

CARLTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at Saint Andrew's Church, Main Street, Carlton
at 19:30 hrs on Wednesday 25th July 2018

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

1. Administrative matters

a) Apologies for absence from Councillors

It was resolved that an apology from Cllr Boston 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 13th June 2018

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

The Chairman drew attention to the continuing problems of queueing traffic and unsafe and illegal parking in the vicinity of Bosworth Water Trust (p.1707/5a, 1713/3e refer).

Cllr Sharp reported that the footbridge over the Stony Brook at Harcourt Mill had been repaired.

Cllr Sarson noted that the *dragons teeth* markings on Nailstone Rd had almost disappeared (p.1707/5a refers); the 30 mph signs on Nailstone Rd were obstructed by vegetation; and that large amounts of grit had been left on the footways along Barton Rd and Bosworth Rd after recent top dressing. **It was resolved** that the hedges be cut back and the footways swept by volunteers.

b) Leicestershire County Council

Cllr I D Ould was concerned that he had been advised that two reports of children being followed in Stoke Golding related to incidents in Burbage, when in fact they did refer to additional incidents in Stoke Golding (p.1708/5b refers). This matter was under investigation.

The time for an appeal had now expired, and LCC was applying for a Court Order to go on site and effect repairs to footpath S68 at Shackerstone Station footbridge. Cllr Ould had submitted a written report on current LCC business, and had no current casework in Carlton.

Cllr Ould explained the rationale behind the proposal that Leicestershire become a unitary authority.

c) Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council

Cllr M Cook had submitted a written report of current H&BBC business, and had no current casework in Carlton.

H&BBC was re-evaluating the criteria for the amount of parish grants; one proposal was to allocate funds by Ward and number of Borough Councillors instead of by Parish. A Ward with 5 Borough Councillors would be allocated up to 5 x £12k = £60k, while a Ward with 1 Councillor would be allocated 1 x £12k = £12k. In the case of the local Ward of Cadeby, Carlton and Market Bosworth with Shackerstone, £12k would be split between the four parishes. The total grants awarded over the period 2005-2018 were: Mkt Bosworth £63,2237; Cadeby £26,390; Carlton £8,793; Shackerstone £32,000.

Cllrs Sharp and Ould left the meeting at this point.

d) Carlton Neighbourhood Watch group

Ms R Yule had reported that the following offences had been recorded in Carlton in May: Anti-social behaviour -1, Vehicle crime – 1, Criminal damage/arson – 1, Violence and/or sexual offence – 1.

e) Parish Clerk

Dial-a-Ride- had been invited to make a presentation before the PC meeting on 12th Sept. **Police** – PC Rob Cross had kindly agreed to make a presentation and lead a Q&A session on local policing matters before the PC meeting on 12th Sept (p.1714/7 refers).

Loose kerb - had been repaired promptly (p.1713/3e refers).

White lining – had been re-laid only on those areas covered by the recent surface dressing – for example the *30 roundels* on Bosworth and Barton roads had been re-laid, but the associated *dragons teeth* had not. The very worn dragons teeth on Nailstone Road had not been touched (p.1707/5a refers). The meeting took the view that it would have been sensible to review all white linings in the vicinity for repair while the equipment was on site.

Footpath S69 – had been reported to LCC RoW (p.1712/3a refers).

Footway obstruction – footway outside 35 Main St had been completely obstructed by a parked vehicle on 14th Aug, during attendance at a wedding. The person responsible had apologised for their thoughtless action.

Victorian letter box – the Clerk had spoken with the Romec engineer on site, who had not been able to repair the box himself. It was GPO policy to repair and retain historic letter boxes wherever possible but this repair would not be straightforward and had been referred to GPO for a final decision (p.1712/3c refers).

Parishes Forum – at Thornton on 28th June had been attended by the Clerk, and a report and minutes copied to Councillors. H&BBC was considering how best to support PCs (eg by offering Officer support and technical advice for major projects), and was anxious to find out about the services provided by PCs and how they operated in practice. To support this initiative the Clerk had led the H&BBC Strategic & Community Planning Officer and assistant on a tour of Carlton on 18th July and demonstrated the procedures operated by the PC. These actions **were approved**.

Farm traffic sign – had been replaced with a new sign (p.1713/3e refers), and the second sign nearer Westfields had been removed.

Transport – H&BBC questionnaire on transport provision was completed.

Village sign, Diamond Jubilee Orchard seat – Cllr Sarson **was thanked** for treating these with tung oil.

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 no questions or comments.

4. Report 2018-15: Index to Parish Council minutes January 1951- December 2017

It was resolved that Report 2018-15 be approved, and that this index be updated at least every five years (p.1710/14 refers).

5. Report 2018-16: Quarterly financial statement April-June 2018

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 2018-16 be approved.

