

CARLTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at Saint Andrew's Church, Main Street, Carlton
at 19:30 hrs on Wednesday 26th July 2017

Present: S G Tupling (Chairman), J H Boston, S J Cooper, I Sarson, W R Sharp
(Councillors), M Cook (Borough Councillor), C J Peat (Clerk).

1. Administrative matters

a) Apologies for absence from Councillors

There were none.

b) Declarations of interests (including Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) and requests for dispensations in respect of items on the agenda

Cllr Cooper declared a direct pecuniary interest in planning application 17/00644/OUT and left the meeting while it was discussed.

2. Minutes of the meeting of 14th June 2017

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 proposed that the PC send a letter of thanks to the Nailstone Community Group for their work in achieving the reinstatement of the 153 bus service. **It was resolved** that a letter be sent.

b) Leicestershire County Council

Cllr I D Ould had sent a written report on current LCC business.

c) Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council

Cllr M Cook had submitted a written report on current H&BBC business; current planning issues were discussed.

d) Carlton Neighbourhood Watch group

Ms R Yule had reported that there had been no recorded crimes in April. A park bench had been stolen from a house in Nailstone Road during June, and tools worth £6k had been stolen from a van parked in a private drive in Main St in July.

e) Parish Clerk

External audit – the PC's accounts for the financial year 2016-17 had been certified without qualification on 19th July. The notice of conclusion of audit, and the certified annual return had been uploaded to the PC's website on 21st July.

Water Park – complaints had been received about long queues, parking on verges, and

obstruction of the highway in the vicinity of Bosworth Water Trust on 17th and 18th June. The Chairman had counted 200 cars parked on both sides of the Wellesborough Rd to the west of Carlton Rd, and a further 20 in Carlton Rd. The Water Park and overflow parking field had been full and the Park had been closed to new visitors. However, drivers had parked on local roads and visitors had broken through the hedges to gain entry. The Police had become involved. In addition, residents had complained about the frequent occurrence of queues of around 10 cars on the Wellesborough Road, waiting to enter the Water Park.

153 bus service – Arriva had advised that the service would be reinstated from 27th August with a reduced timetable for a six month trial period. This had been advertised by notices and on the PC's website, and an article had been submitted to Carlton News (p.1664/3e refers).

Give Way sign – the damaged sign at the southern end of Nailstone Rd had still not been repaired after 4 months, and had been re-reported to LCC Highways (p.1647/3a refers).

Abandoned car – a car left for over 48 hrs on the highway verge near the railway bridge had been reported to the Police on 19th June by the KCTG. They could take no action because it had not been reported stolen and was taxed and insured. On 22nd June H&BBC responded that the car had tax and a valid MoT and there was no parking enforcement in place, and their usual practice was to wait 10 days before contacting the registered keeper via a DVLA check. By 4th July the car had been completely vandalised. After a 7-day legal notice had been served by H&BBC, the car was finally removed on 14th July.

Superfast broadband – cabinet 14 opposite 3 Main St should have been operational by the end of June (p.1644/4e refers), but was still not working because a connecting cable had not yet been installed by BT. The Superfast Leics Team had advised that this job had been given a high priority, but could not say when the cabinet would go live.

H&BBC Playing Pitch Strategy – questionnaire had been completed and returned.

CDJO path surfacing – the CGG were thanked for laying a wearing surface on the path and parking areas on 29th and 30th June; a claim for s106 funding had been approved by H&BBC (p.1665/5 refers).

Little Lane - the CGG were thanked for using spare stone from the CDJO Project to level up hollows in the footpath on 3rd July.

Nailstone Road Footway project – the Clerk had attended a site meeting with LCC Highways on 13th July and had discussed site constraints and design options. The original proposal had been to install a 1.2m wide footway between the existing hedge and highway kerb line (p.1639/7a refers) at an estimated total cost of £20k (supported by a 50% P&CIF grant). LCC had carried out further investigations: the project would require removal of the existing hedge, moving a BT supply pole, moving an existing gully, and the installation of dropped kerbs and tactile paving. LCC had estimated that the project would cost more than £40k. **It was resolved** that this project would not be taken further until there was a realistic chance of external funding reducing the net cost to the PC to around £10k, and that the landowner be asked to cut back the hedge on the corner.

LCC/LRALC Annual Parishes Liaison Event - the PC had been represented by the Clerk (p.1664/3e refers).

H&BBC Parishes Forum – the PC had been represented by the Clerk (p.1659/5e refers).

H&BBC P&CIF Fund – the PC's three grant applications to this fund had been approved, and the contractors approved for repainting the information kiosk and laying the cemetery hedge had been authorised to begin work (p.1639/7b-d refer).

H&BBC Heritage Plan – **it was resolved** that the PC be represented by the Clerk at a workshop on 31st July.

