

CARLTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at Saint Andrews Church, Main Street, Carlton at 1930 hrs on Wednesday 9th February 2011

Present: R H Edmunds (Vice Chairman), D J Frazer, R G Moseley (Councillors), I D Ould (County Councillor), E Smithard (Project Manager, NCHA), M Price (Architect, NCHA), 6 members of the public, C J Peat (Clerk).

1. Apologies for absence from Councillors

It was resolved that apologies from Cllrs Boston and Sharp be accepted.

2. Personal or prejudicial declarations of interest in respect of items on the agenda

None were declared.

3. Minutes of the meeting of 12th January 2011

It was resolved that the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

4. Report on the Affordable Housing Project

Mrs E Smithard (Project Manager, NCHA) reported on the current position. The HCA prospectus (scheduled for January) had still not been published, and the financial viability of the project could not be assessed without this information. The problem was not simply that funding had been cut, but that the whole system of financial support was being changed. The Carlton scheme was a priority for both NCHA and H&BBC and would be funded if at all possible; a range of options for reducing the cost of the scheme had been investigated; the layout, plans and specifications would be revised when the financial constraints were known. Mrs Smithard and Mr Price responded to questions, but could not give firm answers. The mood of the meeting was of frustration.

Mrs Smithard had prepared a written report, and proposed to expand this to take account of the questions raised. It was agreed that this report be included with the minutes as Report 2011-04. Mrs Smithard and Mr Price were thanked for attending the meeting and left at this point. Four members of the public also left the meeting at this point.

5. Matters arising from the minutes

a) Parish Council's website

The site administrator had improved the layout and functionality of the website since the last meeting (p.1352/12 refers). It was agreed that the layout was now acceptable, but could be further improved by (i) eliminating the duplication between *Burials/Cemeteries*, and *Councillors/Parish Councillors*; and (ii) by deleting the current *Policy documents* page and transferring the contents to the new *Council information* and *Access to information* service pages.

6. Reports from members of other public authorities

a) Leicestershire County Council: Cllr I D Ould

Cllr Ould reported on current LCC business relevant to Carlton.

b) Leicestershire Constabulary

PBO D Riley reported that during January there had been two crimes in the parish - one farm outbuilding had been entered, but nothing stolen; one car rear number plate had been stolen.

7. Planning matters

a) Leicestershire and Leicester Waste Development Framework: Site Allocations Policies DPD

It was resolved that this document be noted.

b) Comments on planning applications submitted and applications determined

2011/C421/04 Proposed 150 berth marina with vehicular and waterway access, and ancillary development including landscaping, drainage and car parking. Land at Wellsborough Road, Market Bosworth.

The application was displayed at the meeting, and was being circulated to Councillors.

8. Correspondence

Bosworth Community Forum. It was resolved that the Clerk represent the PC at the next meeting on Tuesday 8th March 2011, 1900hrs, at Market Bosworth High School & Community College

Ashby Canal Landscape Partnership. It was resolved that the Clerk represent the PC at a meeting at Florence House at 1430 hrs on 15th March.

Election. H&BBC had informed that the last date for (a) posting the notice of election was 25th March, (b) receipt of nominations 1200 hrs on 4th April; (c) publishing notice of poll 21st April; (d) polling day 0700-2200 hrs 5th May.

Audit. Draft text of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2011 had been published for consultation by DCLG. The only significant changes affecting the PC would be dropping the requirement to carry out an annual review of the effectiveness of internal audit (though an annual review of internal control systems would still be mandatory) and a requirement to 'use best endeavours' to advertise the audit.

Parking. PPG13 had been changed. The requirement to set "maximum" parking standards for new residential development had been deleted. The LPA would still need to set parking standards, but would determine what the standard should be in view of local circumstances. Similarly, the reference to using parking charges to encourage the use of alternative transport modes had also been deleted, and it was now up to the local authority to decide what its parking charges should be.

Localism Bill and Neighbourhood Development Plans. H&BBC was prepared to collaborate with a PC to pilot an NDP under the Vanguard scheme, or to form a small working group to understand the Localism Bill and associated regulations as they appear. At this stage, these initiatives would be appropriate for larger parishes with development pressures and housing allocations under the LDF Core Strategy. **It was resolved** that the PC would not ask to be considered for these initiatives.

Green Spaces. LCC was carrying out an online consultation on valued green spaces, related to the government proposal to introduce a new land designation (p.1350/10 refers). **It was agreed** that the PC's response to the OSS be copied to LCC, and that Councillors and parishioners be invited to take part.

Village Voice had been received, through new membership of RCC.

It was resolved that a list of digital communications and reports received be copied to each Councillor, and that copies be forwarded on request.

It was resolved that additional written documentation be circulated.

9. Report of meeting attended: LRALC

The Clerk had represented the PC at an LRALC Branch meeting at Desford on 13th January, at which Mr A Roberts (LRALC Secretary) had chaired a discussion of the Localism Bill 2011 and associated issues.

10. Matters for report and questions and comments from the public

Cllr Frazer **was thanked** for the donation of a Brother LC1100HY A3 printer/scanner/copier (p.1347/15a refers). **It was agreed** that the Canon Pixma MP500 A4 printer/scanner/copier be donated to Cllr Frazer when the current stock of ink had been exhausted.

The Clerk **was thanked** for using soil from recent graves to level part of the Cemetery field. **It was agreed** that the area to the west of grave spaces 88-95 be levelled, working from south to north, and that a heap of topsoil be maintained in the south western corner of this area for levelling up graves and other surface hollows.

The public meeting to inaugurate the Parish Plan had been arranged for 15th February in St Andrew's Church at 1930 hrs. The meeting would be chaired by Jane Reed, RCC Community Co-ordinator.

The Clerk reported that Leicestershire Walking Week (4-12 June 2011) would take a different form, with around a dozen flagship walks intended to encourage participants to join local rambling groups which organised regular walks. The emphasis would be on making a commitment to taking regular exercise rather than simply a one-week programme of walks. The CFG did not plan to participate in this event, but did plan to arrange local walks in connection with the new S68-69 link path and associated improvements.

The Clerk had heard that Burbage PC had bought a VAS with memory, and that this equipment might be made available for hire. **It was agreed** that further inquiries be made.

On 7th Feb a parishioner had reported that Little Lane was obstructed by branches. Dead wood which had been stacked and left for beetles had been found strewn all over the footpath, possibly by recent strong gales. The path had been cleared and the brash re-stacked.

11. Next meeting

It was resolved that the next meeting be held at 1930 hrs on Wednesday 9th March 2010 at Saint Andrews Church, Main Street, Carlton.

The meeting closed at 2035 hrs.

Signed _____ **Date** _____

Abbreviations used in these minutes

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| CFG | Carlton Footpath Group |
| DPD | Development Plan Document |
| HCA | Homes and Communities Agency |
| H&BBC | Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council |
| LCC | Leicestershire County Council |
| LDF | Local Development Framework |
| NCHA | Nottingham Community Housing Association |
| NDP | Neighbourhood Development Plan |
| OSS | Open Spaces Society |
| PC | Parish Council |
| VAS | Vehicle Activated Sign |