

## PARISH MEETING OF THE PARISH OF CARLTON

### Minutes of a meeting held at the Barn, Bank Farm, and Carlton at 20:00 hrs on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2012

The meeting had been convened by N. Axelrad, E Goold, D Price, A.P.Cooper. P Oldacres, J Llewellyn who were all registered electors.

**Present:** 48 registered electors, 2 members of the public, Cllr Ivan Ould.

**Apologies:** S Tupling, J Boston, C Axtell, Mr and Mrs Spink, L Cooper, H Crane, Mr and Mrs Martin, D Scott.

1 Mr E. Goold explained that the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Parish Council had other commitments and asked if everyone present were happy for him to chair the meeting. All present assented.

2 **Minutes of the Parish Meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> October 2012** It was resolved that the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

3 It was agreed that J Axelrad would take the minutes. The Chairman thanked Cllr. Ould for attending.

4 The Chairman updated the parishioners on recent meeting with Cllr. I Ould, David Treddinnick MP and Cllr.Tina Chastney (sits on the Planning Committee). All were good informative meetings and the latter gave rise to this meeting being held. The Chairman thanked Cllr. Ould for all the help he has given in these meetings.

5 Mr R Fudge gave an update of the newly added report by the Highways Officer of Leicester CC. This was in two parts –the first part concerned sustainability e.g. bus services, ability to enjoy village facilities, ability to walk or cycle from it etc. The opinion of the Highways Officer was that this development meets none of these. The bus is only hourly and not on Sundays.

The second part of the report was on specific objections by the Highways Agency. These were numerous. The entrance was onto Nailstone Lane outside the 30 mph limit and outside the lighting boundary, and was therefore very unsafe.

Without the developers undertaking to adopt a list of changes, such as white lines, extension of lighting etc then the Director of Highways recommends refusal on the grounds of both traffic and sustainability.

6 Mr N Axelrad gave a report on the misleading of the parishioners by the Chairman of the Parish Council. An email from the Chairman was accidentally copied to Mr Axelrad, which read 'I do believe we need to be careful about releasing too much info concerning our future income from the affordable development as it would provide another stick for the rebels to use against us'. This showed that the Chairman had deliberately instructed the Parish Councillors and the Parish Clerk to hide information about the future income of the AH Project from the parishioners, as well as showing contempt for the villagers by referring to them as 'rebels'. In view of this Mr. Axelrad had tabled an agenda item at the PC Meeting of

14<sup>th</sup> November 2012 calling for the immediate resignation of the Chairman for behaving in this manner. In addition Mr Axelrad had put in a Freedom of Information Request for all the email correspondence between the Parish Councillors and the Parish Clerk over the last 6 months so the parishioners could see what else the parish councillors were saying about them.

Mr Axelrad explained that the email supposedly concerned the Chairman wishing to hide the existence of future income streams and in particular the New Homes Bonus Fund which is expected to produce £35,000 over 6 years.

**Open Discussion:**

Correspondence with the planning committee/objections needed to be submitted by the 19<sup>th</sup> November 2012.

Parish Council Meeting always open to everyone – next one is 14<sup>th</sup> November 12.

Mr Axelrad noted that at the last Parish Meeting the Chairman spent much time insisting this AH Project was NOT social housing, to much incredulity from parishioners. Yet when the plans had been submitted by NCHA it was for Social Housing; further indications of the misleading of the parishioners by the PC.

Mr Axelrad also explained about the Jubilee Orchard, which is to be landscaped and later purchased by the Parish Council. The total cost to the village including legal costs, would be around £7000 plus continuous liability in the future. These facts had not been made clear to parishioners. Mr Fudge added that without the orchard being bought, and included in the scheme, it would most likely make the scheme not financially viable.

The Chairman discussed the settlement boundary at the back of Northfield, and the fact that there would be a large strip of land between the boundary and the start of the AH Project, which was an obvious future private developer infill site. Because this is a rural exception site the rules are that the development should be within or immediately adjoining the settlement boundary. This clearly is not.

The danger of Nailstone Road and the further dangers posed by extra cars was discussed.

It was also noted that 90 metres of established hedge was to be ripped out on one side and 120 metres on the other side of the entrance to the AH Project. Also the footpath which was planned from the entrance to the site on Nailstone Road tapers to nothing and became just a grass verge.

Further discussions continued on areas of complaints to the Planning Officers, and the format of planning meetings.

Secret Ballot: All registered electors were issued with a voting slip on the question:  
Do you support the Affordable Housing Project as proposed by Carlton Parish Council?

The results were as follows: Yes 2 No 46. On this occasion there was a 96 % majority against the Affordable Housing Project as proposed by Carlton Parish Council.

Mr Axelrad then asked the Chairman if he would support calling a Parish Poll on the subject. He agreed.

Mr Axelrad then asked for electorate support for a Parish Poll and collected 15 names and addresses from villages to be passed to H&BBC.

Cllr Ould said it was important to send paper copies to the Planning Department as well as registering complaints on-line as a glitch removed many objections against the Sedgemere development on a previous occasion. He also mentioned he was still waiting for copies of any letters of opposition or support to be sent to him. It was agreed these would be sent the next day.

Cllr Ould said he deeply regretted what had happened in the village. He hoped that when this was over the village would find a way to restore the previous community spirit, and said that the Carlton Parish Council was one of the best he had worked with.

The meeting ended at 20:47.

Signed:

Abbreviations used:

PC Parish Council

AH Affordable Housing

H&BBC Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council

NCHA Nottingham Community Housing Association