

Carlton Parish Council

Annual Report - May 2013

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

Julie Finch
Tulip House, Barton Rd
07879-448487

Stuart Tupling
Bufton Lodge, Barton Rd
290301

Ian Sarson
74 Main St
293228

Judith Boston
64 Main St
291880

Chairman's Report 2012-13

Council

In reviewing the work of Carlton Parish Council over the past twelve months, I was saddened to remember Bob Edmunds, who died suddenly on 18th July 2012. Bob had served as a Parish Councillor for over twenty one years, and his quiet presence, constructive comments, broad grin, and readiness to provide practical help have been greatly missed. I welcome Ian Sarson, who was co-opted to the Council in September 2012.

Carlton Parish Council held 9 meetings last year. Attendance was: Tupling 9; Boston 6; Edmunds 2; Finch 7; Sarson 5; Sharp 8; Clerk 9. 15 representatives of other organisations attended meetings, as did 70 parishioners. The PC considered 18 planning applications, and was represented at 8 meetings of other bodies.

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Clerk to Carlton Parish Council

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RCC Village Achievement Award

The PC was awarded first prize in the Community Category of the Rural Community Council Village Achievement Awards 2012, comprising a framed certificate with a cheque for £250. This award belongs to the community, and reflects the efforts of the many volunteers and groups who work for the benefit of Carlton in so many different ways.

Diamond Jubilee Tree

I enjoyed helping Mia Cooper and her Mum plant an oak tree in the highway verge near the junction of Main Street and Barton Road in June 2012. The tree is a sessile oak (*Quercus petraea*) and we hope that it will grow to become a feature of this part of the village. The tree seems to have got off to a good start, and certainly did not need much watering last year.

Website

The new website, created for the PC by Leslie Johns, is attracting increased traffic. Visit us on www.carltonpc.co.uk

Carlton Affordable Housing Project

Since May 2012 the PC has played an important role in helping to secure funding of £1.4 million for the Carlton Affordable Housing Project. This Project was incepted by Nottingham Community Housing Association in December 2007, and after suffering many set backs over the years we had all begun to wonder whether it would ever become reality. It falls to me to announce that construction work on site is now scheduled to begin in June, and that building work should be complete by summer of next year.

I would like to thank all Parish Councillors past and present along with the many others for their work in developing this Project, and the community for their support.

Coffee mornings

Following feedback from the Parish Plan Survey coffee mornings are being held at The Gate on Fridays at 11 am, and provide a useful forum and meeting place for parishioners old and new.

Carlton Diamond Jubilee Orchard

The Carlton Gardening Group has now been set up, funded, and tasked with creating this new area of public open space at the north-eastern end of the village.

Carlton Parish Plan Group

The Carlton Parish Plan Group has now been dissolved after completing the Parish Plan on time and under budget. I thank all the members of this Group for their hard work over a long period, and for a job well done.

Public footpaths

Work on footpath S51 had been delayed by flooding, but was completed last summer, thanks to a grant of £1,000 from the Leicestershire & Rutland Foundation, matching funding from the County Council, and a donation of £250 from the PC. Outside the Parish, the diversion order and associated works on footpath S69 near Harcourt Mill have also been fully implemented, replacing three stiles with a single kissing gate and a wider path.

Members of the Carlton Footpath Group led eight guided walks during the year, but these were attended by parishioners who would have gone out walking together anyway. The walks will continue, but will be arranged informally on an *ad hoc* basis.

Marina

There has been no construction work on the site for the Market Bosworth Marina, but the project is believed to be going ahead, and will deliver a bus turning and waiting bay on Carlton Road and an improved junction between Carlton Road and Wellesborough Rd.

Thanks to

Internal auditor, Carlton News, Carlton Footpath Group, Carlton Gardening Group, Carlton Neighbourhood Watch Group, Keep Carlton Tidy Group, Carlton Youth Champions, Heritage and Tree Warden, Ashby Canal Project.

Borough and County Councillors – Tina Chastney & Ivan Ould; Local Police – Dave Riley, Mike Chapman 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.

Stuart Tupling Chairman

Financial summary for 2012-13

| RECURRENT PAYMENTS | £ |
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| Cemetery & churchyard maintenance | 1031 |
| Clerk's salary | 900 |
| Clerk's expenses | 633 |
| Insurance | 399 |
| Carlton Green maintenance | 335 |
| Annual subscriptions | 213 |
| Room hires | 180 |
| Audit (internal & external) | 165 |
| Christmas tree | 100 |
| Stationery / administration / sundries / website | 51 |
| Little Lane & public footpath maintenance | 40 |
| Training | 35 |
| Defibrillator kiosk | 20 |
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| NON-RECURRENT PAYMENTS | |
| Parish Poll | 1208 |
| Carlton Gardening Group | 200 |
| Donations (First Responders & Horticultural Show) | 155 |
| Seat repairs | 30 |
| Total VAT on payments | 108 |
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| RECEIPTS | £ |
| Precept on H&BBC | 5700 |
| New homes bonus funding | 1077 |
| VAT refund | 465 |
| Refund from Parish Plan Group | 268 |
| RCC Achievement Award | 250 |
| Cemetery fees/income | 200 |
| Bank interest | 165 |
| Grants | 85 |
| Donations | 40 |
| Rents | 1 |
| Total receipts | 8251 |
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| Brought forward at start of financial year | 35713 |
| Total of receipts and balances | 43964 |
| Total payments | 5803 |
| END OF YEAR BALANCE | 38161 |

The figures above have been rounded, and in some cases simplified: more detail can be found in Report 2013-06 on the PC's website. 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 2013-08. I am happy to answer any questions about the accounts at any time.

Chris Peat (Responsible Financial Officer)