

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF THE PARISH OF CARLTON

Minutes of a meeting held in St Andrew's Church, Main Street, Carlton at 1930 hrs
on Wednesday 14th May 2014

Present: S G Tupling (Chairman), J H Boston, I Sarson, W R Sharp (Councillors),
4 members of the public, C J Peat (Clerk).

Apologies: J D Finch, J Piggon.

1. Minutes of the meeting of 8th May 2013

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

2. Report from the Carlton Neighbourhood Watch: Ms R Yule

The objectives of Neighbourhood Watch in Carlton are

- to reduce crime and the fear of crime by spreading knowledge of activity and prevention tactics
- to encourage neighbourliness and a sense of community in looking after one another and especially the more vulnerable
- to share knowledge of local police issues and encourage strong links with our local beat team.

70 households in the area are currently registered with the Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator Rosi Yule at 59 Main Street, and receive monthly e-mail local crime updates and relevant alerts and crime updates selected from the Neighbourhood alert system. To register for this service please email chalkstorm@bopenworld.com

During the past year there have been 11 reported crimes in the parish:

- 2 thefts from dwellings
- 1 theft of vehicle
- 1 theft of tools from building site
- 1 theft of number plate from car
- 1 theft of craft dog statuettes
- 1 theft of planter
- 4 outbuildings and sheds broken into but nothing taken.

There are about 130 dwellings in Carlton, so the general level of crime is very low, but this is no consolation to the unfortunate victims who have our sympathy.

PC 2187 Chris Cox is the Beacon Officer for Carlton, and regular crime updates are provided by PCSO 6115 Mike Chapman. We thank both Officers for their support over the past year.

3. Report from the Chairman of Carlton Parish Council: Cllr S G Tupling

Council: Carlton Parish Council holds 10 meetings each year, usually 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 Council's web site – www.carltonpc.co.uk .

Attendance this year was: Tupling 9; Boston 8; Finch 5; Sarson 9; Sharp 9; Clerk 10. Four courses were attended. Parish Council meetings were attended by 8 representatives of other

organisations, and 8 parishioners. The PC considered 15 planning applications, and was represented at 9 meetings of other bodies and numerous site meetings.

Carlton Affordable Housing Project (Northfields): The new affordable homes are almost complete and ready for occupation. The eleven homes will be available in perpetuity to local people in housing need, and priority will be given to applicants from Carlton. I would like to thank all Parish Councillors past and present, along with many others, for their work and support over the last 6.5 years in developing this important community asset. The Northfields Liaison group has been set up to assist in the management of the development with representatives from the housing association, parish councils, and local residents.

Carlton Diamond Jubilee Orchard: Located on the northern boundary of Northfields, this area of community open space will provide a footpath linking Barton and Nailstone roads. The Carlton Gardening Group has planted a new hedge of mixed native species along the northern site boundary, together with seven large container-grown trees around the site. Work on the new path will begin during the summer when the ground has settled, and it is envisaged that the new fruit trees and shrubs will be planted over the winter. Membership of the Gardening Group is open to everyone.

Public footpaths: Continued work is in hand with plans to upgrade two more footpaths - one to the west of the village by the Old Rectory, and the other to the east behind The Gate Hangs Well.

Coffee mornings: Coffee mornings continue to be held at The Gate on Fridays at 11 am, and provide a useful forum and meeting place for parishioners old and new.

Marina: Work started on the Market Bosworth Marina last summer and has progressed well with the canal basin completed and filled, and is expected to open for business this summer. Additional work to deliver a new bus turning and waiting bay on Carlton Road and an improved junction between Carlton Road and Wellesborough Road is in hand.

Precept: The council has been able to reduce its' share of the council tax by 3.9%, making it one of the lowest in the borough, coming in at 22 out of 25 parishes.

Carlton News: Published four times a year and containing valuable local news this publication is approaching its 25th anniversary. My thanks go to Enid Morgan who is stepping down as Editor after 6 years.

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, Borough and County Councillors – Tina Chastney & Ivan Ould, Local Police - Mike Chapman and Chris Cox.

As always my thanks go to the army of volunteers who have given their time, expertise and equipment to keep the Parish running smoothly.

Finally, my thanks go to my fellow Councillors Judith Boston, Julie Finch, Ian Sarson, Bill Sharp and your Parish Clerk Chris Peat whose support makes all of this possible.

The meeting closed at 19:45 hrs.

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