

CARLTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting held at Saint Andrew's Church, Main Street, Carlton
at 19:30 hrs on Wednesday 11th March 2020**

Present: S G Tupling (Chairman), J H Boston, S J Cooper, I Sarson, M A Vann
(Councillors), 3 members of the public, C J Peat (Clerk).

All present stood in silence for one minute in remembrance of Mr John M Clarke, who had served as a Parish Councillor from 1990 to 1995, and Chairman from 1991 to 1995

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 12th February 2020

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 developing Covid-19 pandemic was discussed, and was considered unlikely to have a significant direct impact on PC business. **It was resolved** that contact be made with all potentially vulnerable parishioners to ensure that they each had someone they could call on if they needed to isolate themselves or became seriously ill.

b) Leicestershire County Council

Cllr I D Ould **was thanked** for a written report on LCC business.

c) Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council

Cllr M Cook **was thanked** for a written report on H&BBC business.

d) Carlton Neighbourhood Watch group

Ms R Yule reported that the following offences had been reported in Carlton in January
Vehicle crime – 1, Criminal damage and/or arson – 1, Burglary – 1, Violence and/or sexual offence – 1.

e) Parish Clerk

Bosworth Constituency Parish Forum – was attended by Cllr Vann and the Clerk (p.1796/3e refers). Dr Luke Evans MP had already identified and become involved in the issues facing his constituency: underfunding of LCC; failure of H&BBC to demonstrate a 5-yr land supply and issues arising from this, including making a nonsense of the Local Plan and failing to provide necessary infrastructure; the proliferation of massive warehouse developments including the HNRFI; the need to upgrade the A5; the re-opening of the Ivanhoe Line; flooding issues; and health. The meeting had also been attended by the Police Area Commander who had outlined significant changes in local policing, in particular that in future the responding officer would be responsible for the investigation of each offence. It was envisaged that this would lead to better communication and local knowledge.

Rural Conference – had been attended by the Clerk (p.1789/3e refers) who had found little of interest or relevance. The Rural Strategy was not yet complete, but an interim version had been printed with draft appendices in which the Carlton entry was incorrect (see p.1764/3). The EIP Fund had contributed to the repair of the churchyard wall at Stoke Golding. The RCC would be able to help with the preparation of Parish Plans. The Rural Community Energy Fund had supported feasibility studies into solar panels at Measham Leisure Centre and the erection of a wind turbine at Hanbury to charge electric vehicles used by the PC to provide rural transport. **It was resolved** that the RCC be advised that the PC was planning to begin preparation of the fourth Carlton Parish Plan in Spring 2021 and asked what help might be available..

HSBC – was reviewing all business accounts; the Chairman and Clerk had been interviewed by telephone on 25th Feb.

PCC – had forwarded detailed plans and specifications for the kitchen and lavatory extension. After consultation with Councillors, detailed comments had been submitted to the PCC Project Lead.

Toddlers Play Area - a new crotch strap had been fitted to the cradle swing (p.1789/3e refers).

SID mounting plate – had been replaced on street lighting column 18 by LCC Highways (p.1789/3e refers).

Tree Warden – had attended a training day at Beaumanor Hall on 7th March; material on ash die-back produced by the PC had been incorporated into an advice pack and templates by the Tree Council for use by Tree Wardens.

CDJO seat – an article had been published in the March issue of Aspect (29 (6) p.36)

Cemetery – the Clerk reported that there were 24 reserved grave spaces, 3 unreserved double plots, 1 single grave space, and 12 cremation burial plots set out in the Cemetery. The plan was to set out the next section of graves in the autumn after the new path had been laid, but this could be done at short notice if necessary.

Churchyard – the Secretary to the DAC had advised of changes to the Faculty Jurisdiction Rules 2015 which would come into force on 1st April.

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

Concerns were expressed about planning application 20/00186/OUT.

