

# Carlton Parish Plan Group

Minutes of a meeting held at Home Farm House, 7 Main St, Carlton  
at 20:00hrs on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2012.

Present: S E Frazer (Chairman), P Lockwood, C J Peat, T P Sharp,  
S G Tupling (Members).  
Apologies: C A Piggon

## **1. Minutes of the meeting of Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2012**

The minutes **were agreed** and signed by the Chairman of the meeting.

## **2. Report on delivery of the Parish Plan 2011**

One copy of the Final Report had been delivered to every household in Carlton over the last weekend in July 2012.

Hard copies had been posted to:

County Councillor Ivan Ould	Borough Councillor Tina Chastney
Borough Councillor Bill Crooks	Market Bosworth Library
Hinckley Library	Market Bosworth Parish Council
Shackerstone Parish Council	Osbaston Parish Council
Nailstone Parish Council	PCSO Mike Chapman
Market Bosworth Society	Hinckley Local History Collection
Rural Community Council	

Digital copies had been sent to:

Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council - Edwina Grant,  
Leicestershire County Council - Juan Pardo / Nicola Lees  
Rural Housing Enabler - Richard Windley  
H&BBC Housing Strategy Officer - Val Bunting  
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## **3. Public discussion meeting**

A public meeting to discuss the Final Report was held at 18:30 hrs at The Gate Hangs Well. The meeting was chaired by Sally Frazer, and attended by Rachel Brockhurst, Chris Peat, Stuart Tupling, Carol Piggon and 12 local residents.

A special cake, decorated with comments made by respondents to the questionnaire, had been baked by Tania Sharp and was cut by Sally Frazer.

The meeting was dominated by two local residents who objected strongly to the affordable housing project on the grounds that it constituted new development in open countryside, would expand the village, was not supported by a clear majority of parishioners, and constituted social engineering.

Their arguments were that the overriding objectives of the Parish Plan were “To foster and maintain the community spirit, peace and quiet, countryside setting, small size, and friendliness of Carlton”. They considered that the Affordable Housing Project would result in a loss of open countryside, an increase in the size of Carlton, and a reduction of peace and quiet through increased traffic and new residential activity.

The responses to the question about housing needs (p.12, para 2) showed that 39% of respondents thought there was a need for affordable housing, 28% a need for starter homes, 24% a need for retirement bungalows, 20% a need for family homes and 9% a need for rented accommodation. Against this, only 27% of respondents thought that no additional housing was needed. Further analysis had shown support for affordable housing across all age groups, that 16-30 year olds favoured starter homes, those over 50 favoured retirement bungalows, and that 31-50 year olds were more likely to think that no additional housing was needed.

The objectors had made the unwarranted assumption that if only 39% of respondents thought there was a need for affordable housing, 61% did not. The objectors took the view that additional public consultation and more public support were required to justify a project which they considered to be in conflict with the overriding objectives.

This very partial analysis of the figures took no account of the response to question 4.4 “Would you be in favour of a small affordable housing scheme in Carlton for local people?”. 59% of respondents (126) had been in favour, with 36% (77) against.

It was noted that the Affordable Housing Project had been developed in response to the 2001 Parish Appraisal; was based on independent surveys of housing need; had been subject to extensive public consultation since inception in December 2007; and had been generally supported by parishioners. The project was also intended to promote social inclusion, enhance community spirit, and support local people, particularly young adults, in housing need.

The Stuart Tupling and Chris Peat reported on the current position, which was that the Carlton Affordable Housing Project was now fully funded and that a full planning application had been submitted. Work on site was expected to begin in the New Year, subject to contracts and planning consent.

Other matters arising from the Final Report were considered.

The regular Monday Coffee and Chat sessions had proved successful, and would continue for the foreseeable future, though attendance was only around 12-15, compared with 45 respondents (21%) who had supported the idea.

A varied programme of local walks had been put together by the Carlton Footpath Group, in response to the 55 respondents (26%) who had expressed support for the creation of a local walking or cycling group. Attendance so far had been low and patchy, but those who had walked together had enjoyed the experience and a very informal walking group might come into being.

The footpath improvement programme was welcomed, but it was pointed out that a single difficult stile could make an improved circular route impassable. A request was made for the installation of a dog paddle at the brook crossing on footpath S68.

Two errors had been found in the Final Report:

p.12, final para. The figure of 60% was incorrect. **The actual number of those in favour was 126, or 58.60%**, which corrected to **59%**.

p.17, para 2 and chart. Speeding traffic **and parking in the road** were the only problems identified as such by a clear majority of respondents. This editorial error had come about because the figures in para 3 and chart had been corrected, but para 2 had been left unchanged.

#### **4. Final financial report**

The Treasurer presented a final statement of account:

<b>Income</b>	<b>£</b>
Allocation from Parish Council	100.00
Transfer from PC	200.00
LCC Big Society grant	200.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>500.00</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	
Copying 2001 Parish Appraisal	30.24
Envelopes	30.98
Printing Final Report	171.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>232.22</b>
<b>BALANCE TO CLOSE</b>	<b>267.78</b>
<b>EARL SHILTON BS ACCOUNT</b>	<b>40.69</b>
<b>Expenditure refunded through Clerk's expenses</b>	<b>40.40</b>
Direct project costs incurred	272.62
Subtract grant received	200.00
Subtract balance from ESBS (2001 CPAT)	40.69
<b>Real cost of project to Parish Council</b>	<b>31.93</b>
<b>Estimated value of volunteer input</b>	<b>Hrs</b>
Meetings held	143
Delivery of questionnaires	4
Collection of questionnaires	30
Data entry	60
Data analysis and report preparation	20
<b>Total estimated volunteer hours</b>	<b>257</b>
<b>Value of volunteer time at £5 / hr</b>	<b>£1285</b>

**It was resolved** that the final statement of account be approved, and that the Earl Shilton Building Society account be closed as soon as possible.

#### **5. Final report to Carlton Parish Council**

A draft document had been copied to members before the meeting, and additions and revisions were discussed. **It was resolved** that an amended version be copied to members for final approval before submission to the November meeting of the PC.

#### **6. Dissolution of the Carlton Parish Plan Group 2011**

**It was resolved** that the project allotted to the CPPG had been completed, and that Carlton PC be invited to dissolve the Group.

The Chairman thanked Chris and Irene Peat for their hospitality in hosting all of the meetings of the CPPG, and presented them with a bottle of wine, which was accepted with thanks.

The meeting closed at 2110 hrs.

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

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

ESBS	Earl Shilton Building Society
CPAT	Carlton Parish Appraisal Team
CPPG	Carlton Parish Plan Group
H&BBC	Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council
LCC	Leicestershire County Council
PC	Parish Council
RCC	Rural Community Council