

CARLTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at Saint Andrews Church, Main Street, Carlton at 19:30 hrs on Wednesday 8th October 2014

Present: S G Tupling (Chairman), J H Boston, J D Finch, W R Sharp (Councillors), I D Ould (County Councillor), T Chastney (Borough Councillor), PCSO G Norris, 3 members of the public, C J Peat (Clerk).

1. Administrative matters

a) Apologies for absence from Councillors

It was resolved that an apology from Cllr 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 10th September 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

There were none.

b) Leicestershire County Council

Cllr I D Ould reported on current LCC business: his major concerns were ongoing budget cuts and the safety of children. Within the Division there was increasing public concern about opportunistic planning applications for residential development. There were no current case issues specific to Carlton. Cllr Ould left the meeting at this point.

c) Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council

Cllr T Chastney reported on current H&BBC business. 13% of recycling bins had been found to be contaminated with non-recyclable material, particularly black plastic and plastic bags, and a major public information drive had begun. **It was agreed** that information would be forwarded to Carlton News.

Work on the new Leisure Centre in Hinckley would begin at the end of October, and H&BBC had approved changes to the design of the swimming pool which would increase the cost. It was planned to raise the extra money by withdrawing New Homes Bonus Funding from Parish Councils. This news was greeted with dismay.

H&BBC had received complaints about rats in Carlton Road. Those present had not noticed any particular increase in rat numbers, and it was noted that this was the time of year when rats migrated from the open countryside to gardens and buildings.

The Site Allocations draft for Carlton had been updated, and Cllr Chastney would forward a copy of the relevant sections. The meeting was sorry to learn that Councillor Chastney did not intend to stand for re-election in May 2015. Cllr Chastney left the meeting at this point.

d) Leicestershire Constabulary

PCSO Norris reported that there had been no reported crime in Carlton during September, and there were no particular policing issues in the parish. The Police had not experienced any problems connected with children's play areas or equipment in the rural parishes. PCSO Norris left the meeting at this point.

e) Parish Clerk

Northfields development. The Chairman and Clerk had represented the PC at the official opening, organised by NCHA on 12th September. The event had been reported in the Hinckley Times (2nd Oct, p.21).

Earl Shilton and Barwell Area Action Plan (AAP) had been adopted by Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council on 23rd September.

S68 footpath project. The PC's contractor had advised that he planned to start work in the week commencing 26th October, weather permitting. The final draft of the Local Walks pack had been approved by LCC RoW and was now with the LCC Design Team.

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

Autumn Amble for Friends of Congerstone Primary School. A parishioner reported that this event was being planned for 1.30-4.30pm on Sunday 12th October, on local RoW, starting and finishing at The Gate Hangs Well.

4. Carlton Charity Lands

a) Management of the Carlton Charity Lands

The Chairman and Vice Chairman had met with five of the Trustees on 30th September (p.1526/4 refers). At this meeting it had been made clear that the Trustees had not been properly appointed and had no power to act; that the new Trust Deed was invalid; and that in any case the new Trust Deed would not be acceptable to the Charity Commission, not least because it did not include provision for the PC to appoint Representative Trustees in accordance with s300 of the Charities Act 2011.

The Chairman and Vice Chairman had reiterated the considered opinion of the PC (p.1521/4 refers), that a new Trust Deed was not necessary; that it would be a relatively simple matter to update the purposes of the Charity; and that the PC would be happy to formally appoint the four Representative Trustees if the new Trust Deed was withdrawn.

The Chairman had received a letter on 8th October 2014, advising that all of the Trustees had resigned. **It was resolved** that this letter be acknowledged; that the Trustees be thanked for their work for the Carlton Charity Lands; and that the Charity Commission be advised of this development and of the PC's plans to appoint new Representative Trustees on 12th November.

b) Appointment of Representative Trustees

It was resolved that this item be deferred to the next meeting; that the vacancies be advertised in the November issue of Carlton News; and that personal approaches be made to potential Trustees.

5. Horse chestnut tree in the NE corner of the churchyard

Quotations to fell the tree, stack the timber in the churchyard, and remove the brash had been obtained from three tree surgeons. The prices were:

Contractor A	£750.00
Contractor B	£760.00
Contractor C	£840.00

It was resolved that the quotation from Contractor B be accepted.

The three contractors had also each quoted a separate price for stump grinding (£325, £360, £190 respectively). **It was resolved** that the stump would not be removed, and that the contractor would be asked to try to (i) set aside one big log for use in the CDJO, and (ii) cut the base of the stump into a seat.

