

Carlton Parish Council

Annual Report - May 2011

Carlton Parish Council holds ten meetings each year in Saint Andrew's Church. All meetings are open to the public, and are advertised on the parish notice board, in Carlton News, and on the Parish Council's website—leicestershireparishcouncils.org/carlton



Judith Boston
64 Main St
291880

Stuart Tupling
Bufton Lodge, Barton Rd
290301

Robert Moseley (Chairman)
Stud Farm House, Shackerstone Walk
293287

Bill Sharp
34 Main St
290105

Bob Edmunds
Manor House Farm, 45 Main St
290317

Chairman's Report 2010-11

Councillor changes

I would like to welcome Stuart Tupling, our new Parish Councillor. Stuart is a chartered surveyor, and has already done some good work behind the scenes on the affordable housing project. We hope his skills will complement the team. I would like to thank Duncan Frazer for his work for the community, and I know he continues to be very supportive of our efforts.

I would like to congratulate Tina Chastney on becoming our new Borough Councillor, and thank Rita Aldridge, our former Borough Councillor, for her efforts on behalf of Carlton and the rural parishes, and close liaison with our parish council.

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Clerk to Carlton Parish Council

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Routine business

The council met 10 times last year, and Councillor attendance was: Sharp 9, Boston 9, Edmunds 6, Frazer 6, Moseley 8, Clerk 10. 12 representatives of other organisations attended meetings, as did 16 parishioners. The PC was represented at 9 meetings of other bodies. The PC considered 16 planning applications during the year.

Carlton Green

The new Glebe Farm Green has been kerbed, together with the northern part of the West Green, and the private access drive to Stud Farm has been concreted by the residents. With the help of County Highways, a spring in the Glebe Farm Green has been piped, and with generous donations of topsoil, the use of farm equipment, and much time by volunteers the land has been levelled up and sown with grass. A report on this project is being prepared: most of the work will be funded by s106 grants.

Public footpaths

The footpaths on the Carlton side of Barton in the Beans are to be improved and opened up after being blocked and unofficially diverted in some places. A formal diversion and path creation order will be made later this year, and will create a new east-west link through land half way between the two villages, and make it easier to follow the paths onto Main Street Barton and to walk along the southern side of Barton village. Guided walks will be arranged when the necessary works have been completed. New kissing gates have already been installed on the path from Main Street Carlton through Manor House Farm.

Affordable housing

After almost a year of stagnation due to the financial crisis, the Affordable Housing Project has advanced slightly. The scheme has been included in the forward programme of Nottingham Community Housing Association, and a bid for funding has been submitted to the Homes & Communities Agency. We hope to hear the outcome of this bid in July. I would like to thank the landowners for their support and forbearance.

Cemetery

The Cemetery fence was moved back last year, bringing all of the second area of grave spaces into commission. Levelling work will be carried out by volunteers over the next year or so.

Parish Plan

The Carlton Parish Plan Group has been formed, and is preparing a questionnaire which will be issued to every parishioner in the autumn. Surveys were carried out in 1991 and 2001 and the results have underpinned many projects. When funding is tight, it is essential to be able to point to repeated surveys such as this as evidence of need and public support for projects.

Kiosk

The former BT telephone kiosk has been bought and repainted, and now houses the Community Defibrillator – part of a new initiative by a group of volunteers to improve local knowledge of resuscitation techniques, and to be available to the community and support team in case of emergency.

Speeding traffic

Vehicle speeds were checked outside the church, and most vehicles were found to be obeying the 30 mph speed limit. The Police continue to carry out random speed checks in and around Carlton.

Youth Club

The Youth Club continues to be successful and well attended thanks to Sebastien Maynard and his team, and the Carlton Youth Champions. We welcome Rosi Yule as a new Youth Champion.

Marina

Although not in our parish, the proposed Market Bosworth marina will bring a bus waiting bay and an improved junction between Carlton Lane and the Wellesborough Rd. It is regrettable that Sunday bus services may be withdrawn just as a new visitor destination is being planned.

Quality status

The PC has decided to apply for quality status, because of increased competition for grant funding and emerging legislation which may grant increased powers to Quality Councils. This has meant a complete review of all operations, and the results are evident in the minutes and in the PC's website. It also required our Clerk to become qualified, and not only did Chris complete his portfolio of evidence for the Certificate in Local Council Administration in six months, but was awarded a distinction.

Bill Sharp

Financial summary for 2010-11

RECURRENT PAYMENTS		£
Cemetery & churchyard maintenance		1214
Carlton Green maintenance		338
Little Lane & RoW maintenance		51
Insurance		423
Clerk's salary		840
Clerk's expenses		513
Audit (internal & external)		120
Annual subscriptions		216
Room hires		150
Stationery / administration / sundries		267
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NON-RECURRENT PAYMENTS		
Donations (First Responders & Horticultural Show)		120
Carlton Green improvements		5810
Telephone kiosk refurbishment		139
Carlton Parish Plan Group		100
Total VAT on payments		1109
RECEIPTS		
Precept on H&BBC	5500	
Bank interest	198	
Cemetery fees/income	1100	
Rents	1	
Grants	540	
VAT refunds	1211	
Total receipts	8550	
Brought forward at start of financial year	33114	
Total of receipts and balances	41664	
Total payments		11424
END OF YEAR BALANCE		30240

The figures above have been rounded, and in some cases simplified: the full version can be found on the PC's website as Report 2011-08, and I am happy to answer any questions about the accounts generally. The improvements to Carlton Green will be partly funded by s106 grants, but the money will not be received until later in 2011. The PC also runs four earmarked funds, which are not included in the figures above—one is the Parish Amenities Fund which is supported by public donations and which pays for things like Carlton News. Details of these funds can be found in Report 2011-10.

Chris Peat (Responsible Financial Officer)