of outbuildings for s/c accommodation- APPROVED. Mrs Whate will look into the planning permission regulations for Bed and Breakfast.

Park Farm- Appeal Upheld for the Erection of 8 dwellings- This item was left on the agenda until the last, in order for a discussion to take place in the absence of Lt Col. G.E Vere- Laurie, who has previously expressed an interest in this item on the agenda.

b) Other Planning Issues

Demolition of Robin Hood Hotel and demolition and additions to Lombard Street- The Parish Council have been informed of this as it is a major application. All present agreed that this proposal leads to the demolition of existing Bus Station facilities, which has a knock on effect. There were a few objections to the development and the Clerk to write to the Planning Department detailing these.

Re-siting of Newark Bus Station to the Wharf- There were those present who disagreed to the re-siting of the Bus Station and particular developing the area of the Wharf which is the Historical opening to Newark. There are also traffic concerns, the loss of a car park and flooding risks, the impact of traffic when the level crossing closes, the lack of potential development of the site further and the potential for gridlocked traffic queues. The Clerk to write to Planning with these concerns.

9. Items for Inclusion of the next agenda

- a) Highways Matters
- b) Flood Warden
- c)

10. Any other Business

a- Parish Council Conference- Mr Cooper will try to attend.

b- Erection of Bench as a memorial to the late Nancy and Ray Legg- Lt Col Vere-Laurie received a letter from Andrew Legg asking if a bench could be erected opposite to the family home in the village in respect of memory to his late parents. This will be done entirely at the family expense and will be placed in the alcove in the wall, next to the "Plantings". All present totally in favour and unanimously agreed with the proposal. Lt Col Vere-Laurie agreed to write back to the family to grant permission.

c- Adoption of the Code of Conduct- Section 12(2) - The Clerk informed those present that we had not formally adopted the clause 12(2) in the New Code of Conduct. This allows those present who have made a prejudicial or personal declaration of interests in an agenda item to remain in the room, with the equal rights to members of the public during discussions. It does mean however, that during the vote, the member does have to leave the room. Those present agreed to formally adopt this section of the code and the Clerk to write back to affirm this with the Standards Committee.

d)-Electoral Roll and Postcodes- Many postcodes in the village are inaccurate which may impact on response by the Emergency Services. The street names changed about 10 years ago and all residents were issued with new postcodes- unfortunately some organisations still work to the old postcodes. The Clerk to write to the Post Office and ask for a list of postcodes for the village. Mrs Rose also to discuss the matter with her colleagues to see if this is an issue elsewhere

e) Dog Waste Bin- The Clerk to write to Newark and Sherwood to ask if we could have an estimate for erection and emptying of one dog waste bin. The ordinary waste bins are overflowing with bags of dog waste, especially the one at Ferry Lane. The Clerk to ask Waste management for a schedule and regular clearance.

11 Date of the Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held February 21st 2008

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 21.40pm.