

Carlton Parish Council

Annual Report - May 2012

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—www.carltonpc.co.uk



Bill Sharp
34 Main St
290105

Judith Boston
64 Main St
291880

Bob Edmunds
Manor House Farm, 45 Main St
290317

Julie Finch
Tulip House, Barton Rd
07879 - 448487

Stuart Tupling (Chairman)
Bufton Lodge, Barton Rd
290301

Chairman's Report 2011-12

Council

I am very pleased to report that Carlton Parish Council was awarded Quality status on 25th January 2012 (QC ID Number QC-01-12-00847). There are about 9,000 parish councils in England, of which only 698 have been awarded Quality status. Carlton is the smallest parish council in Leicestershire to achieve this standard.

I was elected to the Parish only a year ago when Robert Moseley began the year as Chairman, resigning shortly afterwards for personal reasons. Bob Edmunds stepped in at short notice and I would like to thank him for his work as Chairman from July 2011 to March 2012 and welcome Julie Finch who was co-opted to the Council in September 2011.

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Clerk to Carlton Parish Council

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Carlton Parish Council held 10 meetings last year. Attendance was: Tupling 9; Boston 10; Edmunds 8; Finch 6; Moseley 2; Sharp 10; Clerk 10. Nine representatives of other organisations attended meetings, as did six parishioners. The PC was represented at 7 meetings of other bodies. The PC considered 13 planning applications.

Carlton Affordable Housing Project

Progress on this development with Nottingham Housing association is still rather slow. The initial bid for funding in July 2011, mentioned in last year's report, was unsuccessful as was the subsequent bid to the LCC New Homes Bonus Fund in October. After an exhaustive vetting process, the Homes & Communities Agency has confirmed that the PC is a Community-led Organisation and a bid has been submitted for this funding stream. We are still awaiting the outcome.

A two-day public consultation event was held in the church in February was attended by 85 local people and some interviews were broadcast later by radio Leicester. The verbal and written comments made have been carefully considered, and detailed plans are being prepared. This project has required many meetings, site visits and investigations, and the preparation of a series of reports and documents.

If successful, this project will provide 11 affordable homes, improvements to a dangerous corner on Nailstone Road, and a new path between Barton Road and Nailstone Road through a Jubilee Orchard.

Public footpaths

Diversion Orders were implemented and physical improvement works carried out on public footpaths S69 and S87 at Barton in the Beans by the County Council. These paths are now fully open and are very well used. Stiles between Carlton and the improvement area were also replaced by kissing gates, funded by the Barton & Carlton Residents Action Group and small grants from Shackerstone PC and Carlton PC.

A Creation Order was also made for the extension to footpath S90, which was formally opened by the landowner at a public ceremony organised by the PC. This event attracted widespread publicity, and we thank Tania Sharp for baking a special cake, and John Piggon, Bill Sharp and Chris Peat for leading a series of guided walks.

The PC made three applications for further footpath improvement works, of which one was successful. A grant of £1,000 from the Leicestershire & Rutland Foundation, with £250 from the PC and matching funding from the County Council has allowed stiles on footpath S51 to be replaced with kissing gates, improving access from the eastern end of Carlton to the valley of the Stony Brook.

Carlton Parish Plan Group

The Carlton Parish Plan Group has canvassed the views of parishioners, achieving response rates of 88% and 86% for adults and young people respectively. The final report is in preparation and will be published later this year.

Allotments

Provisional findings from the Parish Survey have revealed a higher demand than envisaged and we therefore need to source additional suitable land within the parish.

Chestnut tree

The horse chestnut tree in the churchyard was surveyed, and minor tree surgery carried out. The tree is old and has a small amount of heart rot, but is considered structurally sound. The PC intends to retain this tree for as long as possible because of its visual impact in this part of Main Street.

Youth Club

The Youth Club has closed down after three years, and we thank the County Council, Youth Workers and Youth Champions, particularly Rosi Yule, for their work and support.

It may be possible to set up a new youth club in Congerstone Village Hall – comments and volunteers have been solicited in the current issue of Carlton News.

Glebe Farm Green

The grass seed sown on the new Glebe Farm Green did not germinate very well because of the dry weather, and it was eventually partially turfed by David Sansom and the remainder re-seeded by the Clerk. The grass is now well established and the Glebe Farm Green looks as though it has always been there.

Marina

Bosworth Marina has finally been approved. Survey teams have been seen on the site, so the project may be going ahead. If it does it will deliver a bus turning and waiting bay on Carlton Road and an improved junction between Carlton Road and Wellesborough Rd.

Website

A new website was created for the PC by Les Johns to our own specification, and is now fully functional. Visit us on www.carltonpc.co.uk

Thanks to

Internal auditor, Carlton News, Carlton Footpath Group, Carlton Neighbourhood Watch Group, Keep Carlton Tidy Group, Carlton Youth Champions, Heritage and Tree Warden, Ashby Canal Project, Borough Councillor Tina Chastney, County Councillor Ivan Ould, our local Policemen – Dave Riley and Phil Hale.

Finally my thanks go to the army of volunteers who have given their time, expertise and equipment to make many of these projects and the smooth running of the Parish possible.

Financial summary for 2011-12

RECURRENT PAYMENTS	£
Cemetery & churchyard maintenance	1035
Carlton Green maintenance	307
Little Lane & public footpath maintenance	40
Insurance	400
Clerk's salary	840
Clerk's expenses	517
Audit (internal & external)	165
Annual subscriptions	245
Room hires	210
Defibrillator kiosk	20
Stationery / administration / sundries / website	126
NON-RECURRENT PAYMENTS	
Donations (First Responders & Horticultural Show)	130
Public footpaths - replacement of stiles by kissing gates	1350
Churchyard tree works	490
Carlton Parish Plan Group	200
Elections	115
Total VAT on payments	482
RECEIPTS	£
Precept on H&BBC	5600
Bank interest	152
Cemetery fees/income	400
Rents	1
Grants	4885
<u>New homes bonus funding</u>	<u>1077</u>
Total receipts	12115
Brought forward at start of financial year	30270
Total of receipts and balances	42385
<u>Total payments</u>	<u>6672</u>
END OF YEAR BALANCE	35713

The figures above have been rounded, and in some cases simplified: more detail can be found in Report 2012-05 on the PC's website. Grant income received was partly paid in arrears for works on Glebe Farm Green in 2010, and partly for new kissing gates 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 2012-06. I am happy to answer any questions about the accounts generally.

Chris Peat (Responsible Financial Officer)