

CARLTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at Saint Andrew's Church, Main Street, Carlton at 19:30 hrs on Wednesday 9th September 2020

Present: I Sarson (Vice Chairman), J H Boston, S J Cooper, M A Vann (Councillors),
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 Tupling 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 8th July 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 Chairman had received the following report on the Horticultural & Produce Show from Mr Sharp (p.1792/13b refers):

This year there were 87 entries from 17 parishioners, down from last year which was 121 from 31. Entry money at 50p was £43.50. 24 of the 26 classes received an entry. Although neither of the children's classes were entered, 4 children entered the cookery sections. £48 was paid out in prize money. There was a donation of £1. There were 70 visitors to the show, many of whom showed a keen interest in the church extension project, and bought a brick.

Receipts	£.p	Payments	£.p
Brought forward	9.00	Prize money	48.00
Grant from PC	40.00	Schedule printing	20.00
Entry money	43.50	Judge's gift	10.00
Donation	1.00	Stationery	5.28
Total	93.50		83.28
Balance	10.22		

There will be no contribution to the church event, and a balance of £10.22 to carry forward.

b) Leicestershire County Council

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

c) Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council

Cllr M Cook was **thanked** for advice on local planning issues.

d) Carlton Neighbourhood Watch group

Ms R Yule had advised that there had been no reported crime in Carlton in May and July, but 1 vehicle crime and 1 burglary in June.

e) Parish Clerk

P&CIF 2020 – the PC's application (p.1790/4, 5 refer) had either not been received or had been lost by H&BBC. However, H&BBC had agreed to assess the application, and might still provide funding this year. **It was resolved** that the works be put in hand immediately if funding was forthcoming.

Hedges – the hedges along the north side of the jitty and at the rear of 4 Nailstone Rd had been cut back (p.1803/3a refers).

Sewer – old concrete had been removed from the sewer outside 21 Main St (p.1804/3e refers).

Toxocara – from dog faeces can infect grazing livestock. One local landowner had reported a case in a sheep – the sheep had gone blind, given birth to two stillborn lambs and had then died. **It was resolved** that an article about the potential impact of dog fouling be submitted to Carlton News.

Noisy music – complaints had been received about loud recorded music repeatedly being played outside at a property at the western end of the village. The complainant had been advised to keep a diary of the noise nuisance, with a view to making a complaint to H&BBC Environmental Health.

Churchyard kissing gate – the Chairman and Cllr Vann **were thanked** for repairing this gate.

Little Lane – Mr S Pointon **was thanked** for donating a length of telegraph pole, and Cllr Vann and the Clerk **were thanked** for using this to replace the rotten legs of the bench seat in Little Lane.

Churchyard – members of the CGG **were thanked** for their prompt response in clearing a tree which had blown down in the churchyard, and Mr W R Sharp **was thanked** for accepting the brush onto his bonfire pile.

Toddlers Play Equipment – had begun to appear faded, and wood stain had been ordered. It had been planned to top up the play bark in the spring (p.1789/3e refers), but this had not been done because of the covid-19 lockdown. **It was resolved** that the allocated funding be carried forward and the play bark be topped up in 2021.

Making a Difference Awards 2020 – the Clerk had been awarded an *Inspirational Volunteer Award*.

Cemetery – permission had been granted for the erection of memorials to (i) Peter Booth and (ii) Betty Buck.

Audit – of accounts for 2019-20 had been completed.

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 comments or questions.

4. Report 2020-17: Survey of roadside ash trees

The survey carried out in 2019 had been repeated. Of the 70 observations, 41 showed no change from 2019; 23 showed increased evidence of infection; 3 suspected of infection in 2019 now appeared healthy; and of the 3 new records 1 was infected, 1 showed first signs of

infection, and 1 was healthy. The 3 trees suspected of infection in 2019 and now appearing healthy had probably been affected by drought. The disease was developing in infected trees, and spreading, but not as fast as had been feared. **It was resolved** that the report be noted.

5. Report 2020-18: Monitoring of churchyard wall

Monitoring had now been carried out for 3 years and showed that the wall was being pushed over towards the road when the ground was wet, but moved back towards the vertical when the ground dried out. In 2020 the wall had moved back to a position between that of 2018 and 2019, which showed that the tilt was not increasing year on year. There was some cracking of the mortar in the bulging area, but the wall did not appear to be at risk of collapse.

It was resolved that quarterly monitoring be continued.

6. Report 2020-19 on the provision of an information board at the eastern end of Main Street

It was resolved that

- (i) the preferred location for the board was in the garden of the pub and that the landlord be asked whether he would support this;
- (ii) the second choice of location was (b) on the west side of the Leicester Mercury seat and that any necessary consultations be put in hand if this option was to be adopted;
- (iii) a double-sided design be proposed if location (i) was to be adopted;
- (iv) the draft text be revised to take account of comments;
- (v) an application be prepared for the P&CIF 2021;
- (vi) provision of £2,000 with 50% grant support be made in the preliminary financial estimates for 2021-22;
- (vii) an updated report be presented to the next meeting.

7. Application to the LCC Highways Parish & Community Fund

It was resolved that the application be approved and submitted to LCC.

8. Schedule of Information Available under the Publication Scheme

It was resolved that the updated schedule be approved.

9. Website Accessibility Statement

It was resolved that the statement be approved.

10. Proposals for the budget for 2021-22

It was resolved that £2k be allocated to the Carlton Parish Plan 2022; £2k with 50% grant to the Gate Information Board; that funds allocated to the Cemetery Paths Project and playpark for the TPA be carried forward; and that the annual allocation to the recreational land reserve be maximised.

11. Planning matters

a) Planning applications and appeals 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).

20/00600/HOU Two storey rear extension and porch to front, Weston, Bosworth Rd.
PC had no objection.

c) Planning applications and appeals determined

20/00316/FUL Replacement dwelling, 60 Main St. Permission granted with amended site plan showing hardstanding reduced to 50% of front garden area, and subject to condition that privacy screens be installed on rear balconies (p.1807/10b refers).

20/00519/FUL. Erection of storage building, hardstanding, 36 Main St. (p.1807/10b refers). Permission refused.

20/00421/FUL Subdivision of existing single dwelling to provide additional four-bed dwelling. Windhover House, 69 Main St. (p.1807/10b refers). Permission granted.

d) Enforcement matters

There were no new matters.

e) Planning White Paper

Draft comments had been copied to Councillors before the meeting, and were considered. **It was resolved** that a revised version (Draft 4) be copied to Councillors for further comment, and that a final version be prepared by the Chairman and Clerk and submitted to the MHCLG.

12. Next meeting

It was resolved that the next meeting be held at 19:30 hrs on Wednesday 25th November 2020 at 7.30 pm at Saint Andrew's Church, Main Street, Carlton.

It was resolved that from January 2021 PC meetings would be held on the second Wednesday of the month in January, March, May, July, September and November.

The meeting closed at 20:05 hrs.

Signed _____

Date _____

Abbreviations used in these minutes

CGG	Carlton Gardening Group
H&BBC	Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council
LCC	Leicestershire County Council
LDF	Local Development Framework
MHCLG	Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government
PC	Parish Council
P&CIF	Parish & Community Initiatives Fund
TPA	Toddlers Play Area