

Carlton Parish Council

Annual Report - May 2016

The Parish of Carlton is in the Borough of Hinckley & Bosworth and the County of Leicestershire. In 2015 there were 144 occupied dwellings in the parish, and 305 registered electors. The parish element of the Band D Council tax in 2015-16 was £34.50.



From left to right Ian Sarson, Stuart Tupling, Bill Sharp, Judith Boston, Julie Finch

Chairman's Report 2015-16

Council

Carlton Parish Council held 9 meetings last year, all 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 6; Finch 3; Sarson 9; Sharp 8; Clerk 9. Two training courses were attended. Parish Council meetings were attended by 13 representatives of other organisations, and 7 parishioners. The PC considered 15 planning applications, and was represented at 11 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)
Ian Sarson, 74 Main Street (293228)
Bill Sharp, 34 Main Street (290105)

Clerk to Carlton Parish Council

Chris Peat, 7 Main Street, Carlton, Nuneaton, Warks, CV13 0BZ
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Carlton Diamond Jubilee Orchard

The hard landscaping was completed in October 2015, thanks to 488 man-hours of volunteer labour over two years. The park bench seat, the final surfacing of the path, and the brass plates for the entrance signs were funded by kind donations made to the Parish Amenities Fund by AR Demolition Ltd and an anonymous benefactor.

The spring bulbs made a good show early in the year, and the other plantings are establishing well. The wildflower meadow will be cut for the first time in July. Membership of the Gardening Group is open to everyone.

Toddlers Play area

The Toddlers Play Area was completed in July 2015, and was fully funded by s106 developer contributions. I thank Brian and Ben Sutton and AR Demolition Ltd, who excavated the site for the play equipment and disposed of the spoil free of charge.

Picnic table, toddlers play equipment and wildflower meadow



Parish Council noticeboard

The new noticeboard was made by a local joiner, and funded by a Parish & Community Initiatives Fund grant from the Borough Council and s106 developer contributions.

Public footpaths

All public rights of way are monitored by the Carlton Footpath Group. The last remaining stile on the footpath from Market Bosworth to Keeper's Cottage – between The Old Rectory and the Stone Pits Field – is to be replaced by a hand gate later this year.

Precept

Carlton has the lowest council tax in the Borough in 2016-17.

Carlton Charity Lands

The Trustees continue to work on behalf of the parish, granting two further educational awards during the year of £200 each.

Marina

The Market Bosworth Marina is now open, and planning permission has been granted for a cafe, but members of the public will not be allowed onto the site until the heavy plant has finished work. The road junction is not going to be altered, but there will be a bus turning and waiting area with a shelter on the Carlton side of the Marina entrance.

Mud Problem

In the autumn a significant problem arose during the harvesting of the potato crop on land off Barton Road. Large amounts of mud and slurry were deposited onto the roads including Main Street causing noticeable distress to all. Complaints were lodged with the Police and County Highways and appropriate action was taken.

Website

Special thanks are due to Mr Leslie Johns, who is upgrading the Parish Council's website, and continues to advise on management and maintenance without charge.

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.

Thanks to

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 – Maureen Cook & Ivan Ould;
Local Police – Robert Cross; Internal Auditor – Jackie Marshall.

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 2015-16

RECURRENT PAYMENTS	£
Clerk's salary	1100
Cemetery & churchyard maintenance	1015
Clerk's expenses	689
Insurance	380
Carlton Greens maintenance	330
Annual subscriptions (LRALC, SLCC, LCR, LPFA, ICO)	279
Christmas tree	200
Donations (First Responders & Horticultural Show)	185
Diamond Jubilee Orchard maintenance	180
Room hires	135
Audit (internal & external)	130
Training	40
Little Lane & public footpath maintenance	40
Defibrillator kiosk	19
Stationery / administration / sundries	17
NON-RECURRENT PAYMENTS	
Toddlers play area	12905
Transfers to earmarked funds (PAF, CGG, KCTG, CFG, FAF)	947
New noticeboard	892
New litter bin	195
General election	90
Seat painting	66
Neighbourhood Watch signs	60
Total VAT on payments	2939
RECEIPTS	£
S106 funding (for play equipment)	13768
Precept on H&BBC	5700
VAT refund	1563
Grants	701
Cemetery fees/income	300
Bank interest	193
Rents	1
Total receipts	22226
Brought forward at start of financial year	39132
Total of receipts and balances	61358
Total payments	22833
END OF YEAR BALANCE	38525

The figures above have been rounded, and in some cases simplified: more detail can be found in Report 2016-10 on the PC's website. The PC also runs five 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 2016-12.

The toddlers play area was funded by s106 developer contributions. Other works in the Diamond Jubilee Orchard last year were funded by kind donations. I am happy to answer questions about the accounts at any time.

Chris Peat (Responsible Financial Officer)