

CARLTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at Saint Andrews Church, Main Street, Carlton at 1930 hrs on Wednesday 8th June 2011

Present: R G Moseley (Chairman), J H Boston, R H Edmunds, W R Sharp, S G Tupling (Councillors), I D Ould (County Councillor), T Chastney (Borough Councillor), C J Peat (Clerk).

1. Apologies for absence from Councillors

There were none.

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

None were declared.

3. Minutes of the meeting of 11th May 2011

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

4. Reports from members of other public authorities

a) Leicestershire County Council

Cllr I D Ould reported on his current case load, with particular reference to local issues: the proposed MIRA Technology Park (planning application 11/00360/OUT), Fenny Drayton composting site (application submitted), Market Bosworth Marina, Market Bosworth Country Park, and individual constituent problems.

b) Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council

Cllr T Chastney was welcomed and introduced by the Chairman, who summarised the PC's current programme and plans. Cllr Chastney outlined her background, and planned to liaise closely with local communities. Cllr Chastney had not yet attended a full meeting of H&BBC, but had accompanied Cllr Ould on some fact-finding visits in the area.

Cllr Chastney and Cllr Ould left the meeting at this point.

c) Leicestershire Constabulary

PBO D Riley had sent a written report: there had been no reported crime in Carlton during May.

5. Horse chestnut tree in the churchyard: Report 2011-14

The horse chestnut tree in the churchyard (*Aesculus hippocastanum*) had been surveyed, and the report copied to Councillors and the PC's insurers (p.1358/6 refers). The report had recommended (i) initial tree surgery to lighten and raise the crown; (ii) that the soil mounded around the trunk be removed to initial ground level; and (iii) that the extent of internal decay at ground level be assessed by a specialist Arboricultural Consultant using a Sonic Tomograph.

The Tree Warden **was thanked** for removing the mound of soil from around the base of the tree, and exposing 300mm of the trunk. It was not clear whether this represented the original ground level.

Verbal estimates had been obtained from two specialist arboricultural consultants. Consultant A had quoted £275 for a sonic tomograph survey; consultant B had quoted £325 for a resistograph survey.

It was resolved that Consultant A be invited to carry out a sonic tomograph survey.

Five local arboricultural contractors had been invited to quote for the recommended tree surgery. Only two had responded. Contractor A had quoted £145; contractor B had quoted £350.

It was resolved that if the tomograph survey showed that the tree was sound and did not need to be felled, then contractor A be asked to carry out the recommended tree surgery.

6. Bosworth Area Community Safety Forum

It was noted that Mr C Lilley had resigned as PC representative on the Community Safety Forum (p.1262/4c refers), and **agreed** that no replacement be appointed for the time being.

7. Annual Report for 2010-11

A draft had been copied to Councillors before the meeting and **was approved** for printing and circulation with the next issue of Carlton News.

8. Planning applications submitted and determined

11/00370/CONDIT Variation of condition number 3 of previous permission 98/00641/FUL to allow use of garages for business. 36 Main St. PC had no objection.

9. Correspondence

Footpath creation (S90), and diversion orders (S69, S87, S90) had been made by LCC and advertised on the parish noticeboard; the Clerk had written an explanatory article for Carlton News. **It was resolved** that LCC be advised that the notice had been displayed on the parish noticeboard, and that the proposals were strongly supported by the PC.

Hinckley & Bosworth Parishes Forum on 16th June at the Atkins Building, Hinckley at 1800hrs. **Resolved** that the PC be represented by the Clerk.

Bosworth Community Forum on 30th June at Newbold Verdon Community Primary School at 1800hrs would be attended by the Chairman, Cllr Tupling and the Clerk (p.1365.16 refers).

Affordable Rural Housing Workshop on 12th July at H&BBC at 1830hrs. **Resolved** that the PC be represented by Cllr Sharp and the Clerk.

COU from commercial to residential. DCLG consultation proposing that COU from Class B to Class C be permitted development. The potential impact of this change on rural communities was discussed. **It was resolved** that the views of H&BBC Planners be sought; that draft comments be copied to Councillors; and that a final response be submitted by the Chairman and Clerk and copied to LRALC.

Children's Congenital Cardiac Services. NHS review and consultation. After consideration of s6 of the document, **it was resolved** that Option A, which included Glenfield Hospital as a Specialist Surgical Centre, be supported.

Carlton Green. Application had been made for s106 Developer Contributions.

Equality Act 2010. Clerk had requested clarification of the publication requirements for small PCs.

Leics & Leicester Waste Development Framework had been submitted to the Secretary of State for examination.

Leics & Rutland PFA sent annual report and additional information.

It was resolved that additional written documentation be circulated, and that a list of digital communications and reports received be copied to each Councillor so that copies of these files could be forwarded on request.

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

The PC's grounds maintenance contractor **was thanked** for turfing most of the Glebe Farm Green free of charge using surplus turf removed as part of another project.

The Clerk and Mr Pointon had attended a site meeting with design engineers for the Affordable Housing Project to investigate surface water drainage. Cllr Edmunds had kindly permitted the engineers access to his land to look for a drainage pipe. It had been found that LCC Highways had modified the surface water drains on Barton Road, and installed new inspection chambers. The Clerk had submitted a plan and written questions about the pipe infalls, outfalls, and road crossings. The deep ditch along the northern side of the Fern Lea site had been partially piped, and a new inspection chamber installed in the highway verge by the developer. Landowners had granted the Clerk access to their land, and further investigations would be carried out.

The Clerk had met with the H&BBC Housing Strategy & Enabling Officer and the Rural Housing Enabler to discuss the Parish Plan questionnaire. The housing questions had been revised, and were now appropriate for the assessment of need for both affordable housing and open market housing in respect of the Borough Council's local choice, rural needs and affordable housing policies.

The Clerk reported that the work of the Parish Plan Group was proceeding on schedule. The adult questionnaire was almost ready for consultation and the Young Person's questionnaire was under development.

Mr B Oakley **was thanked** for removing brambles from a holly tree in the SW corner of the churchyard. The Tree Warden **was thanked** for cutting back shrubs in the SW corner of the churchyard, and Cllr Sharp **was thanked** for disposing of the brush. Cllr Edmunds **was thanked** for donating railway sleepers to make a neat container for topsoil in the Cemetery.

The Clerk had received general complaints about the amount of dog fouling in and around the village. The area around Carlton Green and through Little Lane had been inspected on 6th June. No dog fouling had been found on Carlton Green, Little Lane or the highway verge between Old School Cottage and Carlton Grange. Three minor traces of dog fouling had been noted on public footpaths to the north and west of Carlton Grange.

The Parish Plan Group had come up with the idea of creating a Carlton e-mail information exchange group. This had been started in an informal way by Mrs R Yule, who had been passing on information and requests for advice using the oil syndicate mailing list. Mrs Yule had volunteered to develop this project.

Consent had been granted for the erection of monolith-style memorials to Maurice Jones and William Henry Faulknall.

11. Next meeting

It was resolved that the next meeting be held at 1930 hrs on Wednesday 27th July 2011 at Saint Andrews Church, Main Street, Carlton.

The meeting closed at 2115 hrs.

Signed _____ **Date** _____

Abbreviations used in these minutes

COU	Change of use
DCLG	Department for Communities and Local Government
H&BBC	Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council
LCC	Leicestershire County Council
LRALC	Leicestershire and Rutland Association of Local Councils
NCHA	Nottingham Community Housing Association
PC	Parish Council