6. Carlton Diamond Jubilee Orchard Project**a) Report on path laying**

The CDJO path had been laid between Sept 16th and 19th inclusive at a total cost (excluding VAT) of £1547.50 (comprising £25.00 excavation by volunteer; £889.64 for 77.36 tonnes of MoT Type 1 crushed stone; £584.00 for plant hire; £48.86 for fuel for plant). Plant hire had cost more than envisaged because the tracked barrow had proved too small and had been replaced with a dumper truck (p.1527/6 refers). The hire plant had been used for site levelling and other ground work on 20th and 22nd Sept. A formal letter of thanks had been sent to Breedon Aggregates for supplying the stone at cost.

Graham Jackson, Dave Knappett, Franco Onesti, Chris Peat, Mick Pointon, John Piggon, Ian Sarson, Keith Scott, Bill Sharp, and Stuart Tupling **were thanked** for their work on site, and Enid Morgan and Tania Sharp **were thanked** for the provision of refreshments. These volunteers had provided 123.5 man-hours of volunteer labour to the project over seven working days.

b) Revised landscaping plan and timetable

A revised landscaping plan had been copied to Councillors and members of the CGG, and **was approved**. Parts of the site had been too hard and dry for cultivation, parts were infested with docks and nettles, and areas of made-up ground still required manual levelling. The CGG had been waiting for rain, and now planned to try to cultivate and seed part of the wildflower meadow. The shrub and orchard areas would be levelled up, and the shrubs and specimen fruit trees planted over the winter. The remaining areas of wildflower meadow, and the ground between the path and the northern hedge would require cultivation and repeated weed treatment before seeding.

c) Installation of play equipment for young children

H&BBC was holding a s106 developer contribution of £11,867.90 from planning application 08/00815/FUL. This money, comprising £7,979.40 for provision and £3,888.50 for

maintenance, could only be spent on children's play equipment within 400m of Orton Close, and could be reclaimed by the developer after 15th June 2015 if it had not been spent.

The creation of a small play area where parents and pre-school children could meet had been given a high priority in the Carlton Green Space Strategy. This small site was suitable for this purpose, as it was not intended to be used by unaccompanied children, and the use would not be expected to generate a high level of noise.

It was resolved that ideas be put together for a small equipped play area for children under the age of 6 years, in the CDJO between the picnic table and car parking areas; that an article about this proposal be prepared for Carlton News; that local residents and the Carlton Youth Champions be consulted; and that a public information and consultation event be held in St Andrews Church from 10am to 1pm on Saturday 8th November.

7. Service of Remembrance

It was resolved that Mr Price, Mr Frazer and Mr Lockwood be invited to read the names and lessons at the Service of Remembrance.

8. Planning matters

a) Planning applications submitted

14/00917/HOU Extensions and alterations to a dwelling. Park View Farm, Bosworth Road.
PC had no objection.

b) Comments submitted under delegated powers

There were none.

c) Planning applications determined

There were none.

d) Request for support from Stoke Golding Parish Council

It was resolved that David Tredinnick MP (i) be asked to support the request from Stoke Golding PC to the Secretary of State to call in planning application 14/00262/OUT, and (ii) be made aware of the PC's concerns about opportunistic planning applications and failure of the local planning system.

9. Financial matters

a) Clerk's salary and expenses

It was resolved that the Clerk be paid £434.34 comprising £250.00 salary, £30 contribution towards broadband subscription and £154.34 approved expenses (the latter including £10.62 VAT).

b) Report 2014-19: Quarterly financial report June-September 2014

The monthly current account statements had been checked and signed off as required (p.1515/9c refers), and Report 2014-19 was checked against the latest statements for all three bank accounts. **It was resolved** that Report 2014-19 be approved.

c) LRALC course on s106 and CIL

The Clerk presented his expenses book for examination and it **was resolved** that the Clerk be authorised to attend the above course on 3rd November.

10. Date, time and place of next meeting

It was resolved that the next meeting be held at 19:30 hrs on Wednesday 12th November 2014 at Saint Andrews Church, Main Street, Carlton.

The meeting closed at 2130 hrs.

Signed _____ **Date** _____

Abbreviations used in these minutes

CGG	Carlton Gardening Group
CDJO(P)	Carlton Diamond Jubilee Orchard (Project)
H&BBC	Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council
LCC	Leicestershire County Council
LRALC	Leicestershire and Rutland Association of Local Councils
NCHA	Nottingham Community Housing Association
PAF	Parish Amenities Fund
PC	Parish Council
PCSO	Police Community Support Officer
RoW	Right of Way