

# CARLTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Presentation

The meeting was preceded by the presentation of a Certificate confirming the award of Quality Status (QC-01-12-00847) to Carlton Parish Council by the National Stakeholders, together with a Charter between Leicestershire District Councils and Quality Local Councils. The presentation was made by Mr Jake Atkinson, Chief Officer of the Leicestershire & Rutland Association of Local Councils to the Vice Chairman, Cllr Judith Boston. Mr Atkinson congratulated the PC on the strength of their submission, which had been highly commended by the assessment panel. There were about 9,000 parish councils in England, of which 698 had achieved Quality status. Carlton was the smallest local council in Leicestershire to receive this award.

The Vice Chairman accepted the award with thanks, observing that it was very encouraging for Councillors and the Clerk to have confirmation through peer review that the Council was being effectively and properly managed. The decision to work towards this award had been made in February 2010 (p.1302/4&5, 1360/14, 1385/11 refer), so the process had required steady commitment over almost two years. The PC had major projects coming up, and this award was not only a confidence boost, but should help in obtaining funding and creating and developing working partnerships.

### **Minutes of a meeting held at Saint Andrews Church, Main Street, Carlton at 1945 hrs on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2012**

**Present:** J H Boston (Vice Chairman), J D Finch, W R Sharp, S G Tupling (Councillors), I D Ould (County Councillor), J Atkinson (Chief Officer, LRALC), 1 parishioner, C J Peat (Clerk).

#### **1. Apologies for absence from Councillors**

It was resolved that an apology from Cllr Edmunds 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 11<sup>th</sup> January 2012**

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

#### **4. Matters arising from the minutes**

##### **a) Carlton Charity Land**

The current Secretary to the Trustees had been asked to provide information on the current Trustees, their terms of office, and current policies (Report 2011-09 refers). No response had been received. **It was resolved** that this item be deferred to the next meeting, and that further inquiries be made in the meantime.

#### **5. Reports from members of other public authorities**

##### **a) Leicestershire County Council**

Cllr Ould reported on current Cabinet business and local matters of general interest. Investigations were continuing into the closure of footpath S68 at Shackerstone Station. Cllr Ould left the meeting at this point.

##### **b) Leicestershire Constabulary**

PBO D Riley had submitted a written report. There had been no recorded crime in Carlton during January.

## **6. Planting of street tree to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee**

**It was resolved** that a single specimen of *Crataegus phaenopyrum* (Washington thorn) be planted on the highway verge in front of 53 Main St, subject to the agreement of the occupier of this property and the issue of a planting licence by LCC Highways.

## **7. Planning matters**

### **a) Planning applications submitted and determined**

There were none.

### **b) H&BBC LDF Site Allocations DPD consultation**

A draft response had been circulated for comment and **it was resolved** that a final version be submitted by the Chairman and Clerk.

## **8. Correspondence**

**Footpath S48 (part) Diversion Order.** **Resolved** that the PC support the proposal, note that site is in Parish of Market Bosworth and copy letter to Mkt Bosworth PC, note PC's project to replace stiles with kissing gates on S51 which connects to this path.

**Crimestoppers** requested donation. **It was resolved** that no donation be made on the grounds that this application did not meet the criteria of the Grant Awarding Policy.

**Register of Electors** had been kindly provided by H&BBC.

**New Homes Bonus Funding.** H&BBC had decided to remit 25% of New Homes Bonus Funding direct to each PC on the basis of the number of occupied new homes (ie registered to pay Council Tax) in each year (p.1378/12 refers). The PC had received £1,076.85 in respect of 2010-11, and would receive £1,076.85 in respect of 2011-12 at the start of the new financial year.

**H&BBC Planning.** The PC had been registered with the upgraded Consultee Access system for on-line planning.

**Bosworth Community Forum** advised of next meeting on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March, 7 - 9 pm, at Bosworth Community College, Desford.

**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. Reports of meeting attended: H&BBC Parishes Forum**

The Clerk had represented the PC at this Forum on 26<sup>th</sup> January. **It was resolved** that the minutes be copied to Councillors.

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

The Clerk reported that the PC's new website ([www.carltonpc.co.uk](http://www.carltonpc.co.uk)) was complete and fully functional. All PC information had been removed from the leicestershireparishcouncils website, except for contact information and a link to the new site (p.1370-1/9, 1373/5b refer). **It was agreed** that members would check the new site for content, format and glitches, and that the position be reviewed at the next meeting.

An open meeting to discuss Diamond Jubilee Celebrations in Carlton had been arranged for 19:30hrs on 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb at The Gate Hangs Well.

The Annual Spring Clean Litter Pick had been arranged for 10:00 hrs on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March by the KCTG.

A water supply pipe to the new house next to *Willows*, Shackerstone Walk was being laid across Carlton Green. The pipe would run at the base of the hedge along the south side of the concrete access drive, then across the drive inside the gate pillars.

Trees along Bosworth Road had been cut back by Central Networks. Some of the trees were covered by Tree Preservation Orders, but consent was not required because the work was being carried out by a statutory undertaker. The tree surgery had been carried out to a high standard.

**It was noted** that the National Forest Company would shortly begin a review of the 10-year plan, which would include consideration of the forest boundary. **It was agreed** that the PC would wish to be kept informed, and would in principle support proposals to designate the Ashby Canal Corridor as a green infrastructure link between the core area of the National Forest and the urban area of Hinckley/Coventry/Nuneaton.

**It was noted** that work was in progress on a stop lock and short length of the Ashby Canal at Snarestone, and that £1.25m would be forthcoming from the British Coal Minorca site. All necessary land was now in the ownership of LCC, and all necessary permissions were in place for the extension to Measham.

The Clerk reported that funding from the *Local Sustainable Transport Fund* was being concentrated in the Coalville/Loughborough area.

The Clerk reported that a *Paths for Communities Fund* had been launched to support RoW improvements. **It was agreed** that possible partnerships be investigated with a view to creating new linkages in the local RoW network.

Cllr Edmunds had given notice of his intention to resign from the Chair at the beginning of the next meeting.

### **11. Next meeting**

**It was resolved** that the next meeting be held at 1930 hrs on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2012 at Saint Andrews Church, Main Street, Carlton.

The meeting closed at 2043 hrs.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### **Abbreviations used in these minutes**

DPD	Development Plan Document
H&BBC	Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council
KCTG	Keep Carlton Tidy Group
LCC	Leicestershire County Council
LDF	Local Development Framework
LRALC	Leicestershire and Rutland Association of Local Councils
PAF	Parish Amenities Fund
PC	Parish Council
RoW	Public Right of Way
SPD	Supplementary Planning Document