

Carlton Parish Council

Annual Report - May 2015



Stuart Tupling



Julie Finch



Bill Sharp



Judith Boston



Ian Sarson

The Parish of Carlton is in the Borough of Hinckley & Bosworth and the County of Leicestershire. In 2014 there were 139 occupied dwellings in the parish, and 283 registered electors. The parish element of the Band D Council tax in 2014-15 was £37.16.

Chairman's Report 2014-15

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 10; Boston 8; Finch 4; Sarson 9; Sharp 9; Clerk 10. One training course was attended. Parish Council meetings were attended by 11 representatives of other organisations, and 12 parishioners. In addition, one public consultation meeting was held. The PC considered 19 planning applications, made representations on the Market Bosworth Neighbourhood Plan, and was represented at 5 meetings of other bodies.

Parish Councillors

Stuart Tupling, Bufton Lodge, Barton Road (290301)

Judith Boston, 64 Main Street (291880)

Julie Finch, Tulip House, Barton Road (07879-448487)

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Carlton Diamond Jubilee Orchard

The land was acquired by the Parish Council on 23rd July, and is being managed by the Carlton Gardening Group. Extensive work has been carried out to include the construction of a path, general landscaping and the planting of many native ornamental and fruit trees. Wild flower areas have been sown and a picnic bench and park seat installed. In all over 350 volunteer man-hours of work to date have helped to create a valuable amenity resource for the village. Membership of the Gardening Group is open to everyone.



Toddlers Play area

Members of the Carlton Gardening Group at work in the Diamond Jubilee Orchard

A Toddlers Play Area is to be created in the Diamond Jubilee Orchard, and will comprise a double swing and a two-tower activity unit with slide.

Northfields development

This development was completed in July 2014 with all homes occupied by people with local connections.

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.

Carlton Charity Lands

New Trustees have been appointed, the objects of the Charity have been updated, and grants have been made to eligible young people.

Churchyard chestnut tree

Sadly the horse chestnut tree in the churchyard had to be felled however three large logs have been recycled into the Jubilee orchard and the base of the trunk has been carved into a seat.

Marina

The Market Bosworth Marina is now open. However, work is yet to start on the improvements to the road junction and the bus layby.

Precept

The council has been able to reduce its' share of the council tax by 3.5%, 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.

Public footpaths

Additional improvement works have been undertaken, involving the replacement of 11 stiles by kissing gates, and the publication of a new Local Walks Guide.



Thanks to

Opening of the improvements to footpath S68

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 make all of this possible.

Stuart Tupling Chairman

Financial summary for 2014-15

RECURRENT PAYMENTS	£
Clerk's salary	1000
Cemetery & churchyard maintenance	994
Clerk's expenses	890
Carlton Greens maintenance	434
Insurance	315
Annual subscriptions	235
Donations (First Responders & Horticultural Show)	185
Room hires	173
Christmas tree	150
Audit (internal & external)	130
Training	125
Stationery / administration / sundries	121
Little Lane & public footpath maintenance	40
Defibrillator kiosk	20
NON-RECURRENT PAYMENTS	
Diamond Jubilee Orchard Project	4852
S68 footpath project	2808
Churchyard chestnut tree	758
Transfers to earmarked funds (CGG, KCTG, CFG)	530
Total VAT on payments	1563
RECEIPTS	£
Precept on H&BBC	5550
New homes bonus funding	4409
Grants	1740
VAT refund	310
Bank interest	185
Cemetery fees/income	150
Rents	1
Total receipts	12345
Brought forward at start of financial year	42110
Total of receipts and balances	54455
Total payments	15323
END OF YEAR BALANCE	39132

The figures above have been rounded, and in some cases simplified: more detail can be found in Report 2015-10 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 2015-11. I am happy to answer questions about the accounts at any time.

Chris Peat (Responsible Financial Officer)