

# Carlton Parish Council

## Annual Report - May 2019

The Parish of Carlton is in the Borough of Hinckley & Bosworth and the County of Leicestershire. In January 2018 there were 147 occupied dwellings in the parish, and 311 registered electors. The parish element of the Band D Council tax in 2018-19 was £44.82.



From left to right , Simon Cooper, Ian Sarson, Stuart Tupling, Mick Vann, Judith Boston

### Chairman's Report 2018-19

2018-19 has been another interesting and productive year for the parish and I have attempted to summarize the main items affecting the village.

#### Council

Carlton Parish Council held 10 meetings last year, all in Saint Andrew's Church. In addition, open briefings were given by the Police Local Beat Team and Dial-a-Ride and were well attended. 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) .

Whilst Council meetings may not be the most exciting event in the calendar, I would encourage you to attend a meeting to see first-hand how local issues are handled, alternatively please free to contact myself or any Councillor over any issues.

Attendance this year was: Tupling 7; Boston 8; Sarson 8; Sharp 9; Cooper 10; Clerk 10. Two training courses were attended. Parish Council meetings were attended by 16 representatives of other organisations and 15 parishioners. The PC considered 13 planning applications and was represented at 9 meetings of other bodies.

The Parish Council's accounts for 2018-19 have been published, but are now exempt from routine external audit unless objections to them are raised by a member of the public.

## **Election**

Local elections were held on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and with only 5 nominees for the 5 vacancies on the Parish Council an election was not required.

Bill Sharp who has been a Councillor for 32 years has decided to retire and we all thank him for his hard work and dedication; the vacancy has been filled by Mick Vann.

On a sadder note David Price and Tony Cooper, both former Councillors, died during the year having served on the council for 40 and 32 years respectively.

## **Traffic Problems**

Speeding traffic continues to be a problem everywhere and as promised we purchased a Speed Indicator Device (SID) to be located at 5 different sites within the village. The data which is published in Carlton news continues to be collated but it is still too early to draw any conclusions.

The success of Bosworth Water Park, particularly at holiday times, has caused major access and parking problems on the Wellsborough Rd. Parking restrictions and new speed limits are being imposed but clearly a longer-term solution is required. Similar problems are also occurring at Twycross Zoo and Thornton Reservoir, proving that increased tourism requires a long-term review of infrastructure.

## **Parking**

Already reported in Carlton News, parking on pavements is illegal and is creating obstructions for pedestrians, push and wheelchair users. In order to prevent a potential accident, I would be grateful if you would ask visitors to help us by not parking on the pavement.

## **Churchyard**

Continual maintenance by the Gardening Group has included the felling of the cherry and rowan tree and some regrading and turfing of the path bank which will be extended.

The front retaining wall is currently being monitored for structural movement and the Victorian letterbox has now been repaired.

## **Village News**

A good way of keeping up to date with village activities is Carlton News which is distributed quarterly, or you can refer to Facebook and the Parish website.

## **Carlton Charity Lands**

This year the trustees have been able to grant 6 educational awards totaling £890.44. This trust has been designed to provide educational support in the form of monetary grants to students aged 16 to 23. For further information please contact Ian Sarson at [madrailfan@aol.com](mailto:madrailfan@aol.com).

## The Gate Hangs Well

The Gate plays a key role in the community hosting monthly quiz nights and regular special events, and plans have been passed for an extension to the building for a restaurant area.

Coffee mornings continue to be held on Fridays at 11am, providing a useful forum and meeting place for all parishioners.



Churchyard - bramble clearance



Barton Road - planting oak tree

## 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.

Our Borough and County Councillors, Maureen Cook & Ivan Ould, and 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 have made all of this possible.

**Stuart Tupling    Chairman**

## 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 (290733)

Mick Vann, 91 Main Street (07944-799106)

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## Financial summary for 2018-19

<b>RECURRENT PAYMENTS</b>	<b>£</b>
Clerk's salary	1400
Cemetery & churchyard maintenance	1286
Transfer to Fixed Asset Fund	600
Clerk - reimbursement of costs	440
Insurance	403
Carlton Greens maintenance	428
Diamond Jubilee Orchard maintenance	260
Donations (First Responders & Horticultural Show)	240
Annual subscriptions (LRALC, NALC, LCR, LPFA, ICO)	252
Audit (internal & external)	70
Room hires	150
Payroll administration	100
Training	60
Play equipment annual inspection & repairs	130
Little Lane & public footpath maintenance	40
Defibrillator kiosk	37
Stationery / administration / sundries	18
Christmas tree	145
<b>NON-RECURRENT PAYMENTS</b>	
Speed Indicator Device	3250
Cemetery stationery	103
Oak tree re-planting	57
Total VAT on payments	795
<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>£</b>
Precept on H&BBC	8000
VAT refund	194
Grants & financial contributions	1625
Cemetery fees/income	2860
Bank interest	91
Rents	1
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>12771</b>
Brought forward at start of financial year	<b>41814</b>
Total of receipts and balances	<b>54585</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>10264</b>
<b>END OF YEAR BALANCE</b>	<b>44321</b>

The figures above have been rounded, and in some cases simplified: more detail can be found in Report 2019-11 and on the Finance pages of 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 printing Carlton News. Details of these funds can be found in Report 2019-12.

I am happy to answer questions about the accounts at any time.

Chris Peat (Responsible Financial Officer)