

Carlton Parish Plan Group

Minutes of a meeting held at Home Farm House, 7 Main St, Carlton at 1930hrs on
Tuesday 20th July 2021

Present: Mandie Bristlin (Chairman), Robin Arnold, Enid Morgan, Ken Salisbury
Ian Sarson, Mick Vann, C J Peat Secretary.

Apologies: Carol Piggon, Clare Roscoe, Robin Williams.

1. Introductions

This was the first face-to-face meeting of the Group, and members introduced themselves and their interests.

It **was noted** that although constituted by the Parish Council, the CPPG was independent and could decide what to investigate and how. The CPPG was expected to produce an objective and impartial report. This was very important, as the community responses to the questionnaires could be used to support grant applications and to lobby service providers. The CPPG was also expected to make recommendations, and these might be adopted and taken forward by the PC or other organisations. The CPPG, or members of it, or other volunteers, were also free to initiate practical projects.

2. Review of the present position

Preliminary discussions had been carried out by email because of Covid-19 restrictions. The basic parameters for the survey had been agreed, and one Report had been published.

The 2011 Parish Plan had identified three groups of objectives, many of which had been realised or were ongoing:

a) Overriding objectives

To foster and maintain the community spirit, peace and quiet, countryside setting, small size, and friendliness of Carlton

b) Short term objectives

Monitor traffic speeds – SID purchased and speed and traffic monitoring continues

Campaign for more effective enforcement of speed limits – ongoing

Support the pub and church - ongoing

Support local businesses - ongoing

Consider young people when planning social events – ongoing
Encourage the creation of part-time jobs for young people – difficult, but ongoing
Implement the affordable housing project - completed
Arrange regular coffee mornings – completed
Set up a community e-mail information exchange – Facebook Groups organised by volunteers; Neighbourhood Watch email alert system
Set up a walking and/or cycling group - informal groups set up by volunteers
Improve local footpaths – completed

c) Medium to long term objectives

Make improvements to the church building – building work in progress
Create appropriate meeting places for young people – Community Hub
Acquire land for a playing field, public open space and village hall – remains a high priority for the PC
Encourage the provision of starter homes and retirement homes – PC policy, being pursued through the Local Plan
Support local services in Market Bosworth - ongoing
Create a safe path and/or cycleway to Market Bosworth – not practicable at present, but remains a long-term objective
Set up an allotment association on a suitable site – no suitable site

It was agreed that the existence of these objectives would not preclude re-examination of the same topics in the new questionnaire, and possibly the development of new approaches.

3. Issues identified from Egan's Wheel

Email discussions had used Egan's Wheel to identify many issues and opportunities in and around the parish. This list was reviewed, and reduced to the following topics which merited investigation and might realistically be addressed by the new Parish Plan.

a) Governance

No current problems

b) Transport and connectivity

Speeding traffic - in the village, on country lanes
 Danger to pedestrians, cyclists, horse riders – discourages sustainable transport
 Traffic calming measures
Path to Bosworth – a key issue
Bus service under threat (but little used)
Transport for young people who cannot yet drive; disabled people who can no longer
 Drive; shared lifts register; Dial a Ride

Condition of footways in village

Parking on footways

Parking in general – around The Gate, at the Church for special services, in the village for guided walks and special events, in future at the Community Hub

Condition of Ashby Canal towpath

Extension of kissing gates to RoW outside Parish – ‘miles without stiles’

Internet use – business, social, streaming services, impact of 5G, access to Carlton boxes

Interest in computer training? – could include safety on-line

c) Services

Development of local shop at The Gate

Loss of local services – eg Post Office from Mkt Bosworth

Fly tipping and litter

d) Environmental

No playing field

Dog fouling

Use of countryside for farming and recreation, access to countryside, conservation and enhancement of landscape

e) Economy

Local businesses, numbers, working from home, impacts on residential amenity.

Support for young people trying to set up businesses - mentoring – Carlton Charity Lands

Potential for a Community Interest Company – purpose, remit, possible projects

f) Housing and the built environment

Need for open market starter homes and retirement bungalows that cannot be extended.

Appearance of village

Design of replacement dwellings

Design and density of infill development

Lack of on-site parking and garages in new developments

Gardens and trees

g) Social and cultural

Sources of information – where do parishioners obtain local information, fragmentation of sources. Carton News, Facebook, Web, PC website

Social events – purpose – business, fundraising, purely social, educational
- location at pub, church, private homes and gardens, Carlton Green

Management of Community Hub – possible activities

Allotments

Balance to be struck between desire for peace and quiet, community events, commercial events such as markets or craft fairs, and outside influences such as encouraging tourism.

The various organisations and groups in Carlton were reviewed. These ranged from very informal groups of friends to constituted bodies which did not always communicate well with the wider community or each other.

There were currently no groups in Carlton which catered for young people. There were considerably more organisations in Market Bosworth, and these included many for young people.

h) Crime

Egan's Wheel did not include crime and safety as a specific category. What are parishioners most afraid of, and what kinds of crime are most prevalent.

4. Structure and layout of the questionnaires

It was agreed that the questionnaires use the same general format as those from 2011, with revised questions and layout.

A number of potential questions had been suggested during item 3 above, and these had been noted for consideration at a future meeting.

It was agreed that the wording of questions would be critical, and even so the answers might reflect wishful thinking. For example the question 'Would you like Carlton to have a better bus service' would probably get 100% in favour, 'Would you use it?' might get 60% in favour, yet in reality very few individuals would actually use the bus.

Questions along the lines of 'What would you like to see?' linked with 'Would you be prepared to help?' might offer the best approach.

5. Core questions for the survey

This item had been partly considered under 3 above, and was deferred.

6. Financial report

Carlton Parish Council had set up an earmarked fund with an initial allocation of £150 (Carlton PC Minutes p.1823/11i).

7. Date, time and place of the next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting be held on Monday 26th July at Home Farm House, 7 Main Street at 1930 hrs.

The meeting closed at 2150 hrs.

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Date _____