

CARLTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at Saint Andrews Church, Main Street, Carlton at 1930 hrs
on Wednesday 14th September 2011

Present: R H Edmunds (Chairman), J H Boston, J D Finch, 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 27th July 2011

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

4. Co-option of Councillor

The vacancy had been advertised for the statutory 14 days, and a poll had not been claimed (p.1370/1refers).

It was resolved that Mrs Julie Denise Finch be co-opted as a member of the Council.

Mrs Finch was welcomed by the Chairman. Cllr Finch signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office and new entry for the Register of Member's Interests. All Councillors signed a new bank mandate form.

5. Matters arising from the minutes

a) Vetting of prospective Councillors

It was resolved that no formal vetting of prospective parish councillors would be carried out by the PC.

b) Proposed PC website

The domain name *carltonpc.co.uk* had been registered and a 12-month agreement made with an internet services provider (*landl*). A draft homepage had been made up and **was approved** (p.1370-1/9 refer).

It was resolved that LCC Community ICT Team be advised that the PC rejects the proposed charging regime.

6. Reports from members of other public authorities

a) Leicestershire County Council

Cllr I D Ould reported on current business. Recent surveys had shown that rural dwellers received fewer services than urban dwellers for the same level of council tax. Budget cuts were still being worked through by LCC, and further cuts were likely in non-statutory functions. Improvements were planned for the Wellsborough Road / A444 junction.

b) Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council

Cllr T Chastney reported on current business. The Borough Council planned to lease the whole of the new Hinckley Hub building, and sub-let spare space. The existing council offices in Argents Mead would be demolished and the land used as public open space. The blue recycling bins would be made available to all residents free of charge during 2012, with a choice of sizes and designs.

c) Leicestershire Constabulary

PBO D Riley advised that there had been no reported crime in Carlton during July or August.

7. Report 2011-19 on training policy

It was resolved that Report 2011-19 on Training Policy be approved.

8. Celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee

It was understood that there were proposals to organise some kind of social event over the official celebratory bank holiday weekend of 3-5th June.

It was resolved that the occupiers of 59 and 61 Main St be asked whether they would have any objection to the planting of an appropriate street tree in the highway verge outside their homes.

9. Planning matters**a) Planning applications submitted and determined**

There were none.

b) Workshop on the National Planning Policy Framework

It was resolved that the PC be represented by the Clerk at the H&BBC Interactive Workshop on the National Planning Policy Framework on 22nd Sept 1600-1800 hrs in the Atkins Building.

10. Correspondence

Youth Mobile. Mrs R Yule (Youth Champion) had asked Mr S Cross (LCC Youth Work Manager) when the Youth Mobile would next attend at Carlton, as the new school year had commenced. Mr Cross had replied that the Youth Service had restructured, was beginning work on needs identification, and did not yet know if or when the mobile would visit Carlton. There had been no prior consultation or notification of these changes. This matter was referred to Cllr Ould who undertook to investigate and report back as soon as possible. **It was resolved** that every effort be made to secure continued provision of the Mobile Youth Club.

New Homes Bonus/Community Initiatives Fund. **It was resolved** that the Clerk represent the PC at a H&BBC Parish Forum meeting in the Atkins Building at 1800 hrs on 15th Sept.

Leics Record Office acknowledged receipt of PC Minutes for 2010, which had been accessioned as DE 8177.

DEFRA consultation on the registration of new village greens. **It was resolved** that a draft response be copied to Councillors, and a final version be submitted by the Chairman and Clerk.

RCC sent ballot paper for election of 5 trustees, and the casting of the PC's votes **was agreed**.

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.

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

Mr D A Price **was thanked** for levelling up and seeding four graves in the Cemetery (Report 2011-18 refers).

The Chairman had received a complaint that a combine harvester had driven across the verge fronting a house in the narrow part of Main Street near the church. No damage had been caused. **It was agreed** that no action be taken.

The annual Carlton Church Fete had been held on Carlton Green, and also on Glebe Farm Green for the first time. An article about this project had been drafted for the Borough Bulletin, and **was approved** (Report 2011-15 refers). **It was noted** that the Fete had taken £2277.98 on the day, though some expenses had still to be paid. Cllr Tupling drew attention to the effort required to erect the marquees, and suggested that they might be used to accommodate additional events before or after the fete. **It was agreed** that this idea be put forward for consideration at the next meeting of the Fete Committee.

Draft documentation for the proposed application for Quality Status was in circulation and was tabled and discussed. **It was agreed** that the draft be revised to take account of Councillors comments, reviewed with Officers of LRALC, and the final version be signed by the Chairman and submitted unless major revisions were required.

Clr Sharp reported on the annual Horticultural Show: the event had worked well, although it had not made a profit. There were 28 classes, and 74 entries @ 50p. A first prize of £2 was awarded to the winners of 25 classes, the other three had no entries, or were disqualified. The judges were given a gift voucher for £20. Over 100 visitors came to see the show and donations of £17.63p were received on the day.

Statement of account:

Receipts		Payments	
Donation from PC	20.00	Printing schedules	18.00
Entry fees	37.00	Prize money	50.00
<u>Donations</u>	<u>17.63</u>	<u>Voucher for judges</u>	<u>20.00</u>
Totals	74.63		88.00

Mr & Mrs Sharp **were thanked** for making up the difference of £13.37.

The Clerk reported that The Gate Hangs Well had been bought by a syndicate of three local people, who planned to refurbish it and continue to run it as a public house.

Main Street, Shackerstone Walk and part of Congerstone Lane had received a top dressing in August.

The Clerk reported that the Woodland Trust's flagship Diamond Jubilee Wood was to be created in the National Forest on 460 acres of land between Ravenstone, Normanton le Heath and Heather.

11. Next meeting

It was resolved that the next meeting be held at 1930 hrs on Wednesday 12th October 2011 at Saint Andrews Church, Main Street, Carlton.

The meeting closed at 2125 hrs.

Signed _____ **Date** _____

Abbreviations used in these minutes

DEFRA	Department for the Environment, Food & Rural Affairs
H&BBC	Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council
LCC	Leicestershire County Council
LRALC	Leicestershire and Rutland Association of Local Councils
PC	Parish Council
RCC	Rural Community Council