

CARLTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at Saint Andrews Church, Main Street, Carlton at 19:30 hrs on Wednesday 12th March 2014

Present: S G Tupling (Chairman), J D Finch, W R Sharp (Councillors), 2 members of the public, C J Peat (Clerk).

1. Administrative matters

a) Apologies for absence from Councillors

It was resolved that apologies from Cllrs Boston and Sarson be accepted.

b) Declarations of interests (including Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) and requests for dispensations in respect of items on the agenda

There were none.

2. Minutes of the meeting of 12th February 2014

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

3. Reports, questions and comments from the following

a) Parish Councillors

The Chairman reported that the application to the Awards for All grant fund had not been successful (p.1471/4; 1479/5; 1490/4a refer).

There were many large and unsightly molehills in the East Green, and the Clerk was asked to investigate humane methods of control.

b) Leicestershire County Council

Cllr I D Ould had sent a written report, but had no local issues specific to Carlton. LCC had not increased its' precept for 2014-15. Many smaller libraries (including Market Bosworth) faced closure unless volunteers could be found to run them. A development of 450 houses was being put forward for land between the A447 and Barlestone playing fields.

c) Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council

Cllr T Chastney had sent a written report, but had no local issues specific to Carlton. H&BBC was waiting for confirmation that its 5-year land supply was adequate: if it was not, a number of developers were likely to submit appeals (p.1496/3c refers).

d) Leicestershire Constabulary

PCSO M Chapman had reported that there had been no crime in Carlton during February.

e) Parish Clerk

Council tax. The PC's precept had been reduced by 3.9%, and the Band D Council Tax payable by householders would be £1,430.43. Band D Council Tax payable in the Borough ranged from £1493.23 to £1,424.40. When ranked from high to low in order of amount of council tax payable, Carlton was ranked 22nd out of 25 parishes.

Chestnut tree. The H&BBC Tree Officer was no longer insured to carry out inspections for PCs. The Forestry Team at LCC had been asked to inspect the tree at an estimated cost of £80-100 (p.1499/8 refers).

Cemetery. A parishioner had complained of damage to flowers placed on two family graves. The Clerk had inspected the damage, and it had been clear from the angle and structure of the cuts that the damage had been caused by rabbits biting the heads off the flowers. The parishioner had been reassured by this explanation.

Japanese knotweed. A parishioner had sought advice about dealing with Japanese knotweed which was invading from a neighbouring garden, and had been referred to the relevant legislation (p.1382/18 refers) and the Environment Agency, and advised to seek legal advice. It had been reported that the prospective buyer of a house in Carlton had been refused a mortgage because of the presence of Japanese knotweed in the garden.

West Green. One stem of the coppiced ash tree on the West Green had been growing over neighbouring land, had damaged other trees growing there in recent gales, and the neighbour had requested that this stem be pruned. On inspection the Tree Warden had decided that the best course of action was to remove this stem entirely to avoid more problems in future, and this had been done on 11th March with help from the neighbouring landowner.

Memorial. A memorial tablet had been installed in the Cemetery in memory of Louise Constance Peggy Stacey.

New Homes Bonus Funding. A return had been made to H&BBC on the PC's expenditure of New Homes Bonus Funding (Report 2014-04 refers).

A list of digital communications and reports received would be copied to each Councillor, and copies of any files would be forwarded on request. Additional written documentation would be circulated.

f) Members of the public

A young parishioner outlined a proposal to organise a Carlton Fun Run to raise funds for the Birmingham Children's Hospital Ronald McDonald House, and Sport Relief, and requested help and support from the PC. Suggestions were made as to route, organisation, publicity and timing. **It was resolved** that this proposal be supported, and that the Clerk liaise with the team organising the event.

4. Affordable Housing Project**a) Progress report and open public discussion**

The 30 mph signage and road markings had been moved (p. 1477/10; 1479/4b; 1486/4e; 1490/3e refer). The sign on Nailstone Road was clearly visible from near Harry's Grave. The electricity transformer cabinet had been installed, and the transformer would go live later in the week.

The public site visit had been arranged for 1500 hrs on Thursday 13th March, and the Information Event for 1000-1230 hrs on Saturday 22nd March. Both events had been advertised in Carlton News and Aspect (p.1490/4b), and an article about the project had been published in Aspect (v.23, no.6, p.14).

