

CARLTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at Saint Andrews Church, Main Street, Carlton at 19:30 hrs on Wednesday 10th September 2014

Present: S G Tupling (Chairman), J H Boston, I Sarson, W R Sharp (Councillors),
I D Ould (County Councillor), C J Peat (Clerk).

1. Administrative matters

a) Apologies for absence from Councillors

It was resolved that an apology from Cllr Finch 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 30th July 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

Cllr Sharp reported that the streetlight outside 45 Main St was not working.

The Chairman congratulated the organisers of the Fete and Horticultural Show on a very enjoyable and successful afternoon on 30th August. The Fete had raised £2,755 for the PCC.

Cllr Sharp reported that the 4th Carlton Horticultural Show on 30th August had been very successful, with 26 people entering a total of 88 exhibits. The number of people entering had increased each year. Of 26 classes three had no entries. The entry fee was 50p, and a first prize of £2 was given to the winners of the 23 classes. The judge was given a £20 gift voucher.

Statement of accounts

Receipts	£.p	Payments	£.p
Donation from PC	35.00	Printing schedules	16.00
Entry fees	46.00	Prize money	44.00
		Voucher for judge	20.00
Total	81.00		80.00

Donations totalling £18.00 were also received, and would be retained as a float for 2015.

b) Leicestershire County Council

Cllr I D Ould reported on local planning concerns arising from H&BBC's failure to achieve a 5-year supply of housing sites, and current LCC business with special reference to Children's Services. Cllr Ould left the meeting at this point.

c) Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council

Cllr T Chastney had submitted a written report. The planning application for a housing estate on land between Kyngs Golf Course and Station Rd, Market Bosworth had been approved by H&BBC, but was being withheld until the Minister for Planning had decided whether to call it in. This site was not being allocated for housing in the draft Mkt Bosworth NDP.

It had been decided that the new swimming pool at Argents Mead would have raised ends and a moveable floor to enable Hinckley Swim Club to use the facility, and encourage use of the pool for competitions.

d) Leicestershire Constabulary

PCSO M Chapman had submitted written reports. There had been no reported crime in July, and in August one report of damage to farm gates in Congerstone Lane. Councillors were also aware of the theft of a garden ornament from a front garden in Main St.

e) Parish Clerk

Local Walks. The final draft had been submitted to LCC, with a view to publication and a launch in November if the new kissing gates had been installed (p.1521/5 refers).

Vanguard Council. The discussion meeting on 4th August had been attended by the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Clerk, J Atkinson (LRALC), and A Mitha and N Rickard (LCC).

Cemetery. Permission had been granted for the erection of memorials to (i) Nola Leila Dobson, and (ii) Robert Henry Edmunds.

Metal detecting. The metal detectorist (p.1521/5 refers) had attended the Annual Church Fete on 30th August with a display about the technique and an exhibition of local finds, and had carried out a demonstration survey of part of the East Green. The survey had produced fragments of metal rubbish and five copper coins (dated 1804-2010). Parishioners had been very interested in the finds exhibited, and had supported the proposal to survey Carlton Green and the Cemetery Field. There had been no objections to the survey proposals from members of the public.

Carlton Gardening Group. A display about the Group had been put up in the church during the Horticultural Show.

Ride & Stride. The church would be open and manned for the day on 13th Sept, and the CGG display had been left up.

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

There were none

4. Carlton Charity Lands**a) Management of the Carton Charity Lands**

The PC Chairman had met with the Chairman of the Trustees on 4th August, and had advised him that the PC supported the proposal to apply the income of the Charity to helping young people, but objected to the new Trust Deed, was unhappy that there had been no consultation, and believed that the Trustees did not have the power to change the way in which they were

appointed. The Chairman of the Trustees had disagreed, and considered that the Trustees did have the necessary powers and that no consultation was required.

This meeting had been followed up by a letter to the Chairman of the Trustees, copied to all of the Trustees, setting out the two principal concerns of the PC: (i) that the four Representative Trustees had not been properly appointed and consequently had no powers to act; and (ii) that the Trustees did not have the necessary powers to change the terms of their own appointment. This letter had also proposed that the objects of the Carlton Charity Lands could be very easily changed (see p.1521/4), and had stated that the PC was prepared to consider the appointment of four Representative Trustees in accordance with the Scheme of 1912.

The Trustees had met and considered this letter, and had invited the Chairman to an informal meeting to discuss mutual concerns. The four Representative Trustees were all willing to offer themselves for appointment by the PC.

It was resolved that the Chairman and Vice Chairman would represent the PC at the proposed meeting with the Trustees at Bank Farm at 8pm on 30th September.

b) Appointment of four Representative Trustees

It was resolved that this item be deferred.

