

CARLTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at Saint Andrew's Church, Main Street, Carlton
at 19:30 hrs on Wednesday 13th February 2019

Present: S G Tupling (Chairman), J H Boston, S J Cooper, I Sarson, W R Sharp (Councillors), I D Ould (County Councillor), M Cook (Borough Councillor), 2 members of the public, C J Peat (Clerk).

All present stood in silence for one minute in remembrance of Mr Tony P Cooper, who had died on 5th February and who had served as a Parish Councillor from 1967 to 1991, and Chairman from 1968 -1991

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

There were none.

2. Minutes of the meeting of 9th January 2019

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 Cooper reported that he had followed a northbound 153 bus past the Gate Hangs Well at 43 mph. **It was resolved** that this be monitored.

b) Leicestershire County Council

Cllr I D Ould **was thanked** for a written report of LCC business, and had no current casework in Carlton.

Cllr Ould reported on a recent case where a stolen vehicle fitted with a tracker had been found by the police having its number plate changed in premises containing two other stolen vehicles. The occupiers of the premises had previous convictions for similar thefts. The Crown Prosecution Service had refused to prosecute on the grounds that there was insufficient forensic evidence. In another case a burglar had been found hiding in a wardrobe in a burgled property by a police dog handler. Again, the CPS had refused to prosecute. These decisions were being challenged.

c) Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council

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

Cllr Cook reported that plastic carrier bags, film, bubble wrap and books could now be put in the blue bin for recycling. Cllr Cook had met Matt Hancock (Sec of State for Health) and David Tredinnick MP to showcase H&BBC's pioneering *Health & Well Being Programme*.

Cllr Ould left the meeting at this point.

d) Carlton Neighbourhood Watch group

Ms R Yule had reported that there had been 1 report of a violence or sexual offence and 6 reports of burglary in December. The latter had been noted at the last meeting; it appeared that not all of the shed break-ins had been reported to the Police (p.1737/3d refers).

e) Parish Clerk

West Leics CFR Group – had thanked PC for donation (p.1740/13a refers).

H&BBC Executive – will meet at Sheepy Magna Memorial Hall at 18:30 hrs on Wed 10th April.

Carlton Oaks Project – the final replacement oak tree was collected and planted next to the village nameplate on Barton Road on 17th January (p.1738/7 refers).

Wet road – had been inspected on several occasions and at different times. There was no evidence of leakage from the water main, sewer or surface water drains. The Clerk believed that liquefaction of the tar during the hot summer had created a slick surface which led to increased condensation. Other smaller areas of the carriageway in Main St showed similar features (p.1736/3a refers).

Heritage Forum – the Clerk had represented the PC at this forum on 16th January.

Cemetery – permission had been granted for the erection of a headstone to Mrs Jane Smith.

Refuse collection – black bins had not been emptied on 22nd January as scheduled, but the following morning. It had emerged that Carlton bin emptying was not assigned to a specific collection team, but carried out at the end of shift by whichever team was free.

P&CIF – following consultation with Councillors, a quotation of £478.00 for installation of the seat base had been accepted; the total cost of the seat & base would be £1067.00; and an application for £533.50 had been submitted to H&BBC (p.1739/8 refers).

County Lines and Cuckooing – information from the police had been forwarded to the Neighbourhood Watch and Carlton Villagers Facebook groups.

Sheepy Neighbourhood Plan – examination has been completed, Inspector's recommendations accepted, and the modified plan will proceed to referendum on 14th March 2019.

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

A complaint was made that the driver of a car parked right across the pavement in Main St had refused to move it when asked. This was a recurrent problem. The police had been known to write to the drivers of offending vehicles if a formal complaint was made. Cllr Cook offered to supply suitable leaflets prepared by H&BBC which could be left on the

windscreen of offending vehicles. **It was resolved** that Cllr Cook's kind offer be accepted; that offending vehicles be reported to the Police; and that an article be published in the next issue of Carlton News.

Cllr Cook left the meeting at this point.

