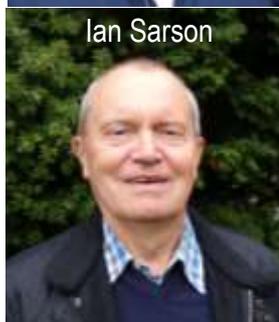
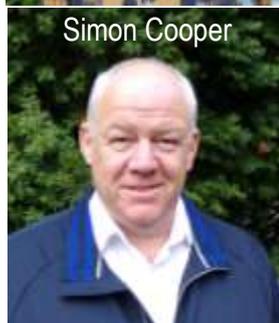


Carlton Parish Council

Annual Report - May 2020

The Parish of Carlton is in the Borough of Hinckley & Bosworth and the County of Leicestershire. In January 2020 there were 153 occupied dwellings in the parish, and 311 registered electors. The parish element of the Band D Council tax in 2019-20 was £45.20.

Parish Councillors



Chairman's Report 2019-20

The years roll by with many differing challenges to tackle and certainly the last few weeks of the 2019-2020 financial year were unprecedented. The Covid 19 pandemic brought all of our worlds to an abrupt halt with the closure of schools, workplaces, shops and sporting events. Social distancing and restrictions mean that everybody is affected, with many reliant upon their own personal support groups for everyday supplies. Leaflet drops within the parish have provided a number of contact points to enable those in further need to seek help and assistance and I would like to thank all of you for pulling together and providing help. Carlton enjoys an excellent community spirit and is blessed with wonderful countryside and numerous walks to enjoy so please be careful, considerate and keep safe.

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. 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 10; Boston 7; Sarson 10; Cooper 10; Vann 9; Clerk 10. Two training courses were attended. Parish Council meetings were attended by 15 representatives of other organisations and 24 members of the public. The PC considered 17 planning applications and was represented at 11 meetings of other bodies.

Parish Council meetings have been suspended for the time being because of the Coronavirus pandemic, and as a result the accounts

for 2019-20 will be made available for public inspection later in the year. Most of the relevant financial information has already been published on the PC website. These accounts are exempt from routine external audit unless objections to them are raised by a member of the public.

Traffic Problems

Our Speed Indicator Device (SID) continues to be deployed around the village and is providing valuable information about the speed and volume of traffic. A review was published in the Feb 2020 issue of Carlton News and all data is uploaded to the PC website. The most serious speeding problem is on Bosworth Road and the County Council agreed to a package of measures aimed to minimize the problem; however the proud blue lines laid across the road had to be removed due to an unacceptable level of noise affecting nearby residents.

Parking on pavements creates a dangerous hazard to pedestrians and a leaflet campaign on offending vehicles has helped to reduce the problem. Congestion around the Water Park continues to be a problem and the successful development to the Gate Hangs Well has led to an increase in on-street parking.

Church plans

A scheme to build a small extension to the rear of the church tower to house a disabled toilet and kitchen along with some internal changes to provide improved meeting areas is being developed by the Parochial Church Council. The process is complicated and expensive and grant aid is being sought. The Parish Council are in consultation and fully support this development.

Ash die-back disease

A survey of roadside ash trees in the Parish found that 41% were showing signs of this disease and the owners of the affected trees were advised to monitor their condition.

Miscellaneous

Mowing contractors damaged telegraph poles and inspection chamber covers and left them in dangerous situations. Action was taken and repairs carried out by County Highways.

A new seat was installed in the Diamond Jubilee Orchard, with grant support from the Borough Council. The new seat allows oversight of the toddlers play area and is between this area and the Nailstone Road entrance.

The churchyard wall continues to be monitored and by November 2019 the top of the wall had moved almost 100mm from vertical.

Village News

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

Carlton Charity Lands

This year the trustees have been able to grant 4 educational awards totaling £600. The 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

The Gate Hangs Well – Public House

The Gate plays a key role in the community following extensive alterations and improvements including a restaurant, café area and games room. Regular monthly quiz nights and special events are held plus the weekly coffee mornings on Fridays at 11am which provide a useful forum and meeting place for all parishioners. We are truly hopeful that these will be able to resume again very soon and that activity at the Gate will be restored fully.

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, Mick Vann and your Parish Clerk Chris Peat whose support make 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 (290976)

Clerk

Chris Peat, 7 Main Street, Carlton, Nuneaton, Warks, CV13 0BZ

Tel 01455-290934

Email clerk@carltonpc.co.uk

Financial summary for 2019-20

RECURRENT PAYMENTS	£
Clerk's salary	1500
Cemetery & churchyard maintenance	1311
Transfer to Fixed Asset Fund	1083
Clerk - reimbursement of costs	415
Insurance	354
Carlton Greens maintenance	437
Diamond Jubilee Orchard maintenance	265
Donations (First Responders & Horticultural Show)	240
Annual subscriptions (LRALC, NALC, LCR, LPFA, ICO)	219
Audit (2 years)	140
Room hires	150
Payroll administration	100
Play equipment annual inspection & repairs	99
Little Lane & public footpath maintenance	40
Defibrillator kiosk	44
Stationery / administration / sundries	53
Christmas tree	100
NON-RECURRENT PAYMENTS	
Removal of blue lines	1375
New seat in Diamond Jubilee Orchard	1081
Transfer to Carlton Gardening Group	150
Total VAT on payments	305
RECEIPTS	£
Precept on H&BBC	8000
VAT refund (from previous year)	795
Grants & financial contributions	1391
Cemetery fees/income	1190
Bank interest	99
Rents	1
Total receipts	11476
Brought forward at start of financial year	44322
Total of receipts and balances	55798
Total payments	9461
END OF YEAR BALANCE	46337

The figures above have been rounded, and in some cases simplified: more detail can be found in Report 2020-10 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 2020-11.

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

Chris Peat (Responsible Financial Officer)