4. Defibrillator incident

On Sunday 9th Feb a parishioner had collapsed at his home in Bosworth Rd with a suspected heart attack. A 999 call for an ambulance had been made, but the operator had not told the caller how to access the community defibrillator. The relatives could not recall how to access the defibrillator, and a neighbour had called at the home of the Clerk who had rung the defibrillator volunteer helpline. This call had been answered immediately, and a volunteer had delivered the community defibrillator to the incident, but had found an ambulance and Community First Responders already carrying out treatment at the scene (p.1795/3a refers). The patient had since made a good recovery.

When the defibrillator was installed, the CDG had given every household a laminated card with instructions on how to access the defibrillator, and had advised that this should be kept near a telephone. The contact details had also been published on the back cover of the February issue of Carlton News. The CDG had also run courses in first aid and resuscitation.

The CDG Chairman had investigated, and had been informed that the 999 responder would not give out the access code if the incident was outside the '500m activation area'. At the scene, a member of the CFR Team had commented that they usually arrived before a community defibrillator. East Midlands Ambulance Service and the CFR Team had declined to reveal when the 999 call had been logged and when help had arrived at the scene. It had been suggested that the volunteer contact details be posted in the kiosk, and this had been done by the CDG. The Chairman of the CDG proposed to write an article for the next issue of Carlton News.

It was resolved that the CDG volunteer contact number be included in a prominent position in the welcome pack given to new residents.

5. RHS 'It's Your Neighbourhood' scheme

It was resolved that the PC would support the CGG if the group decided to enter this RHS scheme.

6. Reimbursement of costs incurred by the Clerk

The Clerk presented his record of costs for examination for the period from October 2019 to date, and **it was resolved** that costs of £217.44 be reimbursed, comprising £60 contribution towards broadband subscription, £144.17 costs, and £13.27 VAT.

7. Planning matters

a) Planning applications and appeals submitted

20/00186/OUT Four holiday units (outline). Field adjacent The Rectory, Congerstone Lane. **It was resolved** that objections be made on the grounds that (i) Carlton is a Rural Hamlet with no significant community services and facilities, so the proposed development would not be in accordance with Core Strategy Policy 23; (ii) the development site is not accessible by a bus service, so the proposed development would not be in accordance with Development Management Policy DM24; (iii) the development site is in open countryside, is outside the residential curtilage of Carlton Grange, is not well related to other built development, and would have an adverse impact on the local landscape and visual amenity; (iv) the proposed holiday lets have no outdoor amenity space and would not provide residential holiday accommodation of the quality expected in a rural location; that conditions (a) access to the development shall be off the existing drive to Carlton Grange; (b) two parking spaces shall be provided for each holiday let; (c) no part of the new building shall be more than 3.0m high; (d) occupancy of the new accommodation shall be restricted to short term holiday lets be requested in the

event that the LPA should be minded to approve the application; that it be noted that the site boundary line should include the car parking areas and the access drive to the highway; the application form (Q7) states that the development will comprise 2 x 1 bed and 2 x 2 bed units, whereas the submitted plans show 2 x 2 bed and 2 x 3 bed units; and that the applicant be advised not to plant ash trees as ash die-back disease is rife in the area and they would be very unlikely to survive.

b) Comments submitted under delegated powers

There were none.

c) Planning applications and appeals determined

There were none.

9. Next meeting

It was resolved that the next meeting be held at 19:30 hrs on Wednesday 8th April 2020 at Saint Andrew's Church, Main Street, Carlton.

The meeting closed at 20:25 hrs.

Signed _____ **Date** _____

Abbreviations used in these minutes

CDG	Carlton Defibrillator Group
CDJO	Carlton Diamond Jubilee Orchard
CGG	Carlton Gardening Group
CFR	Community First Responder
DAC	Diocesan Advisory Committee
EIP	Environmental Improvement Programme
H&BBC	Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council
HNRFI	Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange
KCTG	Keep Carlton Tidy Group
LCC	Leicestershire County Council
LPA	Local Planning Authority
PC	Parish Council
RCC	Rural Community Council
RHS	Royal Horticultural Society