6. Refund of costs incurred by the Clerk

The Clerk presented his record of costs for examination, and **it was resolved** that total costs of £127.07 be reimbursed, comprising £30 contribution towards broadband subscription, £90.48 costs, and £6.59 VAT.

7. Pedestrian access to 3-5 Nailstone Road

The Clerk had inspected the site of the tall fence and spoken with the occupiers (p.1712/3a refers). The fence around part of the rear garden of 3 Nailstone Rd comprised a close boarded fence with concrete gravel boards at the base and additional trelliswork panels fixed to the inside. The latter had increased the height of the fence to up to 3.15m. The trelliswork panels were not well supported and were likely to snap off or blow down in a high wind. Fences up to 2m high were permitted development under the GDO: strictly, the alterations to the fence required planning permission. The occupiers of the property had explained that the fence was intended to increase local privacy; that their neighbours supported the higher fence; that the fence bordered a private jitty; and that the local residents intended to install a gate at the western end of the jitty to improve their security following a recent opportunistic theft. The Clerk had recommended that no further action be taken as the fence posed no risk to the public and there had been no objections from neighbours.

Since then a fence had been erected across the western end of the jitty. Complaints about the closure had been received from four parishioners. The closure of the jitty meant that all pedestrian traffic between local services and 3-5 Nailstone Road would have to pass along Nailstone Road and around or across the Nailstone Rd/Barton Rd junction. The provision of safe pedestrian access had been an important consideration at the planning stage: condition 7 of the outline consent (14/00311/OUT; p.1518/6b) had required the construction of a footway along the south-eastern side of Nailstone Road; this had been negotiated down to the provision of the jitty and road crossing in the final consent (15/00658/REM; p.1575/10b; p.1594/7c). A draft letter to H&BBC Planning had been copied to Councillors for comment, and a final version agreed with the Chairman and sent. This letter requested that H&BBC investigate the position and take appropriate action to restore pedestrian access between 3-5 Nailstone Rd and local services. **It was resolved** that this action be approved.

8. Speed checks

Vehicle speeds in Main Street and Barton Road were measured by a team of Police volunteers on Wednesday 11th July between 3 and 4.30 pm. A local PC and PCSO had also attended for part of the time. The operations had been observed by a parishioner interested in speed monitoring, the Chairman and the Clerk (p.1714/7 refers).

In Main Street 104 vehicles were checked, of which 1 was exceeding 35 mph. In Barton Road 73 vehicles were checked, of which 4 were exceeding 35 mph. The highest speed measured was 47 mph, on Barton Road.

9. Toddlers Play Area Management policy

It was resolved that a revised Toddlers Play Area Management policy be adopted, to replace that adopted on 17th June 2015 (p.1570/5d, 1614/9 refer).

10. Review of polling districts and polling places

It was resolved that H&BBC be advised that St Andrew's Church was the most appropriate place to house a Polling Station in Carlton.

11. Planning matters

a) Planning applications submitted

There were none.

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).

18/00305/FUL 21 Main Street. Demolition of existing dwelling and the construction of a new detached dwelling and detached triple garage/store to the rear. Amended plans. Gable facing Main St will have an unacceptable visual impact on the built environment and street scene, and should be set back by at least 2m from the frontage of 25 Main Street; garage block not well-related to the proposed dwelling or similar buildings in the vicinity; access drive and turning bay are likely to introduce vehicular traffic and associated noise and disturbance to the quiet and private rear gardens of nearby dwellings; access drive does not appear to have adequate visibility splays to Main Street.

c) Planning applications determined

18/00305/FUL 21 Main Street. Demolition of existing dwelling and the construction of a new detached dwelling and detached triple garage/store to the rear (Amended plans). Permitted.

18/00376/HOU Harcourt Mill, Barton Rd, Mkt Bosworth. New detached garage with studio over, new entrance gates, boundary wall, driveway and associated landscaping. Permitted.

18/00377/HOU Harcourt Mill, Barton Rd, Mkt Bosworth. Two storey side extension and construction of a swimming pool and associated landscaping. Refused.

18/00397/FUL Ryecroft, 95 Main St. Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of replacement dwelling. Permitted.

18/00528/GDO Willows, Shackerstone Walk. Prior notification of proposed agricultural building. Permitted.

12. Next meeting

It was resolved that the next meeting be held at 19:30 hrs on Wednesday 12th September 2018 at Saint Andrew's Church, Main Street, Carlton.

It was noted that the PC meeting would be preceded by an open forum on local policing, beginning at 19:00 hrs, and possibly also by a presentation on the Dial-a-ride scheme.

The meeting closed at 20:55 hrs.

Signed _____ **Date** _____

Abbreviations used in these minutes

H&BBC	Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council
LCC	Leicestershire County Council
PC	Parish Council