

## **CARLTON-ON-TRENT PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2010 commencing at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

1. **Present:** Lt Col G E Vere-Laurie (Chairman), Mrs R Whate (Vice-Chair), Mr C. Hemstock, Mr N Walton, Mrs J Clark, Mr T Cooper, Mrs L Wells-Pope, Mrs C Rose (District Councillor), Mrs S Beresford (Clerk) and one member of the public.
2. **Apologies for Absence:**, Mr B Laughton (County Councillor)
3. **Declaration of interest on items on the agenda.**  
No declarations made.
4. **To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 12th November 2009. Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2009 and Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2009.**  
The minutes, having been circulated and read were declared to be a true record. Approved by Mrs R Whate and seconded by Mrs L Wells-Pope, approved by Mrs Liz Wells-Pope and seconded by Mrs R Whate, approved by Mrs Wells-Pope and seconded by Mrs R Whate respectively.
5. **Matters arising from the Minutes.**
  - a) **Highways issues, potholes, pavements and general repairs.**  

A recent accident at the Crossroads drew attention to the poor visibility of the white lines and dirty Give-Way sign. The Clerk will write to Highways asking these to be addressed as a matter of urgency.
  - b) **No Tipping signs for Cromwell Halt.**  

The Highways department have informed the Clerk that there is already a No tipping sign. This was briefly discussed and agreed that the Clerk to contact the Highways department again and this time make it clear that we wish for a No Tipping sign at the lay-by, not Cromwell Halt.
  - c) **HGV Statistical survey- Mike Keeling**  

The Parish council will carry out the statistical survey when road conditions improve. Proposed by Mrs J Clark and seconded by Mrs L Wells-Pope. The Clerk read out the most recent letter from Mike Keeling explaining that the external consultants had almost completed their investigation. Mrs Clark stated that she had been doing some investigating of her own and discovered that there is a partial ban on HGVs coming through the village. When Lafarge set up business they were partially banned from coming through Carlton-on-Trent as part of their planning permission restrictions. Bruce Laughton is aware and will

discuss this with Mike Keeling. The Chairman thanked Jean for finding out this information.

A brief discussion took place about village gateway signs such as “please drive carefully through our village” Some are decorative and highlight the entrance to the village but would cost in the region of £2000.

d) Remedi and Church Yard maintenance

A schedule has been put together and some actions have been taken such as sweeping and raking some of the autumn debris. The Clerk to write to thank those involved for what has already been done and to ask for further progress up dates.

e) Telephone Kiosk

BT has now removed all the furniture from the inside of the telephone box. Mr Whate has offered to help with refurbishment. Mrs Wells-Pope proposed that a small task group be set up to identify ideas and refurbishment schedules. This item was seconded by Mrs Clark. The group will consist of Liz, Jean, Chris and Robbie.

f) Erratic Postal deliveries

There has been no delivery w/c 4<sup>th</sup> January. Mrs Rose informed the Parish Council that she had received no response to the letter of complaint sent before Christmas. She will continue to try to arrange am meeting. Those present agreed that the level of service is unacceptable and indeed there is firm evidence that several items of post has gone missing.

g) Flood Defences

The flood barrier terminates at Ferry Farm and the remainder of the village is not protected. Those present agreed we need to start negotiations with the Environment Agency. The Clerk will write to ask for a meeting with a representative preferably on site. The Flood warden, Mr Terry Cooper informed the meeting that a regular meeting takes place with Mark Henry from the Environment agency and the local resilience team. The Clerk will set up a meeting to who Robbie, Nigel, Chris and George would like to be involved.

The Drainage board have sent word that the West side of the A1 works are now completed. There is still work to be completed in relation to the culvert funding awaited.

h) Silver Birch Trees- Old Bell lane

The Clerk informed those present that Mr Chris O'Connell from the County Council responded to her correspondence however a member of the public informed the Parish Council that they are still having problems. The BT phone line is still not functioning properly. The Clerk will write back to Mr O'Connell.

i) Dog Bin

The latest contract with Newark and Sherwood District Council states that the bin will be emptied on 17<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> Jan. Mrs Wells-Pope to check that this contract is being honoured and the Clerk will bring this back onto the agenda if there are further problems, The "no dog fouling" sign will be portable and mobilised around the village at problem areas.

**6. General Correspondence**

- 1) New Electoral Register- placed in the correspondence pack
- 2) Lead Thefts- A meeting has been arranged for 15<sup>th</sup> January 2010, no one from the Parish council available to attend. Mrs Wells-Pope to take to the Church representatives.
- 3) Newark Hospital HealthCare review- A small working party to be set up to response to this consultation document. Mrs Jean Clark to lead with assistance from Mrs Wells-Pope and Mr N Walton. The working party will feed back to the Parish Council at the next meeting.

**7. Financial Matters**

a) Payment of Village Hall Fees-

Proposed by Mr T Cooper and seconded by Mr Walton to sign a cheque for £10.00.

b) Clerks Salary and Expenses

The Clerk informed those present that her expenses totalled £419.58 from 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2009- 7<sup>th</sup> January 2010. Proposed by Mrs R Whate and seconded by Mrs J Clark

- c) Clement Keys- external auditors- The Clerk informed the Parish Council that the auditors have apologised profusely but admit to losing the cheque sent for the sum of £57.50. The Clerk has made enquiries with the HSBC regarding cancelling the cheque; however, this will incur a charge. The bank suggests re-writing the cheque as this is to a reputable organisation and if the original cheque was to be cashed, it would mean that Carlton-on Trent would be in credit with the audit office. This was agreed by those present and a new cheque issued for £57.50. Proposed by Mr T Cooper and seconded by Mrs J Clark.

**8. Planning Matters**

Decisions made

Householder application for the alteration of an existing window to form a new door opening on the front elevation- 2 Park Farm, Main Street- APPROVED

Householder application for the erection of a boundary wall- The Coach House, Main Street- APPROVED.

Decisions to discuss

No decision to discuss

No other planning matters.

**9. Items to include on the next agenda.**

Matters arising.

**10. Any other business**

Snow Warden.

The Resilience wardens/flood wardens state that the resilience role also covers adverse weather issues such as snow and there are items of equipment in the resilience store such as shovels. The Council are also gritting the corners in the village that require additional attention. There is also a grit box on Castle Hill, although with the grit shortage, most villages have had problems over the last 1-2 weeks.

Spittle Bridge

The bridge has a bollard which has been knocked over and requires reporting. This bollard appears to have a light which shines into the middle of the road. The Clerk will report the dysfunctional bollard and light.

**11. Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting is to be February 25<sup>th</sup> 2010 commencing at 7.30pm. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.50.