

## **Carlton-on-Trent Parish Council**

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2007 commencing at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Present: .Lt Col G.E Vere-Laurie (Chairman) ), Mrs A O'Brien, Mrs R Whate, Mr T Cooper, Mr C Hemstock, Mr E Holland, Mr B Laughton (County Councillor), Mrs C Rose (District Councillor), Mrs S Beresford (Clerk) and 2 members of the public.

**1. Apologies for absence: Mr R Boothroyd**

**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 7<sup>th</sup> June 2007 and Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2007.**

The minutes, having been circulated and read were agreed to contain a true record of items discussed. Proposed by Mrs A O'Brien and seconded by Mrs R Whate and Mrs R Whate and Mr C Hemstock respectively. It was pointed out by Mrs Whate that the minutes of the 21<sup>st</sup> June contained an inaccurate date.

The Speaker from Newark and Sherwood District Council regarding mobile CCTV Cameras was unable to attend and sent his apologies He was, however planning to undertake a site visit of Carlton-on-Trent Church today and will submit a report to the Clerk.

**4. Matters arising from the minutes.**

a) Highways Issues

Bruce Laughton, County Councillor informed the meeting that work would commence in 5-8 months under a Traffic Regulation Order to enact the 40 mile per hour speed limit from Sutton-on-Trent to Carlton-on-Trent. It is hoped that the speed limit would include the crossroads (extended slightly) and also will include past Walton's Buildings in Sutton-on-Trent. It was felt particularly important to extend well past the crossroads to prevent motorists from speeding up as they approach the end of the restriction- which will mean that traffic is accelerating past the crossroads. Mr Laughton also took on board the comment from Mr Holland that a speed interactive sign would be useful after the speed limit is imposed and a bid could be put in for one. All beat officers will also be trained in the use of speed cameras which is another option.

b) Flooding Impact

Those residents that have been seriously affected by the flooding and especially those that have had water enter their homes are to let Mr Laughton know. Newark and Sherwood are also required to know which residents have been affected as there are some small grants (up to a maximum of £500) available-. Discretion does need to be employed, however, as some residents do not wish their personal situations to be known for marketing or insurance reasons.

Those present at the meeting debated the flooding issues and felt strongly that the over riding reason for Carlton-on-Trent's problems lie in the alterations to the A1 carriageway , poor maintenance of the dykes and ditches and also the poor sewage and drainage system- which has been an ongoing concern. There has been some recent activity in the village, Newark Drainage have undertaken some dyke dredging over the last 1-2 days.

Mrs Rose has been in consultation with Ian Harrison, the Flood Risk Manager at Kelham Hall and he is proposing setting up a meeting between Severn Trent and NSDC- to hopefully be held on 28 or 29<sup>th</sup> August at Carlton-on-Trent Village Hall. Once details are known of this meeting- the Clerk to send out the information to all Parish Councillors and put a notice on the board.

All present agreed that poor and at times absent routine maintenance has contributed to the existing drainage problems with dykes and gullies remaining un- cleared.

During the flooding period, the sewage pump did continue working however; the volume of water was in excess of the pumps capabilities. Mrs Whate displayed some well presented plans detailing the issues regarding surface water coming off the A1 and trying to escape through a greatly restricted pipe- photographs were included of the actual gullies and pipes in question. This paper to form the basis of the points to be raised at the meeting.

Other Highways issues- The Sign at the Crossroads which is absent should read Ossington and Kneesal.

There is a significant amount of tarmac disturbance to the road surface outside Rushmoor, Main Street due to the recent flooding. The grassy verge next to Spittle Bridge has also undergone disturbance and the verge albeit removed causing vehicles to turn round and narrowly missing the boulder next to the bridge. Verges adjacent to the Old Forge have also been badly damaged due to the recent weather and traffic issues. The Clerk to report to Highways the above and ask for inspection.

c) HGV Parking at Cromwell Halt

There are very few improvements to the parking of the HGV vehicles at Cromwell Halt- the Clerk to email PC Hayes again to ask for further action.

d) Co-option of New Parish Councillor- Mr T Cooper

Mr Cooper was formally welcomed to the meeting and proposed by Mrs R Whate as the new Parish Councillor. This was seconded by Mrs O `Brien and unanimously agreed by all. Mr T Cooper formally accepted the position. The Clerk to inform Newark and Sherwood District Council of the new appointment.

