

Carlton Parish Council

Annual Report - May 2017

The Parish of Carlton is in the Borough of Hinckley & Bosworth and the County of Leicestershire. In January 2017 there were 146 occupied dwellings in the parish, and 304 registered electors. The parish element of the Band D Council tax in 2016-17 was £34.94.



From left to right Bill Sharp, Ian Sarson, Stuart Tupling, Judith Boston, Simon Cooper

Chairman's Report 2016-17

Council

A thank-you goes to Julie Finch who resigned in December after 5 years' service and a welcome to Simon Cooper who has lived in the village for 4 years and was co-opted to the council in February.

Carlton Parish Council held 10 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. All parishioners are welcome to attend any meeting.

Parish Councillors

Stuart Tupling, Bufton Lodge, Barton Road (290301)

Judith Boston, 64 Main Street (291880)

Simon Cooper, 48 Main Street (290964)

Ian Sarson, 74 Main Street (293228)

Bill Sharp, 34 Main Street (290105)

Clerk to Carlton Parish Council

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Council continued ...

Attendance this year was: Tupling 7; Boston 9; Finch 2*; Sarson 10; Sharp 9; Cooper 2*, Clerk 10. (* see above). Two training courses were attended. Parish Council meetings were attended by 17 representatives of other organisations, and a small number of parishioners. The PC considered 11 planning applications, and was represented at 6 meetings of other bodies. The Parish Council's accounts for 2015-16 were approved.

Carlton Green Kerbing Project

Improvement works to the East Green have been carried out with new conservation kerbing and a new litter bin, thanks to s106 Developer Contributions and a grant from the H&BBC Parish & Community Initiatives Fund. The project involved the installation of a subsurface drain to divert the spring water into the road culvert with remedial works to the footway and highway kerbs.



East Green kerbing works

Carlton Diamond Jubilee Orchard & Toddler's Play area

Improvements to the Orchard area are ongoing with additional planting and maintenance. Volunteers are always welcome and Membership of the Gardening Group is open to everyone.

Carlton News

Thanks to Jane Smith who has edited Carlton News for the last 2.5 years, and welcome to Laraine and Amanda Bristlin who took over in May.

Sustainable Communities Act

The Parish Council has lost significant income following recent changes in local and national government policies whereby developer contributions on small developments have been cancelled. The PC submitted a formal proposal under the Sustainable Communities Act 2007 to change the current policy on s106 Developer Contributions.

Superfast broadband

Now partially installed albeit with a few teething troubles; hopefully a trouble free service will be available to most of the village by the summer.

Dog fouling

Unfortunately there have been numerous complaints on this subject but with the kind cooperation of all dog owners the issue has hopefully been resolved.

S68 Last Gate Project

The remaining stiles on this pathway between Carlton and Keeper's Cottage have been replaced with gates, thanks to the support of the landowners and a grant from the H&BBC Parish & Community Initiatives Fund. All public Rights of Way are monitored by the Carlton Footpath Group which cuts back vegetation and carries out minor repairs.

Coffee mornings

Coffee mornings continue to be held at The Gate, which has recently been redecorated, on Fridays at 11am, and provide a useful forum and meeting place for all parishioners.

Carlton Charity Lands

The trustees continue to work on behalf of the parish, granting 9 educational awards during the year totaling £1498.80.

Thanks to

Internal Auditor, Carlton News, Carlton Charity Lands, Carlton Defibrillator Group, Carlton Footpath Group, Carlton Gardening Group, Carlton Neighbourhood Watch Group, Keep Carlton Tidy Group, Carlton Youth Champions, Heritage and Tree Warden, Parochial Church Council, Village Fete and Horticultural Show organisers.

Borough and County Councillors – Maureen Cook & Ivan Ould; our local Police officers and supporting authorities.

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 Julie Finch (retired), Judith Boston, Simon Cooper, Ian Sarson, Bill Sharp and your Parish Clerk Chris Peat whose support make all of this possible.



New hand gate on footpath S68

Stuart Tupling Chairman

Financial summary for 2016-17

RECURRENT PAYMENTS	£
Clerk's salary	1100
Cemetery & churchyard maintenance	1065
Transfer to Fixed Asset Fund	600
Clerk - reimbursement of costs	584
Insurance	380
Carlton Greens maintenance	348
Annual subscriptions (LRALC, NALC, SLCC, LCR, LPFA, ICO)	241
Christmas tree	200
Donations (First Responders & Horticultural Show)	185
Diamond Jubilee Orchard maintenance	180
Room hires	150
Audit (internal & external)	150
Play equipment annual inspection	63
Little Lane & public footpath maintenance	40
Defibrillator kiosk	29
Stationery / administration / sundries	122
NON-RECURRENT PAYMENTS	
Carlton Green works	13907
New gate on footpath S68	385
Total VAT on payments	2986
RECEIPTS	£
Precept on H&BBC	5800
S106 funding (for Carlton Green works)	5003
VAT refund	2948
Grants & financial contributions	7054
Cemetery fees/income	150
Bank interest	136
Rents	1
Total receipts	21092
Brought forward at start of financial year	38525
Total of receipts and balances	59617
Total payments	22715
END OF YEAR BALANCE	36902

The figures above have been rounded, and in some cases simplified: more detail can be found in Report 2017-8 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 2017-10.

The improvements to Carlton Green were paid for by a grant from the H&BBC Community Initiatives Fund, s106 Developer Contributions, frontagers and the PC. The net cost to the PC was £5,641.88. I am happy to answer questions about the accounts at any time.

Chris Peat (Responsible Financial Officer)