5. Chestnut tree in the north-east corner of the churchyard

Recent examinations of this tree had been summarised in Report 2014-17. The PCC had been consulted and had no objection to the removal of the tree. **It was noted** that the incumbent was entitled to all of the produce of the churchyard, and would welcome a small amount of firewood. Quotations to fell the tree had been sought from five contractors: so far one had submitted a quote, one had made an appointment for a site visit, and one had declined to quote after a site visit because of the size and position of the tree. **It was resolved** that the tree be felled, thin branchwood removed from the site, thicker wood be stacked in the churchyard and offered for sale with proceeds donated to the PCC; and that the PCC be consulted about attempting to cut the stump into a seat.

It was resolved that quotations for felling the tree and for stump removal be considered at the next meeting.

6. Path construction and associated ground works in the Carlton Diamond Jubilee Orchard

The land purchase had been completed for £2,790.00, and the PC had taken possession of the site on 23rd July. Since then weeds had been cleared, the Barton Road hedge cut, a picnic table purchased and a concrete base laid for it, and the path excavated by CGG volunteers.

It was resolved that an *ex gratia* payment of £25.00 be made to a volunteer for fuel and wear and tear associated with the use of his excavator.

Breedon Aggregates Ltd had very kindly offered to supply stone for the path at cost – estimated to be £1,380. Path construction had been allocated a budget of £2,657.50.

Comparable quotations from three suppliers had been obtained for the hire and delivery to site of a mini excavator, tracked barrow and roller for one week:

Supplier A (excluding plant insurance)	£330.00 + VAT
Supplier B (excluding plant insurance)	£530.00 + VAT
Supplier C (including plant insurance)	£414.68 + VAT

The PC's insurers could arrange for the insurance of plant, but would require sight of the hire agreement before providing a firm quote. They had advised that for small jobs it usually worked out cheaper to hire from suppliers who provided their own insurance.

It was resolved that the necessary plant be hired from Supplier C for no more than three weeks, and that arrangements be made for delivery and laying of the required stone by CGG volunteers. With sufficient voluntary help and good weather it was hoped that this work could be completed in one week.

7. Financial matters

a) External audit for 2013-14

The RFO reported that the PC's accounts for 2013-14 had been approved by the External Auditor without qualification; the audit return and notice of completion had been published on the PC's website; and the latter had been displayed on the parish noticeboard. The Internal Auditor had been thanked for his work and paid.

b) Concrete for the DJO picnic table base

It was resolved that a refund of £215.00 (£179.17 plus £35.83 VAT) be made to the Clerk for the delivery of ready-mixed concrete for the picnic table base.

c) Revised Financial Regulations

It was resolved that the revised financial regulations set out in Report 2014-18 be adopted.

8. Planning matters

a) Planning applications submitted

14/00677/HOU Extensions and alterations to dwelling. Harcourt Mill, Barton Rd, Mkt Bosworth. This application had been withdrawn and re-submitted under the same number with a revised site plan. **It was resolved** (a) that an objection be made on the grounds that it was not clear whether it was intended to use the agricultural access to the south of the former mill pond for access to the dwelling. If this was the case, the PC considered this access to be in a dangerous position, with poor visibility; (b) that a condition be requested that this access be used only for agricultural purposes; (c) that the PC note (i) the local historical importance of the building, constructed of Carlton Stone and near to footpath S69; and (ii) that there have recently been changes of use of land from agricultural to garden and equine uses within the application site.

b) Comments submitted under delegated powers

There were none.

c) Planning applications determined

14/00266/OUT erection of two dwellings, Overdale, Bosworth Road, Carlton. Permission granted. Contribution of £343.80 agreed by unilateral undertaking for provision and maintenance of St Andrews Churchyard. **It was noted** that (i) this site was within 400m of the DJO and the decision notice had been issued on 26th Aug, after the PC had bought this land; and (ii) it was not clear whether the contribution could be spent on the Cemetery. **It was resolved** that the Chief Planning & Development Officer be advised of the names and ownership of these sites.

14/00673/HOU Extensions and alterations. 27 Main St. Permission granted.

d) Draft LCC Leicestershire Planning Obligations Policy

The PC had only a few minor editorial comments on this document. **It was resolved** that the draft comments be submitted by the Chairman and Clerk.

9. Next meeting

It was resolved that the next meeting be held at 19:30 hrs on Wednesday 8th October 2014 at Saint Andrews Church, Main Street, Carlton.

The meeting closed at 2110 hrs.

Signed _____ **Date** _____

Abbreviations used in these minutes

CGG	Carlton Gardening Group
DJO (P)	Diamond Jubilee Orchard (Project)
H&BBC	Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council
LCC	Leicestershire County Council
LRALC	Leicestershire and Rutland Association of Local Councils
NDP	Neighbourhood Development Plan
PC	Parish Council
PCC	Parochial Church Council
PCSO	Police Community Support Officer
RFO	Responsible Financial Officer