e) Parish Council Representative for the Village Youth Club

Mr T Cooper agreed to stand as Youth Club representative, proposed by Mrs R Whate and seconded by Mr E Holland.

f) Parish Council Representative on the Village Hall Committee

Mrs R Whate agreed to stand as the Parish Council representative, proposed by Mrs A O`Brien and seconded by Lt Col G.E Vere-Laurie

**5 Correspondence- See any other business**

**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 C Hemstock and seconded by M T Cooper.

b) Transfer of monies from Parish Council Deposit to Current Account

The Clerk explained that due to a higher amount of expenditure- there would be a shortage in the current account therefore a letter requesting the transfer of funding was necessary to maintain the account- Those present agreed to transfer £700.  
Proposed by Lt Col. G.E Vere-Laurie and seconded by Mrs R Whate

c) Increasing the amount of Signatories

The HSBC Bank has advised the Clerk to increase the amount of signatories for the accounts from 2-4. Therefore it was proposed that Mr Ernie Holland and Mr C Hemstock to also take on the role as appointed signatory. Proposed by Lt Col G. E Vere- Laurie and Mr T Cooper and Lt Col. G. Vere- Laurie and Mrs R Whate respectively.

d) Uncontested Parish Council Election expenses

The Clerk presented an invoice from Newark and Sherwood District Council for £79.37 for so called uncontested election expenses. This invoice was totally

unexpected and therefore the Clerk to write a letter of complaint and enclose with the invoice payment. Proposed by Mr E Holland and seconded by Mrs A O'Brien.

## **7. Health and Safety**

Sewage- already discussed

Flooding issues- already discussed- It was determined that the Parish must have a firmer contingency plan. The Clerk to obtain all the Flooding papers from Mr J Fairhurst, to discuss at the next meeting.

## **8. Planning Issues**

a) **Decisions made- Erection** of Fencing- The Old Forge- APPROVED

b) **Applications to discuss- Amended plans for Conversion of Barn to three bed roomed dwelling- The Maltings- Carlton-on-Trent**

All the amended plans perused by those present and in spite of the alterations, the Parish Councillors still felt that the proposal will significantly affect the neighbouring properties, restricting privacy and visibility. There was also concern that the proposal will exacerbate drainage issues and contribute to overdevelopment of the plot of land. The Clerk informed those present that three days after receiving the amended plans she had also received a letter detailing that the above proposal would be heard at Planning Committee on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July at 4.00pm and that the District Council would be recommending approval. Mrs C Rose would be attending the hearing and Mr T Cooper also agreed to represent the Parish Council. All present agreed unanimously to oppose the development- proposed by Mr E Holland and seconded by Mrs A O'Brien.

c) **Creation of dormer window to the White Cottage, Main Street, Carlton-on-Trent.**

All present perused the plans and agreed unanimously to Support the proposal. Proposed by Mr C Hemstock and seconded by Mr E Holland.

## **Other Planning Business-**

**Park Farm-** Lt Col G .E .Vere-Laurie declared an interest in this item (not an original agenda item) - For information to the Parish Council. The Planning permission was refused by the District Council and the planning application has been referred by the Trustees to Bristol for appeal. The Clerk to write a letter underlining the Parish Councils objections to the proposal.

**Tree Works- The Old Forge**

Permission has been granted for remedial work to several trees at the above address- Horse Chestnut and Lawson Cypress.

### **9. Items for Inclusion of the next agenda**

- a) Highways Matters
- b) Flooding and drainage
- c) Building Better Communities
- d) Sewage issues
- e) Trent Fluvial strategy.
- f) Electoral roll

### **10. Any other Business**

#### a) Electoral Roll

Mrs Whate stated that the Electoral roll was inaccurate for Carlton-on-Trent. To be discussed at the next meeting.

#### b) Family Tree Report

Mrs O'Brien agreed to contact the lady known as Helen Webb who was asking for details of her relatives

#### c) Groundswell

The Clerk had received a letter from BBC RADIO Nottingham who was asking for Community based topics to debate live on air- particularly those causing public outrage or a difference of opinion. The Clerk to email the Radio Station to inquire about the possibility of covering the flooding and sewage issue affecting many of the local villages.

#### d) Building Better Communities

The application forms to be passed on to the Youth Club to ascertain if they can think of a community project or something to request funding for the purpose of enabling better facilities for the young people of the village.

### **11 Date of the Next Meeting**

The Next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2007 commencing at 7.30pm. There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.36.