A draft layout was approved, and **it was resolved** that 50 A5 leaflets advertising the Information Event be printed for distribution at the Site Visit.

It was resolved that tea and cakes be provided at the Information Event, and the costs charged to Clerk's expenses.

5. Northfields Liaison Group

a) Constitution

It was resolved that the Constitution of the NLG be approved for signature by the Chairman.

b) Appointment of representatives

It was resolved that Mr Peter Race be appointed Carlton Parish Representative, and Cllr Sarson be appointed Carlton Parish Council Representative of the Northfields Liaison Group.

6. Footway on the western side of Barton Road

The Clerk reported that the kerb line along the western side of Bosworth Road from Overdale to Park View Farm had been installed as the result of a review of footways and kerbs carried out by the PC in 1995. The current Highways Newsletter had made it clear that ongoing budget cuts would mean cuts in capital expenditure, and it was therefore considered very unlikely that LCC would provide 150m of new footway to serve 4 dwellings. **It was resolved** that no action be taken, but that the situation be kept under review (p.1497/3f refers).

7. Kerbing repair at the corner of the Glebe Farm Green

It was resolved that a verbal quotation of £50 from a local contractor to reset and haunch a displaced kerbstone on the corner of the Glebe Farm Green be accepted.

8. Planning matters

a) H&BBC Site Allocations and Development Management Policies DPD

The Chairman and Clerk had arranged to meet with members of the H&BBC Policy & Regeneration Team on 13th March. **It was resolved** that a draft response be copied to Councillors after this meeting for comment, and that a final version be submitted by the Chairman and Clerk (p.1499/9a refers).

b) Planning applications submitted

There were none.

c) Comments submitted under delegated powers

It was noted that the following comments had been submitted by the Clerk under delegated powers after consultation with Members and the Chairman (p.1472/10a refers).

Planning application 14/00009/COU Land to the west of Barton Road, Market Bosworth. Change of use of land, formation of a new vehicular access, footpath bridges and internal access roads, erection of 12 timber holiday lodges and construction of lakes. Following consultation with Councillors (p.1500/9b refers) objections had been submitted on the grounds of (a) built development in open

countryside which was not well related to either the form of the landscape or the existing pattern of settlement and which would undermine the physical and perceived separation of the settlements of Carlton and Market Bosworth, and (b) that the application was incomplete and that there were significant discrepancies between the submitted plans and supporting documentation. Specific matters included (i) linear form of development of lodges 9-12; (ii) height of lodges; (iii) plan should show definitive line of footpath S69; (iv) foul water disposal system not sustainable; (v) access does not meet LCC standards and roads appear too narrow; (vi) no provision for disabled visitors; (vii) no surfaced pedestrian access to Market Bosworth; (viii) no details of landscaping; (ix) no details of site management, staff or office accommodation or storage for grounds maintenance equipment; (x) no areas for waste collection, storage or recycling; (xi) not clear how proposal takes account of characteristics of the Market Bosworth Parkland Character Area. The submission also identified 27 discrepancies between different sections of the submitted documentation. It was also suggested that the application might be made more acceptable by reducing the height of the lodges to single-storey; by eliminating the linear arrangement of the access drive and lodges 9-12 along Barton Road; by planting one or two blocks of trees along Barton Road to reflect the form of nearby copses and shelter belts; by designing the lake and associated tree plantings to enhance the appearance of the landscape from Barton Road and footpath S69; by providing a public cycle way along the site frontage to Market Bosworth; and by dedicating a new public right of way from footpath S69 across the northern side of the site to Barton Road. The PC would also expect any permission to be strictly conditioned regarding use as holiday accommodation only, and for permitted development rights to be withdrawn. Application withdrawn.

d) Planning applications determined

There were none.

9. Date, time and place of next meeting

It was resolved that the next meeting be held at 1930 hrs on Wednesday 9th April 2014 in Saint Andrew's Church, Main St, Carlton.

The meeting closed at 2105 hrs.

Signed _____ **Date** _____

Abbreviations used in these minutes

DPD	Development Plan Document
H&BBC	Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council
LCC	Leicestershire County Council
NLG	Northfields Liaison Group
PC	Parish Council