

# 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 9<sup>th</sup> May 2018

**Present:** S G Tupling (Chairman), J H Boston, S J Cooper, I Sarson (Councillors),  
I D Ould (County Councillor), M Cook (Borough Councillor), 5 members of  
the public, C J Peat (Clerk).

## 1. Minutes of the meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017

It was resolved that the minutes be confirmed, and they were signed by the Chairman.

## 2. Report from the Carlton Neighbourhood Watch (NHW)

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.

71 people are currently registered with the Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator, and receive monthly e-mail local crime updates and alerts.

Rural Watch is available as a text service with live updates of local issues and the national NHW frequently circulate alerts on latest "scams".

### **2017/18**

During the past year there were **19 reported crimes in Carlton** - 3 times the level of 2016/17 and the highest since I began recording 6 years ago with the increase in ASB having the biggest impact. Details are:

2 criminal damage and arson	2 other theft
4 vehicle crime	2 burglary
1 violence or sexual offence	8 anti-social behavior (ASB)

The increase in Carlton is also reflected in a 20% increase in reported crime across the wider neighbourhood of Bosworth, Ratby, Groby, Markfield and Stanton in 2017/18. Violence or sexual offence is the highest making up 21% of all crimes across the area and October was the busiest month for reported crime.

**Outcome rates** for crime in our wider area show:

- 85% "no further action" (84% last year)
- 7% "under investigation" (9% last year)
- 8% "offender dealt with by police or the court (7% last year)

The reasons recorded by Leicestershire Police for no further action are "investigation complete, no suspect identified" or "unable to prosecute suspect".

## Wider Comparisons

In the 12 months to December 2017 the overall crime rate in Hinckley and Bosworth was broadly the same as the average crime rate across nationally similar areas. However:

- burglary was higher than average
- vehicle crime was much higher than average (the worst in the family of 15 areas)
- drug crime was lower than average
- shoplifting was lower than average

With this in mind Carlton residents are advised to maintain high security on their vehicles and continue to be vigilant for neighbours' vehicles.

## Leicestershire Police

The latest HMIC inspection report published March 2018 states:

*"Leicestershire Police is good at keeping people safe and reducing crime. The force has made good progress since the 2016 inspection. The force has looked at, and changed, the areas that required improvement. It has made other significant changes to improve the overall quality of the service it provides for people who are affected by crime, particularly those who might be vulnerable.*

*Leicestershire Police has re-organised its workforce and has developed a more efficient method of allocating investigations, in order to speed them up and to stop cases being passed through several different teams. A training programme, 'Back to Basics', has addressed a lack of consistency in the way that officers supervise investigations. It has strengthened accountability and improved the quality of victim contact. In addition, the force has improved its methods of tracing people who are wanted for arrest, and has sustained its comprehensive approach to rehabilitating offenders.*

*The force has created a new digital hub which deals with cyber-crimes. The hub offers technical support to investigators, and is a very effective way of tackling online child sexual exploitation. The force has also reduced the waiting time for the examination of evidence from computers and mobile devices.*

*Victims of domestic abuse now receive a better service from the force. This is because the force works more closely with partner organisations, has more staff who have been trained to carry out safeguarding, and because there are more frequent multi-agency meetings to consider high-risk cases. Joint work between the force and other organisations has resulted in an exemplary sexual assault referral centre (SARC). The centre offers comprehensive professional support to victims of sexual assault.*

*Leicestershire Police has the necessary arrangements in place to fulfil its national responsibilities, and to respond to an attack requiring an armed response".*

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

**Rosi Yule**  
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### **3. Report from the Chairman of Carlton Parish Council**

2017/18 has been another interesting and productive year for the parish and I have attempted to summarise the main items affecting the village.

#### **Council**

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](http://www.carltonpc.co.uk). Members of the public are welcome to attend any meeting

Attendance this year was: Tupling 10; Boston 6; Sarson 10; Sharp 8; Cooper 10, Clerk 10. Two training courses were attended. Parish Council meetings were attended by 13 representatives of other organisations, and a small number of parishioners. The PC considered 19 planning applications, and was represented at 7 meetings of other bodies. The Parish Council's accounts for 2016-17 were approved without qualification; those for 2017-18 have been published.

#### **Carlton Diamond Jubilee Orchard & Toddler's Play Area**

Continued maintenance has been undertaken, along with the top surfacing of the pathway (grant aided). Volunteers are always welcome and membership of the Gardening Group is open to everyone.

#### **Carlton News**

A valued source of communication for the village along with the Carlton villagers group on Facebook and the Parishes Website.

#### **Superfast broadband**

Now fully installed; hopefully a trouble-free service is being enjoyed by most of the village.

#### **Dog fouling**

This has been a long-standing problem in Carlton which is an expanding village with a regular influx of walkers using our improved network of footpaths. However, following repeated appeals common sense has prevailed and with the kind cooperation of responsible dog owners noticeable improvements to cleanliness have been made.

#### **The Gate Hangs Well – Public House**

The Gate plays a key role in the community hosting monthly quiz nights and regular special events including various food options. Coffee mornings continue to be held on Fridays at 11am providing a useful forum and meeting place for all parishioners.

#### **Carlton Charity Lands**

The trustees continue to work on behalf of the parish granting 6 educational awards during the financial year totaling £900. Andy Tee has recently been appointed a Trustee following the resignation of Andrew Mitchell who has left the village.

## **General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)**

On May 25<sup>th</sup> the above regulations come into force and the Council under the guidance of Simon Cooper is reviewing its procedures and protocols in order to comply.

## **Grant Aided Work completed**

Top surfacing of Little Lane and the Diamond Jubilee Orchard path.

Repainting of the red telephone box which houses the Defibrillator.

Cemetery hedge has been laid.

Carlton Oaks Project where 5 oak saplings have been planted on Bosworth, Nailstone and Barton roads.

## **Speed Indicator Device (SID)**

There has been a continual problem of speeding traffic and hopefully by the autumn we will be in a position to install a semi mobile speed indicator device at designated points in the village. This device will record vehicle speed and the police may be called upon to investigate further.

## **153 Bus Service**

Thankfully this was reinstated in late August, albeit with a restricted timetable on the understanding that usage will be maintained.

## **Wellsborough Road**

Last summer we witnessed considerable congestion and dangerous parking problems on the Wellsborough Road due to the success of events at the Market Bosworth Water Park. As a consequence new speed limits are to be introduced and the police will be monitoring the situation.

## **Thanks to**

Internal Auditor, Carlton News, 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, 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.

**Signed** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_