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. Planning matters**a) Planning applications submitted**

17/00644/OUT Land rear of 42-44 Main Street. One new detached dwelling and separate garage (Outline - all matters reserved). **It was resolved** that objections be submitted on the grounds that that the erection of a new residential dwelling on this site would not be in accordance with the defined linear built form of the settlement and would not complement or enhance the character of the surrounding area (NPPF Para 53, H&BBC Core Strategy Policy 13, Local Plan Policy DM10 c and d). The PC also noted that this site was the site of Carlton Hall, that numbers 42-46 Main Street are known as Hall Terrace, and that there were two semi-derelict brick buildings on the site (not one as shown on the site plan) which are of interesting design, exhibit fine decorative brickwork and have considerable character. If the LPA should be minded to approve this application, the PC requested conditions (i) restricting the height of any residential development in order to protect the residential amenity and privacy of the occupiers of 42-46 Main St (Policy DM10 a); (ii) requiring an archaeological investigation of the southern half of the application site on the grounds that preliminary investigations have uncovered pottery fragments dating from Iron Age to recent in the soil and a wall made of Carlton Stone which appears to run underneath the existing workshop building (Policies DM11, 12); and (iii) requiring any development to incorporate design features similar to those of the existing derelict brick buildings on the site which are a distinctive feature of this part of the village and make a significant contribution to the character of the local built environment (Policy DM10 d, DM11, DM12).

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).

17/00528/FUL Kyngs Golf and Country Club, Station Road, Market Bosworth. Erection of multi-functional recreational building, the erection of a golf simulator building, the erection of a golf buggy garage, formation of a new car parking area for 242 vehicles and new access roads and the proposed erection of 15 golf holiday homes and all associated ancillary works and landscaping. The PC had strongly supported the development of a viable golf course and ancillary visitor facilities at Market Bosworth, as a key component of the local rural tourism offering. PC had objected to the proposal to build holiday lodges on plots 7-15 in a prominent position near the top of Godson's Hill as shown on the submitted site layout plan dated May 2017 on grounds that (i) this proposal would constitute an unacceptable intrusion of linear built development into an area of attractive open countryside; (ii) the design is not of a design and at a scale appropriate to minimise impact and assimilate well with the character of the surrounding area; (iii) the proposed development would obstruct a valued view of the local landscape and of St Peter's Church on the approach to Market Bosworth along public footpath S70 which is an important off-road pedestrian link between Market Bosworth town centre and the developing recreational hub comprising the Ashby Canal and towpath, Bosworth Marina, the Battlefield Line Railway, Bosworth Sports & Social Club, and Bosworth Water Trust; (iv) the proposal would result in the loss of ponds, rough grassland and similar habitat of wildlife value. The PC had also commented that it had invested heavily in local rights

of way infrastructure and believed that the provision of an attractive network of public rights of way was a crucial component of the local visitor offering, and that every effort should be made to preserve important local views and vistas.

17/00729/HOU, 1 Orton Close. Single storey rear extension (resubmission of 17/00584/HOU). PC had no objections.

c) Planning applications determined

17/00375/HOU Ellerkin, 62 Main Street. Two storey and single storey extensions and alterations. Approved.

17/00584/HOU Single storey rear extension. 1 Orton Close. Comments had been agreed, but the application had been withdrawn before they had been submitted.

5. Financial matters

a) Report 2017-15: Quarterly financial statement April-June 2017

The monthly current account statements had been checked and signed as required (p.1515/9c refers), and the reconciliation was checked against the most recent statements for all bank accounts. **It was resolved** that Report 2017-15 be approved.

b) Reimbursement of the costs of crushed granite and plant hire for the CDJO Path project

Following examination of the relevant invoices and receipts, **it was resolved** that the Clerk be reimbursed £262.68 for granite dust (including £43.78 VAT), and £120.95 for roller hire (including £18.70 VAT), for works to the CDJO path.

c) Reimbursement of general costs incurred by the Clerk

The Clerk presented his record of costs for examination, and **it was resolved** that costs of £147.62 be reimbursed, comprising £30 contribution towards broadband subscription, £111.07 costs, and £6.55 VAT.

6. Next meeting

It was resolved that the next meeting be held at 19:30 hrs on 13th September 2017 at Saint Andrew's Church, Main Street, Carlton.

The meeting closed at 2045 hrs.

Signed _____

Date _____

Abbreviations used in these minutes

CDJO	Carlton Diamond Jubilee Orchard
CGG	Carlton Gardening Group
H&BBC	Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council
KCTG	Keep Carlton Tidy Group
LCC	Leicestershire County Council
LRALC	Leicestershire and Rutland Association of Local Councils
PC	Parish Council