

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF THE PARISH OF CARLTON

Minutes of a meeting held in St Andrew's Church, Main Street, Carlton at 19:30 hrs
on Wednesday 20th May 2015

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

Apologies: J H Boston.

1. Minutes of the meeting of 14th May 2014

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

2. Report from the Carlton Neighbourhood Watch

Carlton NHW is an informal community group that exists to help Carlton stay safe, increase knowledge of local crime and policing matters and encourage neighbourliness. Around 70 households are currently registered with the Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator, and receive monthly e-mail local crime updates and alerts. To register or de-register for this circulation please email Rosi Yule on chalkstorm@btopenworld.com

2014-15

During the past year there have been 11 reported crimes in Carlton, the same number as in 2013/14. These are:

- 2 thefts
- 2 criminal damage
- 2 vehicle crime
- 2 violence or sexual offence
- 2 anti-social behaviour
- 1 burglary

The level of crime in Carlton remains very low, even compared to local areas such as Market Bosworth, however we remain committed to reducing this number further and any victims of crime have our sympathy.

Wider trends

The last year has seen yet another decrease in police spending in Leicestershire (a national trend) and this is due to continue into 2015/16. The impact on Carlton is difficult to quantify with any accuracy however the following aspects may be relevant:

- we no longer receive the monthly crime updates promptly from our local beat officer. Instead we must wait some weeks for them to be uploaded nationally and must interpret the published statistics ourselves for circulation
- a police presence at Parish Councils meetings no longer exists
- Leicestershire police have begun asking for local volunteers to "tackle and prevent local crime"
- outcome rates for crime in our neighbourhood show 77% with "no further action" for the last year. This is from a total of 1,428 reported crimes in the wider neighbourhood.

Contacts

Sgt Dean Wagstaff heads the local policing unit for Bosworth, Ratby, Groby, Markfield and Stanton and can be contacted by calling 101 and asking for voicemail no 1184. PC Robert Cross is a dedicated Neighbourhood Officer for Bosworth villages and can be contacted on 101 voicemail no 0207. We thank all local officers for their support over the past year.

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3. Report from the Chairman of Carlton Parish Council

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

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 make all of this possible.

Stuart Tupling, Chairman

The meeting closed at 19:50 hrs.

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Date _____