4. PCC proposals for works to St Andrew's Church

a) H&BBC Developing Communities Fund (DCF)

The Clerk had represented the PC at the Rural Conference on 20th November (p.1727/3f refers), and had asked about the H&BBC Developing Communities Fund. In January it had been confirmed that the Parish of Carlton was eligible for grants of up to £43k from this fund in the next financial year; preliminary applications were required before 15th February 2019. This funding would be fully allocated in 2019-20 to eligible projects: the £43k had not been specifically allocated to Carlton and could not be carried forward. The Nailstone Rd Footway Project had not been eligible for this funding because it was highway works (p.1638/7a refers), and the PC had no other major projects ready to go forward.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) had been developing plans for the installation of a toilet and servery in the church for some time (p.1731/3e refers). The Clerk and Mr Arnold (Carlton PCC) had attended a briefing meeting at H&BBC on 10th January where it had been confirmed that the PCC's project was eligible for funding and that the plans were sufficiently advanced for an application to be considered. Since then the Clerk had provided Mr Arnold with background information to support an application from the PCC to the DCF.

It was resolved that the PC strongly supported the proposals being developed by the PCC, and would support an application for the maximum funding available from the DCF for the benefit of this community.

b) Letter of support for the proposed application to the DCF by the PCC

A draft letter had been copied to Councillors before the meeting and was amended. **It was resolved** that this letter be sent to H&BBC.

5. Proposed changes to signage on Bosworth Road

a) Public consultation about extension of the 30mph speed limit on Bosworth Road

The approved consultation documents (p.1738/6 refers) had been delivered to each of the 14 households on Bosworth Road on 10th January. 12 households had responded in support of the proposal; 2 had refused to respond.

b) Submission to the Highway Authority

A draft submission had been copied to Councillors before the meeting. **It was resolved** that this be approved and sent to the Director of Highways & Transportation.

6. Parish Council's insurance policy

The current policy schedule and a list of specified items had been copied to Councillors before the meeting. **It was resolved** that office contents and the defibrillator be removed from the list of specified items because the policy now included standard cover of £5k for each of these categories. **It was resolved** that the bench seat on the East Green would not be

insured against fire, theft and damage as it was not at risk from these events. The policy included an excess of £250, and a new bench could be obtained for £590. **It was resolved** that the other specified items on the list remain insured for the risks and (index-linked) values shown.

The current policy had been in force for three years, and would expire on 31st May 2019. **It was resolved** that the Clerk invite quotations from a range of providers for consideration at the April PC meeting.

7. Proposed speed limits on Carlton Road and Wellesborough Road

This matter had been considered before (p.1686/6; 1737/3f refer), but LCC Highways had sent a public consultation which showed a much reduced 40mph speed limit zone which ended next to the cottages on Carlton Road, and to the west of the Water Park entrance on the Wellesborough Road.

It was resolved that the PC strongly support the proposed graduated speed limits, but object to this proposal and request that the 40 mph speed limit extend (i) to the northern boundary of the Marina site on Carlton Road (275m from the Wellesborough Road) on the grounds that slow moving vehicles entering and leaving the Marina site presented a hazard to fast-moving traffic; (ii) to the western boundary of the Water Park site on the Wellesborough Road (350m further west than shown on the consultation plan) on the grounds that slow moving vehicles turning in and out of the entrances to Friezeland Farm presented a hazard to fast-moving traffic; and (iii) for a distance of 1km from the A444 junction to the lay by at the top of the hill on the grounds that this section of road became congested at school times, that planning permission had been granted for new residential development on the Pilgrim Homes site, and there were residential properties, sharp bends and queues at busy times on the approach to the A444 junction.

8. Planning matters

a) Planning applications submitted

19/00086/CLUP Certificate of proposed lawful development for single storey side extension to dwelling. Home Farm House, 7 Main St. PC had no objection.

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).

18/01298/HOU Single storey rear extensions. Portelet, 63 Main St. PC had no objection.

c) Planning applications determined

18/01236/CONDIT Variation of Condition 2 of 18/00397/FUL to amend the position of the oil tank. Ryecroft, 95 Main St. Permitted.

d) Local Plan: New Directions for Growth consultation

The Clerk had represented the PC at a drop-in event at Mkt Bosworth on 29th Jan; the consultation document and a draft response had been copied to Councillors before the meeting (p.1738/3f refers).

It was resolved that an amended and expanded response be copied to Councillors for comment, and that a final version be submitted to H&BBC by the Chairman and Clerk.

9. Next meeting

It was resolved that the next meeting be held at 19:30 hrs on Wednesday 13th March 2019 at Saint Andrew's Church, Main Street, Carlton.

The meeting closed at 21:15 hrs.

Signed _____ **Date** _____

Abbreviations used in these minutes

CFR	Community First Responder
CPS	Crown Prosecution Service
DCF	Developing Communities Fund
H&BBC	Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council
LCC	Leicestershire County Council
PC	Parish Council
PCC	Parochial Church Council