

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 10th May 2017

Present: S G Tupling (Chairman), J H Boston, S J Cooper, I Sarson, W R Sharp (Councillors), I D Ould (County Councillor), 1 member of the public, C J Peat (Clerk).

1. Minutes of the meeting of 11th May 2016

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.

72 people are currently registered with the Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator, and receive monthly e-mail local crime updates and alerts - a couple of changes on and off the list have taken place over the year.

2016/17

During the past year there have been only 6 reported crimes in Carlton - half the level of each of the last 3 years. These are:

1 criminal damage and arson	1 other theft
1 vehicle crime	1 public order
2 violence or sexual offence	

There were no reported burglaries this year and Carlton householders should congratulate themselves on their security and vigilance which has helped to keep these figures low, much better than most surrounding villages. However the 6 victims of crime have our sympathies.

Wider trends

Over the last year **outcome rates** for crime in our wider neighbourhood of Bosworth, Ratby, Groby, Markfield and Stanton show:

84% "no further action" - a disappointing increase on the 73% in 2015/16

9% "under investigation" - down from 17%

7% "offender dealt with by police or the court down from 10%.

This is from a total of 1,987 reported crimes in the wider neighbourhood, 5% up on last year.

So it appears that reported crime is increasing and yet less action is being taken against perpetrators. The reasons recorded by Leicestershire Police are "investigation complete, no suspect identified" or "unable to prosecute suspect".

August remains the busiest month for reported crime across the area.

Contacts

Sgt Michael Lang heads the local policing unit for Bosworth, Ratby, Groby, Markfield and Stanton and can be contacted by calling 101 and asking for voicemail no 551.

PC Robert Cross is a dedicated Neighbourhood Officer for Bosworth villages and can be contacted on 101 voicemail no 207.

PCSO Marilyn Edwards also covers the Bosworth area on 101 voicemail no 6522.

We thank all local officers for their support over the past year.

Rosi Yule Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator
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3. Report from the Chairman of Carlton Parish Council

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Stuart Tupling, Chairman

The meeting closed at 19:48 hrs.

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