

Carlton Gardening Group

Multorum manibus magnum levatur onus

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
held in the garden of 3 Main Street, Carlton at 19:30 hrs on Tuesday 8th June 2021

Present: Graham Jackson (Chairman), John Piggon, Bill and Tania Sharp, Mick Vann, Chris Peat (Secretary).

Apologies: Robin Arnold, Enid Morgan, Ian Sarson, Keith Scott, Stuart and Caroline Tupling.

1. Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 20th March 2019

The minutes were confirmed, and they were signed by the Chairman.

It was noted that the Constitution required the AGM to be held in March, but this had been prohibited by Covid-19 Regulations. It was suggested that in future the AGM might be held in June because it was so appropriate and agreeable to meet in a garden.

Chris explained that the March date had been chosen because it was at the start of the growing season and allowed the Annual Report to be approved in time for the Annual Meeting of the PC in May. However, the date could be changed, or there was nothing to stop the Group holding additional social meetings or visiting gardens or other sites of interest.

2. Election of five members to serve as the Executive Committee

Graham Jackson, Bill Sharp, Tania Sharp, Mick Vann & Chris Peat **were elected** members of the Executive Committee. Councillor Ian Sarson is an *ex officio* member of this committee.

3. Election of Chairman and Secretary

Graham Jackson **was elected** Chairman, and Chris Peat **was elected** Secretary by members of the Executive Committee.

4. Appointment of representative to the Northfields Liaison Group

There had been no meetings of the NLG since the last meeting, but it necessary to appoint a representative in case a meeting should be called. Members of the Executive Committee **resolved that** Ian Sarson be appointed CGG representative on the NLG.

5. Financial report

All expenditure is reported in the PC's quarterly financial reports under the Carlton Gardening Group Earmarked Fund.

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21.3.19	Balance brought forward from previous statement	+	75.70
1.4.19	Transfer from PC	+	150.00
5.10.19	Spring bulbs (Tete a tete)	-	15.00
4.2.20	Hawthorn whips for gapping up hedges	-	12.33
1.4.20	Transfer from PC	+	75.00
20.3.19	Balance carried forward	+	273.37

6. Works carried out since the last meeting

The Chairman reported that the CGG has 15 members who had provided 65.5 man-hours of volunteer labour in 2019 and 57.5 in 2020.

Annual reports had been submitted to Carlton PC by the Executive Committee and can be found on the PC website.

There had been no working parties during the Covid-19 pandemic, but members had worked in pairs or small groups with social distancing to carry out essential tasks.

Key events since the last meeting in March 2019 were reviewed.

A display about the work of the Group had been exhibited at the Heritage Open Day in Sept 2019.

DJO

A new bench seat was installed in 2019, and a botanical survey was carried out (details on website).

The revised mowing regime had worked well; hay had been cut in June and burned on site in July 2020.

Churchyard

The coppiced rowan tree had died after regrowth was killed by a late frost.

The bird cherry tree in the E hedge had blown down in a gale and was found to have heart rot. The kissing gate onto Main St was replaced

Roadsides

The new oak trees had been watered in dry weather, and all were now growing on; one on Barton Rd had been decapitated by careless hedge trimming.

One working party had been held in 2021, to lay extra playbark in the Toddlers Play Area.

7. Forward work programme

A draft forward work programme had been copied to all members before the meeting, and this was discussed.

The PCC had arranged for the footings for the church extension to be dug on 19th June; Bill and Chris had identified sunken areas in the Churchyard and on nearby land which could be made up with the spoil. A meeting would be arranged with the contractor – the main issue was how to transport the spoil to the various sites, and working parties might be arranged at short notice.

Bill reported that services to the Church extension would be laid under the path, and a new path would be laid on completion of the building works. Work on re-grading the banks at the side of the church path would probably have to be deferred until 2022 (Minutes p.34/6b refers).

Chris confirmed that the northern hedge in the DJO would be laid in the autumn. **It was resolved** that this hedge be surveyed in July with a view to identifying any saplings which might be allowed to grow on into standard hedgerow trees, particularly near the Toddlers Play Area.

Mick noted that the remaining chestnut log next to the picnic table was beginning to rot. **It was resolved** that this log be inspected in July and that if it was no longer suitable as a seat it would be sawn up and moved to one of the log piles and replaced by a simple post and plank bench seat.

Mick reported that the holly at the Barton Road entrance was being overgrown by weeds. **It was resolved** that these weeds be cleared as soon as possible.

Chris reported that paths in the Cemetery would be repaired and extended in the Autumn, provided that a grant application was successful. A new area for burials would need to be set out when work on the paths had been completed.

It was resolved that the updated work programme be adopted and appended to the minutes.

Aly and Graham Jackson **were thanked** for providing refreshments and hosting the meeting, and Graham Jackson and Chris Peat **were thanked** for their work for the Group over the past year.

The meeting closed at 20:05 hrs.

Signed _____

Date _____

Abbreviations used in these minutes

DJO Diamond Jubilee Orchard
 NLG Northfields Liaison Group
 PCC Parochial Church Council

CGG
 PC

Carlton Gardening Group
 Parish Council