

CARLTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at Saint Andrew's Church, Main Street, Carlton at 19:30 hrs on Wednesday 12th October 2016

Present: I Sarson (Vice Chairman), J H Boston, W R Sharp (Councillors), I D Ould (County Councillor), M Cook (Borough Councillor), C J Peat (Clerk).

1. Administrative matters

a) Apologies for absence from Councillors

It was resolved that apologies from Cllrs Finch and Tupling 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 14th September 2016

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 Sarson reported that the *Give Way* sign at the Nailstone Rd/Barton Rd junction had been knocked by a vehicle, and the light was broken. Cllr Boston reported that the *Give Way* sign at the Main St/Barton Rd junction was very faded. **It was resolved** that these defects be reported to LCC Highways.

b) Leicestershire County Council

Cllr I D Ould had sent a written report on LCC business, which had been copied to Councillors.

Cllr Ould reported on the situation regarding the bus stop near the Marina (p.1624/3b refers). The PC had submitted objections to the proposed layout, and had suggested an alternative. Cllr Ould advised that the adjacent landowner had agreed to donate land for the bus layby on the NW side of the junction, which would be wholly off-carriageway and not as shown on drawing MBM-H1-1-1A. Cllrs still considered that the layby would be better sited on the southern side of the Wellesborough Rd, noting that the layout suggested by the PC would provide better visibility, a footway for the cottages, would be safer for cyclists, required less engineering, and that the adjacent landowner was the same. Cllr Cook noted that this landowner had previously offered land on the S side of the Wellesborough Rd to accommodate a footway between the Water Park and the Sports & Club.

It was resolved that the PC required any proposal to provide a bus waiting bay with clearway markings which was wholly off-carriageway. The PC recognised that the final decision on layout and siting rested with LCC Highways, but still considered that the best location for the bus layby was on the southern side of the Wellesborough Rd.

c) Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council

Cllr M Cook reported on current H&BBC business and local planning issues.

d) Carlton Neighbourhood Watch group

Ms R Yule had reported that there had been one vehicle crime in Carlton in July.

e) Parish Clerk

Bosworth Rd complaint – the field had been cleared (p.1625/3f refers).

Parishes Forum – the Clerk had represented the PC at this meeting. The announcement that the PC intended to submit a proposal under the SCA 2007 that rural hamlets be exempt from the 10-unit limit for s106 developer contributions for play & open space had been warmly welcomed by the meeting (p.1625/3e refers).

Car crash in Main St - on the evening of 2nd Oct a small car had left Manor House Farm, run into the side of a van parked outside no.35 and then rolled onto its side in Main St to the west of the Stone House. The driver had been cut free and taken to hospital, but had not been seriously injured. The police had advised that it was doubtful whether anything could have been done to prevent this incident as it involved a single driver running into a stationary vehicle.

Jubilee oak tree – the metal tree guard placed around this tree had been stolen.

East Green Kerbing Project – work was scheduled to begin on 24th October (p.1617/3e refers).

Picnic bench – Ian Sarson **was thanked** for treating the CDJO picnic bench with furniture oil.

Bench seat – Franco Onesti **was thanked** for treating the CDJO park bench seat with tung oil.

Cemetery – the CGG **were thanked** for installing a topsoil storage area in the Cemetery, levelling and seeding bare areas, pruning trees and shrubs, and removing brambles.

Golf course - Market Bosworth Golf Course had been sold and closed for use as a golf course.

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. Sustainable Communities Act 2007**a) Results of a survey about s106 tariff contributions**

An interim report had been copied to Councillors before the meeting: 146 forms had been delivered and 50 (34%) returned, with 46 respondents (92%) supporting the PC's proposal (p.1626/6 refers). **It was resolved** that a final report (Number 2016-21) be prepared and submitted to DCLG in support of the proposal.

b) Proposal under the Sustainable Communities Act 2007

A draft proposal had been copied to Councillors before the meeting, and was discussed. **It was resolved** that the final agreed version be submitted to DCLG.

5. H&BBC Developing Communities Fund

It was resolved that an outline of the Nailstone Road Footway Project be submitted for consideration by the H&BBC Developing Communities Fund.

A final decision on whether to proceed would not be made until the project had been accepted by H&BBC and costed. A contribution of between 25 and 35% would be required from the PC.

6. 2017/18 Local Government Finance Settlement Technical Consultation Paper

A draft response had been copied to Councillors before the meeting, objecting to proposals by DCLG to extend the referendum principle to all precepting authorities. This would mean that the PC would have to hold a referendum (costing about £1,000) if it proposed to increase the precept by 2% (£116) or £5 (£830), whichever was the greater.

It was resolved that the draft **be approved** and submitted to DCLG with a copy to LRALC.

7. Planning matters

a) Planning applications submitted

16/00776/FUL 36 Main St. Construction of an amenity lake. PC had no objections.

b) Comments submitted under delegated powers

It was noted that the following comments had been submitted by the Clerk under delegated powers after consultation with Members and the Chairman (p.1472/10a refers).

16/00763/OUT adj Bank Farm, Congerstone Lane. Agricultural workers dwelling. PC had no objections, providing that (i) the Local Planning Authority is satisfied that the proposed agricultural workers dwelling is fully justified by the scale and nature of the agricultural business; (ii) the proposed dwelling will be subject to an agricultural occupancy condition; (iii) the agricultural occupancy condition includes provisions to ensure that the dwelling shall remain available in perpetuity as an affordable home for a person wholly employed in agriculture or forestry, whether or not that person is a member of the applicant's family or employed by the applicant's agricultural business.

16/00777/FUL adj Bank Farm, Congerstone Lane. New livestock building. PC objected to application on the grounds that the existing agricultural access was inadequate to cope with the increased traffic that would result from approval of the application, and that the proposed building would have an unacceptable visual impact on the surrounding because of its' light-coloured roof. PC requested conditions that the access be improved to County Council Highways agricultural access standards in respect of surfacing, visibility splays and gates.

c) Planning applications determined

There were none.

8. Financial matters**a) Report 2016-20: Quarterly Financial Report July-September 2016**

It was resolved that Report 2016-20 be approved.

b) To consider payment of the Clerk's salary and expenses

The Clerk presented his expenses book for examination, and it was resolved that the Clerk be paid £494.16 comprising £275 salary, £30 contribution towards broadband subscription, £172.47 approved expenses, and £16.69 VAT.

9. Next meeting

It was resolved that the next meeting be held at 19:30 hrs on Wednesday 9th November 2016 at Saint Andrew's Church, Main Street, Carlton.

The meeting closed at 2055 hrs.

Signed _____ **Date** _____

Abbreviations used in these minutes

CDJO	Carlton Diamond Jubilee Orchard
CGG	Carlton Gardening Group
DCLG	Department for Communities and Local Government
H&BBC	Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council
LCC	Leicestershire County Council
LRALC	Leicestershire and Rutland Association of Local Councils
PAF	Parish Amenities Fund
PC	Parish Council
SCA	Sustainable Communities Act
TPA	Toddlers Play Area